Delvin Solkinson CV 2026



Permaculture Highlights

Taken
6 Permaculture Design Certificates
4 Permaculture Design Diplomas
Masters Degree with Bill Mollison
Doctoral Degree with Larry Santoyo
13 Advanced Permaculture Design Courses (in person)
13 Permaculture Teacher Trainings (in person)

Taught
60+ Intro to Permaculture Days
27 Year-Long Permaculture Design Certifications
10 Advanced Permaculture Design Courses
8 Years of Permaculture Diploma Programs

Teaching Positions in Higher Education
Burnaby Community & Continuing Education
Coast Mountain College
Langara College
Pacific Rim College
Soil Food Web School
Permaculture Association

Accredited Teacher with
Permaculture Institute (AU)
Permaculture Research Institute (AU)
Permaculture Association (UK)
Permakultur Danmark (EU)
Permaculture Institute (NA)
Permaculture Institute of North America (PINA)

Teaching Advanced Design Course with Looby Macnamara and Chris Evans, UK, 2024
Photo by Grace Solkinson



Notable Positions

2018-present Diploma Program Co-ordinator Permaculture Institute
2018-present Diploma Tutor Permaculture Association
2023-2024 + 2026-present Permaculture Lead at Dr. Elaine's Soil Food Web School
2025 Dean of the Permaculture School at Pacific Rim College
2022-2025 Permaculture Instructor at Pacific Rim College
2017+2021 Permaculture Design Teacher at Coast Mountain College
2010-2021 Created and led Visionary Permaculture at CoSM
2014-2017 Permaculture Design Teacher at Langara College
2003-2017 Heart Gardens including Eco-Education Centre, Seed Bank + Farmers Market



Visionary Permaculture Design Class, New York, 2016
Photo Jon Ohia

Education (done in-person)

1992 Seycove Secondary School : Graduated with Honors
1997 Liberal Arts Baccalareate Degree : Simon Fraser University
2001 Liberal Arts Post-Baccalareate Degree : Simon Fraser University
2002 Permaculture Design Certification : Permaculture Visions, April Sampson-Kelly + Lance Wildwood
2002 Permaculture Design Certification : Permaculture Visions, April Sampson-Kelly + Ainsley Krone
2003 Permaculture Design Certification : Australian Correspondence School, John Mason + Ainsley Krone
2003 Permaculture Diploma : Permaculture Institute AU, Bill Mollison
2006 Permaculture Teacher Training : Tom Ward & Jude Hobbs
2007 Permaculture Teacher Training : Bullock Brothers with Michael Becker
2007 Food Cycles : Sustainable Living Arts School, Robin Wheeler
2010 Streamkeepers : Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Dianne Sanford
2010 Advanced Permaculture Principles Course : David Holmgren
2010 Permaculture Design Certification : Permaculture Institute AU, Geoff Lawton & Bill Mollison
2010 Up, Close and Personal Advanced Course : Permaculture Institute AU, Bill Mollison
2010 Masters Degree in Permaculture Education : Permaculture Institute AU, Bill Mollison & Patricia Michaels
2011 Teacher Training and Facilitators Course : Permaculture College Australia, Robyn Francis
2011 PDC Teacher Training Course : Permaculture Research Institute, Geoff Lawton
2011 Dynamic Groups, Dynamic Learning : Earthcare Education, Robin Clayfield
2011 Creative Community Governance and Decision Making : Earthcare Education, Robin Clayfield
2011 Permaculture Design Teacher Training : Blue Mountains Permaculture Institute, Rosemary Morrow
2011 Advanced Permaculture Principles : David Holmgren
2012 Turning your Garden into Gaia's Garden : Verge Permaculture, Toby Hemenway
2012 Permaculture Design Certification : Permaculture Institute USA, Toby Hemenway
2012 Permaculture Teacher Training : Permaculture Institute USA, Scott Pittman & Larry Santoyo
2012 Permaculture Diploma : Permaculture Institute USA, Scott Pittman & Larry Santoyo
2013 Permaculture Teacher Training : Michael Becker
2013 Urban Permaculture : Toby Hemeneway
2013 Social Permaculture : Starhawk



With Bill Mollison, Stanley, Tasmania, 2010
Photo by Nicholas Man

Education (done in-person or online as noted)

