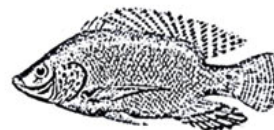


The Bristol Fish Project



Introduction to Aquaponics

12 Week Course

Starts October 2014



Aquaponics - growing fish and plants symbiotically – is a food production technique which vastly reduces the need for water and nutrients during production, can be undertaken close to the consumer, and can absorb multiple urban waste streams. The challenge is to make aquaponics more easily accessible to urban communities, and to do so in ways that support their local economies.

Bringing together industry professionals – this unique course provides a solid framework for someone wanting to set up a system of their own or train in the basics. The full course is part-time takes 12 weeks and involves 10 evenings and 2 weekends. This course will take place at The Pithay in Bristol, Thursday nights, 7-9. You can sign up for the full course or you can just come to units that interest you.

Course AIMS

- To make aquaponics accessible
- To enable participants to overcome specific production issues through access to specific information and expert guidance;
- To enable participants to realise true product value, by taking a systems approach focusing on the entire production cycle and determining the best options for system set up, diversification and sustainability;
- To train entry level practitioners in a holistic manner, in response to current challenges to the socioeconomic sustainability of the aquaculture industry in Europe

Pricing: £300 for the 12 weeks, or £30 per unit-but we are doing our very best to make sure its not exclusive – so if you are interested, please get in touch in anycase to discuss options.

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Initial Class Schedule (Dates and Speakers TBC)

1. Introduction to aquaponics – Evening Class
2. Plant selection and hydroponic component –
with Rob Bryant of Bill and Ben's
Hydroworld – Evening Class
3. Fish Selection and aquaculture component –
Evening Class
4. Practical - Building an aquaponic system,
system kit, and building a bell siphon -
Weekend Course
5. Policy and compliance in aquaculture and food
production – of the Fish Health
Inspectorate, CEFAS (and another tbc)
Evening Class
6. Funding projects and writing proposals
7. Residential – Visit to commercial aquaculture
facility (TBC) and hydroponics and
aquaponics facility (Herbs from Wales) –
Weekend Course
8. Bio-security and disease control in aquaculture
– including case studies – with Keith
Jeffery – CEFAS – Evening Class
9. Plant problems debugged + Fish problems and
illnesses – Evening Class
10. Feed options and nutritional profiling –

Evening Class,

11. Community Land and Advisory Group will
run a 2 hour session introducing how to
find a site and getting a lease/licence
followed by a 'site' surgery answering
individual project questions
12. Full system valorisation – bi products and
adding value – Evening Class
13. Practical - Fish Dinner – Humane fish
killing, fish processing, fish preparation
and eating! – Evening Class



Interested in Joining this year's course?

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