



*Transition Haslemere press release Tuesday 13 April 2010*

## **Permaculture – sustainable design for gardens, farms and communities**

Maddy Harland, editor of Permaculture Magazine and co-founder of the Sustainability Centre in Hampshire, is coming to Haslemere to give a talk on permaculture and how its principles can be used to create sustainable gardens, farms and communities.

Permaculture is a system of design that takes its cue from Nature's sustainable ecosystems. Originally developed for agriculture, its principles can apply equally well to vegetable gardens, house building, town and country landscaping. With its underlying goal of long-term sustainability, permaculture also provides a guiding framework for communities. It is the inspiration of the 'transition town' movement - in January Haslemere acquired official transition town status, joining an international network of villages, towns and city districts.

Maddy founded Permaculture Magazine with her partner Tim in 1992. The magazine, which has 100,000 readers world wide, has an international focus and covers all aspects of sustainable living, from permaculture gardening and small scale sustainable agriculture to green building, low-impact transport and community action.

Maddy is also a co-founder with her partner, Tim, of Permanent Publications, a company dedicated to publishing environmental books, and she was cited for a 'Special Commendation' at the Triodos Bank Women's Ethical Business Awards at the Globe Theatre, London. She is also a founder member of Gaia Education, an international team of educators developing curricula and courses on the sustainable development of urban and rural settlements, and she helped found the Sustainability Centre in Hampshire, UK

Maddy and Tim's own permaculture-designed garden recently featured in the current television series "The Edible Garden" on BBC2.

Maddy Harland's talk is the first in a series of Transition Haslemere Evenings – monthly talks and film shows at Haslemere Museum organised by Transition Haslemere.

*Permaculture: sustainable design for the future*  
*Wednesday 28 April, 7.30pm, Haslemere Museum, Haslemere High Street*

*\*A photo of Maddy Harland follows this press release*

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