2014 Permaculture Teacher Training : Permaculture Institute USA, Scott Pittman & Larry Santoyo
2015 Permaculture Training of Teachers : Blue Mountains Permie Institute, Rosemary Morrow & Looby Macnamara
2015 Dynamic Groups, Dynamic Learning : Earthcare Education, Robin Clayfield & Looby Macnamara
2015 Social Permaculture : Looby Macnamara, Robin Clayfield, Robina McCurdy, Starhawk, Peter Cow
2015 Permaculture Design Course : Blue Mountains Permaculture Institute, Rosemary Morrow & Tina Lymberis
2016 Advanced Permaculture Design Course : Doug Bullock & Sam Bullock, David Boehnlein & Paul Kearsley
2017 Permaculture Master Class and Teacher Training : Permaculture Institute (USA), Larry Santoyo & Scott Pittman
2017 People Permaculture Facilitator Training : Designed Visions, Looby Macnamara & Peter Cow
2018 Permaculture Teacher Training : Permaculture College Australia, Robyn Francis
2018 Advanced Permaculture Planning & Design Process : David Holmgren & Dan Palmer
2019 Doctoral Degree in Permaculture Education : Permaculture Academy, Larry Santoyo
2020 Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design : Permaculture Association UK, Looby Macnamara
2020 Registration Level Tutor Training : Permaculture Association (online)
2021 Cultural Emergence Effective Design with Looby Macnamara & Jon Young (online)
2022 Cultural Emergence Effective Design with Looby Macnamara & Jon Young (online)
2022 Assessment Level Tutor Training : Permaculture Association (online)
2023 Registration level Tutor Training : Permaculture Association (online)
2023 Certificate in Applied Permaculture Design, Permaculture Association, Wilf Richards
2024 Assessment Level Tutor Training : Permaculture Association (online)
2024 Permaculture Teacher Training (Teaching Assistant) : Jude Hobbs
2024 Professional Diploma of Permaculture Design : Permaculture Institute North America, Monica Ibacache
2026 Two Arrows Path : Jon Young (online)

Ongoing
2019 - present : Post-Doc in Permaculture Education: Permaculture Institute, Larry Santoyo
2020 - present : Senior Tutor Training : Permaculture Association UK, Looby Macnamara


With David Holmgren, Melliodora, Australia, 2018
Photo by Keri Chiveralls

Permaculture Work Experience

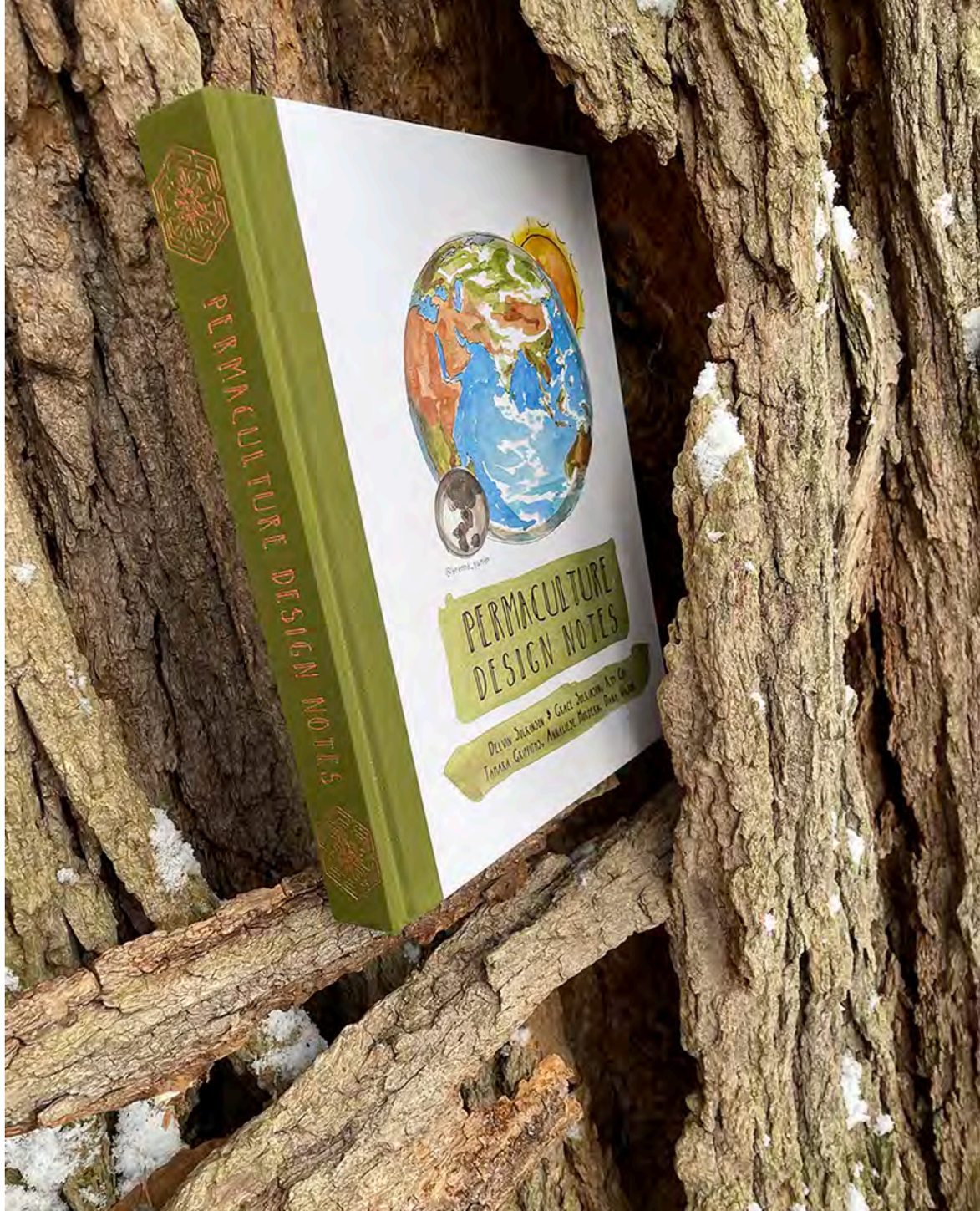
1992-2002 : Gardener (Self-Employed)
2002-2003 : Co-Designed and Co-facilitated Eco-Tech Permaculture Youth Program
2003-2017 : Designed, Implemented, Maintained and Taught at Heart Gardens
2010-2021 : Created and Led Visionary Permaculture Design Program
2022-2025 : Permaculture Instructor at Pacific Rim College
2025 : Dean Permaculture School at Pacific Rim College
2026 : Design Support for Jon Young, 512 Natural Pathways

