

## **Ark Eden & Permaculture**

Ark Eden has been creating a Permaculture Demonstration Site since the end of 2011.

When we ran our first Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course in 2012 with Steve Cran as our instructor we began to outline our master-plan and a range of projects including our permaculture farm, compost toilets and the completion of our training facility, Eden Rock. Steve created a powerful Green Warrior Internship program and brought many capable and committed interns and permaculturalist to the site .Before going on to create HK Perma Club, he set up a solid foundation for Permaculture at Ark Eden for which we are immensely grateful.

Ark Eden went on to reorganise its school and university workshops under a Permaculture Curriculum. In recent years this has developed into incorporating more nature-connection and wellness into the programs and recently Ark Eden has become the Hong Kong host for training in Forest School. All aspects of Permaculture have also been incorporated into the children's holiday camps that now run for 15 weeks of the year and Social Permaculture has become the framework for training secondary school and university students as the camps Eco-Leaders.

Since Ark Eden's inception in 2006 we have been creating the 'Forests of Lantau' project and to date have planted over 33.000 native Hong Kong trees. This ongoing project is part of our regeneration work to restore and increase biodiversity and to map that biodiversity in the valley where the Ark Eden site resides.

Ark Eden's next PDC will run in Easter 2020 and short courses hosted at Ark Eden on a variety of themes run throughout the year.

We invite you to join one of these courses and also to get involved.

Ark Eden offers a wide umbrella of choices. Whatever you are interested in - whether it is the built, biological or behavioural field of Permaculture, you can probably find your passion here.

Are you an expert in your field? We would love to hear from you! 'Experts in Residence' are cordially invited to work with us for an extended stay.