



## How to design your Permaculture Diploma Action Learning Pathway

Disclaimer: there are many ways to design your Action Learning Pathway. This is just some thoughts and tips I have picked up from my own pathway, rather than 'The Ultimate Guide to Designing Your Action Learning Pathway!'

### What is it?

According to the Permaculture Association an Action Learning Pathway is ' simply a map of your learning intentions for the next while: what you intend to do and how you intend to do it' with the aim to 'help you get more focused...[and] be strategic about organising your learning'<sup>1</sup>.

Now, I don't think you want to get to the end and then realise you haven't met the criteria so I would say design how you intend to meet the criteria.

### What it needs to include:

#### What I intend to do

- my aims
- my projects: the mix of land and non-land projects, which do you intend to implement, which are conceptual?

#### How I intend to do it

- my intended timetable of projects, courses, events, trips, action learning guilds and tutorials
- my intended ways to meet the criteria

### What can it look like?

How you design it and it's form is up to you. I have seen them done as drawings or like a River of Life with post-it notes.

My aim was to go into teaching so I designed mine to replicate the structure of a training course with aims, objective, outline of projects and timetable. I added in sections about the structure using Holmgren's domains and the focus, order, fulfilling the criteria because I wanted to clearly demonstrate the process and logic that lead me to design my Action Learning Pathway.

### The best bit is...

You are paying to do a course, not any old one but one that you get to design! What are the most exciting, important, fun designs/projects that you can think of? Which months of which years of your life do you want to do them in? That's all.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.permaculture.org.uk/education/diploma-tutorials>

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