2003-present : Permaculture Design Teacher
2018-present : Diploma Program Co-ordinator Permaculture Institute
2018-present : Diploma Tutor Permaculture Association
2019-present : Co-facilitates Group Diploma Adventure with Looby Macnamara
2025-present : Senior Diploma Tutor Permakultur Danmark
2025-present : Social Media Manager Permaculture Magazine
2023-2024 + 2026-present : Permaculture Lead at Dr. Elaine's Soil Food Web School
2026-present : Diploma Holders Network Co-ordinator, Permaculture Institute

Creative Output

Permaculture Design Notes Book
Permaculture Design Deck
Permaculture Design Elements Game

Permaculture Magazine Articles
Permaculture Videos
Permaculture Designs



Recent Testimonials

“I want to acknowledge Delvin Solkinson as someone who in his journey in permaculture has connected and learned from many of the elders of permaculture, at the same time fusing those various understandings into his own journey with the colleagues he has worked with over the decades.”
- David Holmgren, Co-originator of Permaculture, 2026

"I love working with Delvin. Naturally gifted in design, facilitation and visioning, it's like skiing on fresh powder, or surfing the perfect left on a day where the wind blows the spray back over the waves! Thank you Delvin for your gifts and commitment."
- Jon Young, Nature Connection Mentor, 2026

"It has been a genuine pleasure to work with Delvin. He led the design and delivery of a one of a kind Permaculture Design Certificate Course with the Soil Food Web Foundation in partnership with the Permaculture Association and an all-star cast of permaculture educators and practitioners from around the world whom he gathered and coordinated to create a truly excellent experience. Delvin has always communicated clearly, worked efficiently, and gone above and beyond our expectations. His enthusiasm for his work and its impact is infectious, rippling out to everyone he interacts with, including other staff members, and students who all share raving reviews. I have no doubt that Delvin will continue to find success, and I recommend him highly. "
- Evan Buckman, Director Soil Food Web Foundation, 2026

“Delvin and Grace are great collaborators and good networkers. They have an abundance of energy and inspiration to share plus an in-depth knowledge of permaculture design and its practical application in many fields. These are winning combinations."
- Maddy Harland, Editor, Co-Founder Permaculture Magazine | Permanent Publications, 2026



With Maddy Harland, Dartmoor, UK 2025

Jason Gerhardt

I'd like to take this occasion to affirm the professional accomplishments and character of Delvin Solkinson. I've known Delvin for fourteen years as we worked on Permaculture Diploma related projects for the Permaculture Institute, Inc. (PI) where Delvin was the Diploma Program Coordinator since 2019.

Delvin's commitment to his work and colleagues truly speaks for itself. He's travelled the globe repeatedly to learn from the biggest names in Permaculture...He admirably values the exchange of knowledge and story from those that came before him in his field more than anyone I know.

