Accessing Permaculture - Course and Event Information and Marketing

Some guidelines for Permaculture event information and marketing, for improving access to Permaculture for people with chronic illness and/or disability, and people who are neurodivergent.

Earlier this year I published an article on my blog - Accessing Permaculture for people with chronic illness and/or disability - positives, challenges and suggestions for a more inclusive permaculture.

In this short post I share some suggestions, from the linked post, of information to include in general Permaculture Course and Event descriptions and marketing. This in turn will then help more people with chronic illness and/or disability and neurodivergent people to access and then utilise Permaculture Design

This list isn't meant to be prescriptive and it isn't exhaustive. It's been compiled from the stories, voices and ideas of people who responded to my request for information, for my initial article linked above.

- Course or Event culture includes the welcome and celebration of diversity
- Encouragement to contact the Course or Event facilitator about individual needs
- Accessibility of car parking the distance of the carpark from venue
- Accessibility of/to public transport
- Accessibility for people using wheelchairs, other mobility aids and people who don't use aids but have limited mobility (distance, terrane)
- Availability of resting places (spaces to lie down)
- Accessible toilets/changing spaces
- Availability of quiet spaces
- Reduced rates for people on benefits and low incomes
- Reduced rates or free places for personal assistants/Carers
- Access for support/service animals
- Diversity of activities
- Shared information includes a format to take away from the Course or Event
- Availability of sign language interpreter/other support

Please feel free to use this information in your own work or to <u>contact me</u> with any feedback, ideas or questions. For discussion about some of the issues identified, join the <u>Permaculture, Chronic Illness, Neurodiversity and Disability Facebook Group</u>

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