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Permaculture around the world

A collection of stories from International Permaculture
Convergence 2015 scholars



Paulina Chaverri

Costa Rica

“The IPCUK made a difference in different ways. The event was an illustration of how to bring together people to design –and strengthen- our best possible future. It provided time to refresh and learn techniques –such as to how to dis-ensemble and reuse wood from a pallet- or methodologies such as creating large, or massive! group brainstorming and capturing the best of the collective dialogues.

People were eager to show how to weave permaculture into their living ethics, such as the Quaker permaculturists. I felt pleased to find commonalities with people from tropical countries such as India, and learn how their methodologies to strengthen food sovereignty through saving seeds, help prevent the genetic erosion of diversity.

Meeting a wealth of people with consistent practices, helps me stick with ethics and do my best effort, everyday. More of how it has it been done there, makes it easier to visualize how could it be done here. In places with greater need for transforming practices –such as refusing plastic bags at grocery shops or preferring healthy local produce. I feel now more rewarding to focus in what is possible to change, versus absorbing helplessness or pessimism.

IPC participants and organizers provided access to rich sources of information. After the event, I devoted fair amount of time studying collected and further references, renewing and organizing my own thinking, and strategically find ways to best support the movement local and regionally.”



Paulina is a founding member of the Costa Rica permaculture network: Red Permanezca Network.

She is an experienced practitioner, teacher and organiser, working on community-based environmental protection, participatory planning and climate change.

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“Getting together with the Latin American permaculturists strengthened connections as we revisited our common goals keeping in light the 15th IPC 2020 in Argentina. Most of us are now better connected, lining up the regional scheduling of convergences. The challenges are yet finding ways to bring together more resources and community. How could we pull out from the very soul of our people innate permaculture thinking, practice and ethics? How could we learn more from our own land and its vastness? While I visualize my country Costa Rica tapping into the wealth of resources and knowledge both from within and around, at the intersection of both subcontinents, our perma-teachers continue spreading urban organic home gardens, hands-on workshops on bio filters, composting techniques, and solar roof top water heaters. This year I am helping our team set up of our one hundred percent Spanish language PDC course, by and for native Costa Ricans, with diplomats and assistant teachers from our Permanezca network.”

Beatriz Arjona

Colombia

"IPC allowed myself to be more connected with permies all over the world, to open mind, open heart, open to new action. Great experiences and important new permie friends all over the world. I received new input about organization of permaculture gatherings to consider in the permaculture gatherings I coorganise at Colombian level, Latin-American level and the IPC in 2020 in Argentina; here I will be part of the organiser team with Argentina people and other Latin-American permies."



Beatriz has many roles in the Latin American and Global permaculture worlds! As teacher, organiser, practitioner and "Ecovillage Grand-Mama", she is a real catalyst for change.

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Rev Fr Eston and Joyce Pembamoyo Malawi

"Truly my wife and I had a wonderful time and consider ourselves privileged to be part of this international forum. We had opportunities to share and get more from the world of Permaculture. We enjoyed to see and talk to David Holmgren on Skype.

We would like to share to the world that truly Climate Change is REAL, it is both a socio-economic and theological problem. We are very sure that all the problems we see in the world today are caused by human beings and can be dealt with by human sustainable action. The generation today is perhaps highly advanced in technology but it is probably one of the foolish generations ever been on the planet. It knows things that can terminate its existence but, although it has the solutions in hands, it is very slow to act.

My wife and I were impressed with the presentation made at Euston [the conference] concerning the history of the earth formation. Human existence on planet as compared to the earth's in terms of time of existence—4b years earth to 0.00004b years human for example; is shocking when we compared the amount of damage made by humans so far.

But it is never too late if we all planted more fruit trees—because like lactating mothers fruit trees sack a lot of carbon-dioxide and any fast growing nitrogen fixing trees such as Mulinga. Here in Malawi thus what we are preaching and practicing. I paste pictures below of before and after for you share. We can reverse the conditions and we can change them quickly if we only acted faster and correctly."



Before in August 2012 and after in July 2015



January 2016

“IPCUK helped us make new friends in Permaculture and also provided us with chances to meet old friends, learn what so far they have contributed in Permaculture. We have made friends with some who did not go to the IPCUK through the Regional networks that were born after the African Permaculture Union form during IPCUK12. We can share and strengthen one another through these networks. IPCUK has given us a sense of togetherness, we know better now that there are many as mad and as dirty as some call us all over world.

When we returned home, the six of us who attended the IPCUK from Malawi organised a meeting to brief others in Lilongwe in the centre and to map up the way forward. We resolved to strengthen Permaculture through the formation of 6 permaculture hubs which will strengthen the Permaculture Network in Malawi (PNM). The Mangochi/Eastern Region Hub has ever since met and had its first convergence from 17th to 21st February 2016 at Tanthwe June Walker’s place in Monkey Bay.

My wife Joyce continues with her Mothers Union Project in Recycling. They make baskets, doormats, hats and table mats from plastic bags littered around in most of our market areas and trading centre.”



“Finally, my wife and I would like to thank the Permaculture Association in Britain for supporting us to attend the IPCUK. Pass our gratitude to all who support the Association enabling it to give us scholarships. We say THANK you to them all.”

Mugove Walter Nyika Malawi

Regional Facilitator - ReSCOPE Programme <http://seedingschools.org>

Board and Council member - Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) www.gen-africa.org

President - Friends of International Permaculture Convergences (FIPC)

“IPCUK was a phenomenal event for me. It was full of positive energy and one of the organisations that I am working with, The Friends of International Permaculture Convergences (FIPC) managed to give birth to the International Permaculture Convergences Council (IPCC) at the event.

This has given structure to the organisation of IPCs for the first time. IPCUK also further motivated me to work more for the economic empowerment of the school communities that I am working with.”



Strategic planning at IPCUK



GEN Africa Council meeting in January 2016

Aaron Kalala Karumba

DR Congo

"Yes IPCUK made a difference because I found some contacts and promises for my projects in DR Congo. Really, I'm very happy to be at IPC in UK, there I found different persons working in Permaculture around the world."



A pilot field at Kamongola Village where trees are planted and food grown under permaculture principles

Ayouba m kamara

Liberia

"I think the IPCUK make a difference in my life because, from the IPCUK, I become an IPC council member and now working with other council members to make IPC india a successful IPC like IPCUK."



Pavlo Ardano

Ukraine

"Our crowdfunding campaign at the conference and convergence contributed to completion of our project on translation into Ukrainian of the great book Permaculture Design by Aranya: a step-by-step manual. Now we are running the crowdfunding campaign to print the book. IPCUK helped us to realize that some project that seems impossible for the young permaculture movement become real with the help of the international permaculture community!"

"I have met several amazing permaculture designers (including Aranya) in person at IPCUK. I was invited to visit their places and to work with them on design projects. This empowered me to initiate design constancy as the project of Ukrainian Permaculture Association.

Moreover, I wanted to share this amazing experience of participation in the permaculture conference and convergence. So now we organize the First(!) Permaculture Conference and Convergence in Ukraine on 14-17 of May 2016, and we invite all our supporters to visit us in Ukraine!"

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