As Diploma Program Coordinator, Delvin mentored many of his long-time students through completion of their Diplomas. He stewarded the Diploma program by handling communications, publishing articles about it, evolving the Diploma framework with his Group Diploma Adventure with Looby Macnamara, and promoting the Permaculture Diploma in many other ways. Since I've known him Delvin consistently gets excellent reviews from his students, who in return show great commitment to him.
Delvin's accomplishments stretch far beyond my experience with him, and I think you'll find him to be an asset to work with in any capacity he sets himself to. His lengthy resume of positions held and projects and trainings completed should speak for itself, but if ever in doubt know that those who have worked with him all around the world will affirm his tenacity and skillfulness.
- Jason Gerhardt, 2026
Co-Director, Permaculture Institute



With Jason Gerhardt, St. Louis, USA
2017

Larry Santoyo

Through a two year Diploma process and now a Doctoral study, I have been able to observe Delvin's deep commitment to following and trailblazing a permaculture path and making significant contributions to the ecological and sustainability movements. As an educator he has trained hundreds of students, as Field Mentor through PI USA he has been mentoring 35 advanced students through their Diploma process, offering support and guidance to those who want to make permaculture a significant part of their life work. Delvin has creating a series of teaching tools for permaculture and has generously offered them as free, open source learning tools. I am impressed by his work and proud of him for these significant accomplishments. Its been an honour to be his mentor and I believe he will be an asset and benefit to any team, project or course that he is a part of in the future. I would recommend him as a permaculture teacher and mentor for those interested in pursuing the permaculture path.

- Larry Santoyo, 2018
Senior Planner EarthFlow Urban Design Works
Vice President, Permaculture Institute



With Larry Santoyo, Oahu, Hawaii, 2017
Photo Rob Herring

Looby Macnamara

Delvin is a natural leader and is unafraid to provide a support for others to find their ways to shine. Delvin is very grounded, dedicated and knowledgeable, providing a comfortable environment for self and group discovery. Delvin has a beautiful combination of passion and resourcefulness and commitment in his work ethic that bring forth inspiration and empowerment. Working with Delvin has brought me much joy during the Planetary Pilgrimage.
- Looby Macnamara, 2015

Delvin is a highly committed person, focusing on bringing permaculture principles to a wider audience. He is continually upgrading and revitalising his skills and knowledge through aligning himself to many of the most experienced permaculture teachers globally. His work arises through a deep sense of service that he offers with generosity back to the permaculture community. As a facilitator he is filled with humour, enthusiasm and he infuses his classes with a nourishing sense of the possible.
- Looby Macnamara, 2017

Delvin is a joy to work with - committed, effective and uplifting. He encourages all of those around him, lifting up their gifts and embodying deep gratitude for each person.
I have worked with him for over a decade now and always enjoy his co-operative energy. He brings presence and focus and works hard. He is adaptable, receiving feedback and always learning, improving and upgrading.
- Looby Macnamara, 2026



With Looby Macnamara, UK 2025
Photo Grace Solkinson

Rosemary Morrow

Delvin has participated in permaculture teacher training and his strength is in integrating new knowledge and using it effectively. He applied himself thoughtfully in carrying out the facilitation required of him. Delvin was able to quickly and creatively use local materials. He has already developed a basic teaching toolkit which he shared with others. He was particularly generous in sharing his teaching ideas and materials which were very helpful. I am confident he could teach alone or co-teach, I expect that on the ground, and in any country he would be an excellent addition to a team. In addition, Delvin is doing some important pioneer work in connecting people around the world in permaculture.

- Rosemary Morrow, Blue Mountains Permaculture Institute, 2011

Delvin is dedicated to life long learning and pushes his edges to evolve as a student and as a teacher. He has demonstrated his commitment by undertaking a variety of permaculture courses and teacher trainings. He observes patterns and processes and looks at the larger implications. He is aware of the importance of pedagogy and is interested in carrying on the lineage of permaculture core curriculum as it is taught by many different elders and pioneers. Able to contribute when called upon and assume leadership when needed, he also made space giving opportunities for other participants to contribute and become involved. His mission to ongoing consolidation and skilling up will make him a permaculture teacher with sound and extensive content and methodology.

- Rosemary Morrow, 2015



With Rosemary Morrow
Greece, 2015
Photo Dana Wilson

Toby Hemenway

Delvin has also been honing his teaching skills by offering concurrent, year-long Permaculture Design Courses as well as longer Advanced Courses as part of a Diploma program through the Permaculture Institute USA, for whom I am a Field Director. I am excited to what my student will do in the future. His generosity in developing many open-source educational materials is virtually unparalleled and is a real asset to the community. My hope is to empower his choice to teach permaculture as a life path and support him to achieve the most legitimacy that permaculture can give him to bolster his dialogues with school boards, university and K-12 educators and administrators, and others with the aim of bringing permaculture into the mainstream education system. Delvin has my absolute highest recommendation in whatever path he chooses to pursue, and I urge you to support his work wholeheartedly.
- Toby Hemeneway, 2012
Director, Center for Pattern Literacy



