Guiding Principles for Permaculture Action Days

These are the agreed to principles that guide and are embraced by the Permaculture Action Network, partnered groups, organizations, and events, and all people organizing and hosting “Permaculture Action Days”.

Overview

- **What is a Permaculture Action Day?** An event that brings a large subgroup of the public (a show’s audience, a school’s students, a festival’s participants, a neighborhood’s residents) to participate in a hands-on project to create lasting regenerative systems.

Our Ethical Compass

Permaculture Ethics: These events must be characterized by the three permaculture ethics.

- Earth Care
- People Care
- Fair Share

Spheres of Action (inspired by Joanna Macy): These events must achieve at least one of the following.

- Slows down or stops harm being done by the extractive, exploitative paradigm.
- Creates alternative systems that are socially just and regenerative.
- Helps change the cultural narrative (the story of our time) in a significant way.

Action Day Principles

- **Principle of Access:** Permaculture Action Days are free to attend for participants. Because these are days of community action for the greater social good, participants are never barred from access due to lack of financial means. Actions are inclusive by nature.
- **Principle of Diversity**: Regardless of the event, we always strive for racial, economic, cultural, sexual and gender diversity among participants. We actively look to engage people in building authentic and ongoing cross-cultural relationships.

- **Principle of Greatest Yield**: When deciding from several options in terms of location or collaborations we always strive to choose projects that have the most benefit for the wider community, and sites that are as publicly accessible as possible in the long run.

- **Principle of Tangible Action**: Permaculture Action Days aim to create material outcomes through projects that are grounded in the ecosystem that gives us life. While we build relationships within and between people, we connect with the physical world in ways that heal and sustain life.

- **Principle of Education**: Permaculture Action Days are educational experiences for the participants both through learning by the act of creating projects and permaculture systems, and, as much as possible, by workshops and skillshares woven into the event.

- **Principle of Solidarity**: We work *with* local communities and projects to come up with solutions and systems to be implemented according to what they want, what they need, and how we can be in service to and empower their self-determination.