With Toby Hemenway, Canada, 2013
Photo Dana Wilson

Robin Clayfield

I have trained over a thousand teachers, trainers, educators and group leaders and feel very confident to recommend Delvin as a highly motivated, deep thinking, well planned and vibrantly creative teacher. He is well resourced and thorough in his preparation as well being very confident and competent with his delivery of any subject matter as well as his care and holding of the dynamic and mechanics of the group energy. I am excited Delvin has chosen teaching Permaculture as his life path and I support him to do that in any way I can. - Robin Clayfield, 2011

He has now also taken the 'Dynamic Groups, Dynamic Learning' course for a second time in 2015 in the UK with me and my guest teacher Looby Macnamara and as a result has demonstrated a deeper pattern understanding of the methods, processes and patterns that are part of my core teaching on dynamic creativity and empowered learning in education and group facilitation. In the 'Social Permaculture' program as an Apprentice, Delvin demonstrated initiative and leadership and was a great support for me personally and to the other four facilitators of the course as well as to the other participants. He worked with a media team to create documentation for the courses including notes, photographs, articles, books and short videos that are sharing the learning from the course globally. I thoroughly recommend Delvin as a teacher on permaculture and related courses. I also recommend him to any other Permaculture Pioneers that may have him support or apprentice. His energy, dedication, enthusiasm and passion for this work is immeasurable and I value his support and contribution highly. I'm excited to see what he produces now that he has taken more of my courses. His contributions to the permaculture movement at a global level are already a benefit to many other teachers and learners and expand the leading edge of Permaculture. - Robin Clayfield, 2015



With Robin Clayfield, UK, 2015
Photo Dana Wilson

Heather Boright

I am pleased to recommend Delvin Solkinson as a conscientious team member with superb organizational and interpersonal skills. I worked closely with Delvin over sixteen months to successfully develop a large and complex online course with 75 contributors from 21 countries. We met weekly during the project while I acted as the project lead and content editor, and he worked as the course's lead instructor and curriculum designer. Delvin consistently demonstrated exceptional time management, self-motivation, and attention to detail. He fostered positive relationships with both the core team and worldwide contributors, contributing greatly to a cohesive and highly productive work environment.

Delvin has accumulated extensive experience through years of continuous learning from and collaboration with global permaculture elders, practitioners, and organizations. This has equipped him with a uniquely rich and broadly applicable set of skills and knowledge that I witnessed him employ at every stage of our project. I am confident that Delvin will bring integrity, competence, creativity, and enthusiasm to any future endeavor.

- Heather Boright, 2024
Content Editor, Dr. Elaine Ingham's Soil Food Web School



With Carla Portugal, Heather Boright, Adam Cobb and Dr. Elaine Ingham
Corvalis, Oregon, 2023
Photo Grace Solkinson

Alex Grey & Allyson Grey

Delvin Solkinson has been a valued teacher, leader and manager at CoSM (Chapel of Sacred Mirrors). He has masterfully acted as Managing Editor for CoSM Journal of Visionary Culture. As Managing Editor his accomplishments include conducting interviews, collecting content and images, editing and raising all the funds from advertising that fully supports the Journal. Delvin has worked efficiently and personably with hundreds of people involved in each volume. The four-season visionary permaculture course has been created and led by Delvin who has mentored every student toward enhanced consciousness of the natural world. We are very grateful to Delvin for initiating a creative mapping project of CoSM's sacred land. Delvin is loved and respected by CoSM staff and visitors and has shown follow-through in all cases and in a self-directed manner. Creatively solving every problem, Delvin can be counted on to show diplomacy in all of his interactions. We cannot recommend Delvin more highly. It is our view that anyone working with him would be extremely fortunate.

- Alex Grey & Allyson Grey, 2015

After volunteering at CoSM Chapel of Sacred Mirrors for 9 years, Delvin has demonstrated his quality. On the Board of Directors, Delvin brings his ecological design mind with great interest in applying the Core Values, Purpose and Mission of the organization. As Senior Managing Editor of CoSM Journal of Visionary Culture, Delvin has collaborated with us and Eli Morgan to co-create a beautiful collection of art and wisdom that is shared with our global community. The creation of the Journal includes managing hundreds of different people and supporting a creative process that lasts over a year. Facilitating the Visionary Permaculture program, Delvin teaches ecological design on the land and supports the ongoing development of the compost and garden. He also leads a community mapping initiative that includes visitors and staff in an artful map and design process for the CoSM land and organization. Welcoming exceptional artist teachers to CoSM, Delvin helped program the art classes and artist residencies for the 2018 year. Delvin is beloved by CoSM Staff who he supports with mentorship and team building activities. He has shown himself to be impeccably trustworthy, and to honor his commitments with timeliness and integrity. We are grateful for Delvin's presence on our team and would recommend him highly for any workplace, team, project or teaching position.

- Alex Grey & Allyson Grey, 2018



With Alex Grey & Allyson Grey New York, 2018
Photo John Harris

Don Van Kleek

Heart of the Creek Holdings originated in 1994 when four of us purchased 1.01 acres of commercial property in downtown Roberts Creek. There were no “gardens” except the remains of the original forest including the large maple tree which is now the “centre piece” in Heart of the Creek. Our son Mark discovered Delvin, who went to work to improve the gardens. We built our first garden shed about half way along the main parking lot, where Delvin could store a few tools, a lawn mower and a weed eater. As we progressed, Delvin took an ever more involved attitude in everything about our growing company. He started early on doing daily walks around the property, picking up litter and checking for what might need his attention. Delvin is very flexible! He keeps the gutters clear of leaves and in the fall when the leaves fall in the autumn he often rakes the leaves into piles for the children to play in. He is just that kind of a guy! Delvin is no ordinary gardener. He does a lot of teaching permaculture in the “Heart Gardens”, picks up the litter, and keeps all shipshape. We feel very honoured to have met Delvin and had him in charge of our wonderful Heart Gardens and in general around to help.

- Don Van Kleek, 2017
President of Heart of the
Creek Holdings Co. Ltd



With Don Van Kleek, Roberts Creek, BC, 2017

Mark Van Kleek

Over the 13 years of employment at the 'Heart Gardener', Delvin has more than fulfilled his responsibilities and our expectations of him as an employee. He is honest and hardworking, fulfilling his duties with a smile. Delvin is well organized and self-motivated. He accomplished many tasks to do with designing and installing gardens around the property as well as assisting to build many of the lawns, pathways, garden beds and framing the parking lot. With his focus on education the gardens became more than a source of food, seeds and genetic material, they became a learning centre for people of all ages.

The development of our property involved the entire community and many stakeholders. Delvin was instrumental in developing strong relationships to move the entire project forward in harmony with the needs of everyone involved. Delvin's communication skills and friendly nature are as exceptional as his gardening skills. We were extremely lucky to have Delvin working for us, helping to develop the downtown of our small village, and will will miss him greatly now that we have retired from the project.
- Mark Van Kleek, 2017
Heart of the Creek Holdings



Heart Gardens, Roberts Creek, 2015
Photo Poxin

Colleague Testimonials

"Delvin Solkinson is one of the few people in this world that deeply understands how to continuously encourage and elevate everyone he works with. I have collaborated with Delvin on many projects now, and on every account I have been inspired and permanently impacted by the thorough and thoughtful way Delvin takes on assignments. He is truly humble, highly skilled at whatever he does and kind in every way possible. I would say, that the only important note I have is for others to value and appreciate Delvin Solkinson's efforts and work, as a person that holistically sees the bigger picture and always wants to help systems and others to become better. He has my highest recommendations." - Skye Jin
Education Coordinator in Permaculture Denmark
Editor in chief of PERMAKULTUR magazine,

"Delvin, you are a wonderful facilitator! You are encouraging, inspiring, and communicative. You able to be open and realistic in terms of addressing barriers and challenges, while also remaining positive and constructive. I appreciate your work on scheduling and on financial / budget operations. I also really appreciate the presence and humanity you have brought to interactions and group dynamics. I am inspired to be able to work with someone who is self-reflective, humble, hopeful for our collective future, and someone who engages with permaculture principles in the social realm. All of that in concert with the practice skills, experience and knowledge that you and Grace bring to the community create an amazing web of support to take part in" - Lindsay Hounslow
Herbal Teacher and Naturalist
Instructor on the PDRE Diploma Program



Me with Skye Jin
Applewood Permaculture Centre, UK, 2024
Photo Grace Solkinson

Student Testimonials (in-person)

“Mentors such as Delvin and Grace come along few and far between in a lifetime. Delvin is the most adaptable compassionate and focused person I've ever had the pleasure of learning with. His ability to relate and collaborate makes me and other classmates feel as though our presence is respected & valued. His wealth of knowledge and humble way of sharing it is one of the greatest lessons I hope to carry with me.”
- Giuseppe Carmelo, Alumni of the 720 Hour Diploma at PRC

"Delvin and Grace facilitate learning with warmth, kindness, patience, creativity and color! Their dedication to education and permaculture principles is boundless, always going above and beyond to foster a supportive, empowering, grounded environment where we can delve deeper together. They have given me the knowledge and confidence to make mindful decisions and apply them, to create positive change in my own life, and how that ripples out to everything else."
- Emma Youell, PRC Diploma Alumni

“Continuing education in permaculture studies, with the amazing teacher Delvin Solkinson in Vancouver BC. I'm deeply inspired by the course and highly recommend this to anyone interested in next level Earth stewardship and gardening.”
- Bob McGruff , PDC Alumni

“Three years of University and a debt I'm still paying off today and I learnt more about the real world on this course than during that whole time. If you are interested in the natural world, sustainability, healthy living or just think the current way we do things in society is a little strange I'd recommend checking out Permaculture in some way or another.” - Josh Davis, PDC Alumni



Pacific Rim College : Permaculture Design and Resilient Ecosystem Diploma, 2023

Student Testimonials (in-person)

"The Permaculture Design and Resilient Ecosystems Diploma Program was the most meaningful learning experience I've ever had. What made it so exceptional was not just the content, but the way it was held and delivered.

Delvin and Grace put an extraordinary amount of time, care, and intention into every aspect of the program. Nothing felt rushed or surface-level and it was clear how much thought went into creating an experience that was truly next-level, deeply supportive, and genuinely transformative.

We were incredibly lucky to learn from such a legendary group of teachers, all woven together in a way that felt cohesive and alive rather than fragmented. With a small cohort, hands-on projects, and learning rooted in real relationship with land and community, the experience became personal in the best way.

I honestly wouldn't have wanted to learn in any other way, or with any other guides. Even months later, the impact of that year continues to shape how I move through the world. I am beyond grateful for my time with Delvin and Grace. It was an honour to learn alongside them."
- Michelle Bouzane, PRC Diploma Alumni



Permaculture Design and Resilient Ecosystems Diploma Program
Co-creating an Indigenous Rain Garden with Staff and Students
of Individual Learning Centre Saanichton, 2025

Student Testimonials (in-person)

“Delvin is truly a great facilitator of permaculture education. In every class his intention is focused and he is deeply engaged. He gets all the curriculum across clearly and provides time for deeper hands-on education at each of the sites we visit. He takes the time to engage directly with each of his students and shows that he cares about each of their own development and growth. He is a great role model and embodies many permaculture ethics and principles in his own life. He makes every class a fun adventure and it becomes a joy to learn permaculture.”
- Christopher Peters, PDC Alumni

"I really like this course and how Delvin, Kym and my classmates were greatly responsive of my needs as a differently abled person. I am going to carry what i have learned in this course throughout my life."
- Myah McKenzie, PDC Alumni

"Delvin Solkinson is a true visionary teacher who teaches how to read models, and then models how to teach. His influence gives me confidence that I can take what I have learned, and continue to learn, and share it with others on my journey."
- Mackenzie Nikol Greenwood



Permaculture Design Certificate, Roberts Creek, BC, 2017
Photo Dana Wilson

Student Testimonials (online)

"Deeply grateful to my mentor and teacher - Delvin Solkinson. His mentorship has been a true gift of wisdom, care, and inspiration. Thank you for holding space for my process and continuously uplifting me with your generous spirit, dear Delvin Thank you so much for your facilitation, support, and for holding the space so beautifully. It felt so safe and grounding to have you there. I'm absolutely overflowing with gratitude and admiration.."
- Aleksandra Kudojare, Denmark, Diploma Alumni

"Delvin is a thoughtful, warm and passionate Permaculture Diploma Tutor. He is a fantastic guide through the Diploma, asking insightful questions that lead to deep reflections, and always bringing a bright and encouraging attitude to the process. Thank you for your wisdom and care, Delvin!" - James Atherton, UK Diploma Alumni

"Great facilitators of the permaculture course; Warm, inviting, welcoming, knowledgeable, fun, enthusiastic entertaining. highly recommend."
- Shawna Hett, Canada, PDC Alumni



Cultural Emergence Courses with Looby Macnamara and Jon Young, 2026

Student Testimonials (online)

"Interacting and learning from you has been kind of a life changing experience, there should be more guidance teachers like you to help properly educate/empower/enliven us all." - Tarun Singh, India, PDC Alumni

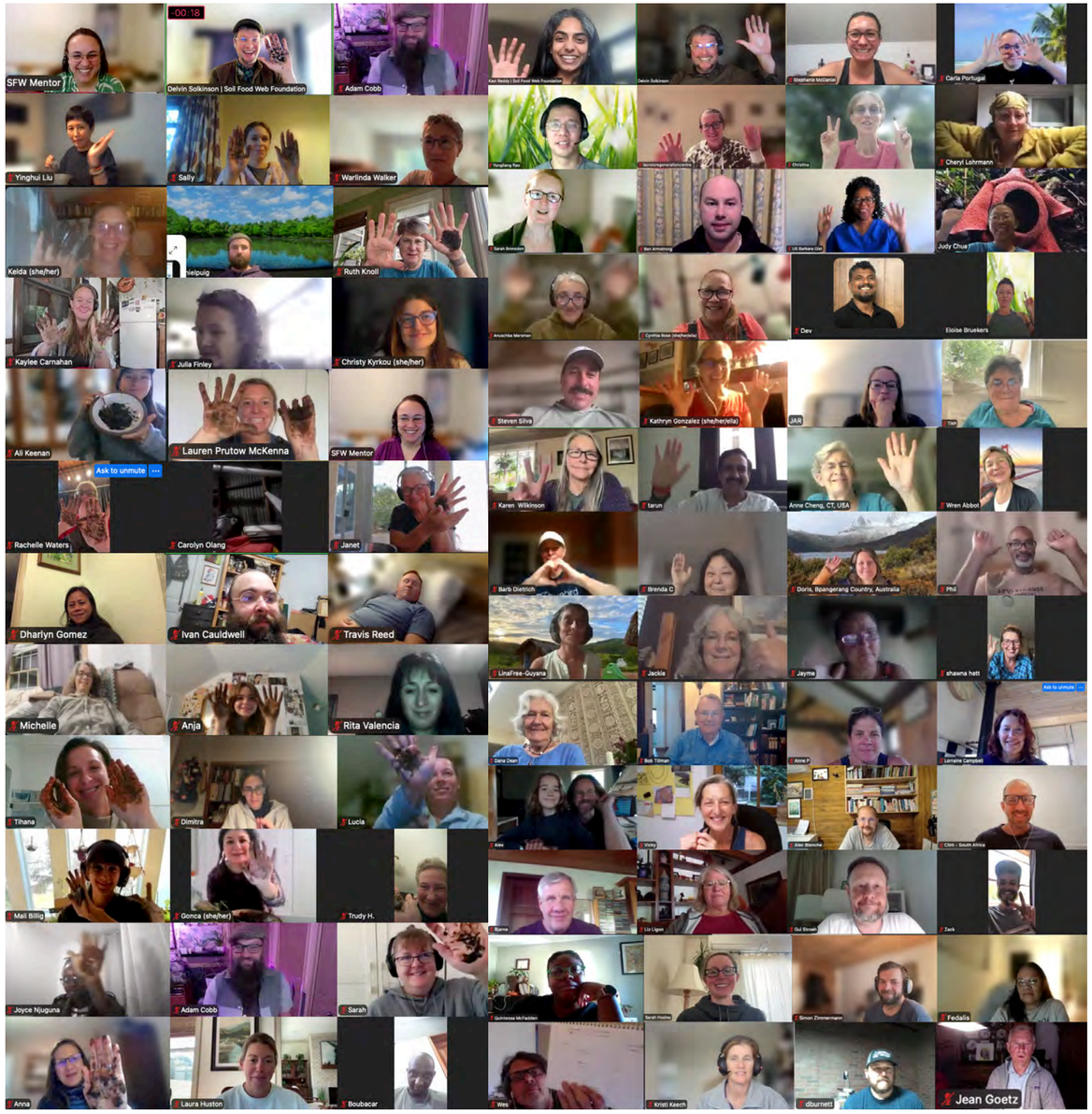
"I'm truly grateful for your guidance and encouragement throughout this journey. It has been a wonderful journey learning with you" - Judy Chua, Malaysia, PDC Alumni

"Thank you so very much for your kind, thoughtful, detailed, and brilliant feedback on my initial permaculture design plan! I deeply appreciate the time you took to do this and your generosity in sharing your knowledge - you are an inspiration!" - Lina Free, Guyana, PDC Alumni

"Thank you so much for your kind words and for this wonderful permaculture journey. It is truly a joy to learn with you." - Boubacar Tidiane Diallo, Guinea, PDC Alumni

"I greatly appreciate the generosity with which you approach your teaching, you make it such a rich and wholesome experience to participate in this course and I'm so grateful for it." - Dimitra Zakinthinou, Greece, PDC Alumni

"Absolutely loved the course! Kavi and Delvin are amazing facilitators, big thank you for great vibes, fun classroom activities, and keeping us on track. The course lessons are incredibly rich and diverse."
- Doris Langer, Australia, PDC Alumni



Permaculture Design Certificate : Soil Food Web School with Permaculture Association, 2026



Graham Bell lifting me up
Coldstream Scotland, 2022
Photo Grace Solkinson