



**Students and teachers' visit to "El Mato Tinto" farm (Tacoronte – Tenerife)  
"Sustainable lifestyles – taking environmental awareness to action"  
Tenerife Courses, organized by Asociación Socio Educativa EDUPLUS.**

**Impressions after the visit<sup>1</sup>  
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<sup>1</sup> The impressions were asked to be anonymous. Some people wrote their names, which we appreciate, but the editors of the transcript have chosen to transcribe all the impressions in anonymous. When a word has not been understood correctly, it has been transcribed with a yellow background. When it has been necessary to add a word to make sense of the text, it has been added in brackets, with a green background. (Note of the editor of the transcriptions)

«It was [an] amazing walk. I enjoyed all the experience and knowledge that you gave me. I think I would love very much to work on permaculture farm (finca). Diversity and peace at one place. I think that is the great place for people with sociotherapeutical needs.»

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«Beautiful place that shows how important is to be in a consequent connection with nature, soil, animals. I enjoyed the trip and the common knowledge. I'd love to listen more on the possible usages of this farm, for example: working with people with Alzheimer.»

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«I am delighted with this place and the people who create it. From the childhood I worked with my grandmother in garden in the Ukrainian village. This system of permaculture is absolutely more interesting and inspiring for people and for children for sure. I would like to create a garden for children and adults in Ukraine.»

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«I am impressed with care and knowledge share by community cultivating the garden. The complementarity of people – nature – economy is amazing. I would like to learn more, also about the minimal permaculture advise one could start with by living in the northern city ☺. Thank you!»

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«Very useful information, and nice example of self-sufficient system.»

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«It was very inspiring visit in beautiful place. Biggest impression for me was how everything is organized according to nature but also to use solutions that can produce food for people. Everything was explained very well and clear. I can imagine how working and being in this environment is therapeutic. Even our short visit brought joy. Thank you!»

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«Great place, guide and host! A lot of inspirations and ideas for new cooperations and synergies. Keep it up. Muchas gracias!»

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«It's very interesting to learn about permaculture. It's different to what we use to. How the animals in the ground work together for the soil (making it good). And how the plants are working together. In Sweden our farming/gardening is in lines very structured ☺. It's very cool.»

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«Great experience, very different as the way we “do” farming in Sweden. Interesting to see how everything grows in this climate, comparing to Sweden. Thank you! Cool to see how this kind of work can help people with mental issues.»

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This is [an] amazing place. We all should have this knowledge about a life on our planet in balance. Amazing is how all animals live together here. The sentence “If they have enough food, they don’t have to fight each other” should teach us how we should think about a world, and how we should live together on the planet. Thank you for your work ♡»

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«It was wonderful experience to be here watching how different species –animals and plants – cooperate is example of natural harmony. It was interesting how you feed the soil and [what] knowledge do you have.»

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«You impressed me. I want to have my permaculture garden. When I will come home, I will find your script on internet and start gardening ♡»

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«In the place like that I could feel how amazing nature is and how people could help her instead of interrupt and destroy all these beautiful processes which are natural and strong. I could also feel real connection with nature and power of cooperation, biodiversity and love. ♡♡♡ You are doing such a great job. I’d love to be more people like you, Javier and all of the people connected with Finca El Mato Tinto. Thank you for all and good luck with everything! 😊»

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«I’m impressed that everything on permaculture farm is so well combined and planned. Everything works well together in harmony and its own rhythm. The only thing that I struggle with it is the animals because I’m vegan, but I consider breeding animals as a less evil as a massive animals breeding and industry. But anyway, I love the place and the atmosphere.»

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«Very practically inspiring, with respect to creating sustainability for nature and for humans. Shows clearly how poly-culture and biodiversity offers a real alternative to conventional farming/food production.

Lovely to see so many (different) bees!

Inspiration for how to work with perma-gardening in a practical, scientific and learning-based way.

I got a lot of knowledge and inspiration !! ♡!»

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«Great job! I like the visit, especially the water system and plant cleaning system. I wish I could buy a box of vegetables. I will put a coffee also to our garden, **it's** a good idea. And the biodiversity is very good, too. I hope I can change the mind in **hand** in our culture.»

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«Gracias por explicarnos y darnos información tan detallada y valiosa. La duración de la visita, aproximadamente hora y media, me parece muy adecuada para mantener la atención de las personas oyentes. La facilidad de que haya sido en inglés ayuda a mantener la atención y favorece la participación directa de las personas del grupo. Estoy segura de que cada uno de nosotros se puede llevar consigo muchos conocimientos pero, lo más importante para mí, es haber compartido un espacio y unas conversaciones optimistas e inspiradoras. Hasta pronto!»

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«Muy buena impresión de la finca El Mato [**Tinto**]. Llevo tiempo queriendo venir y hoy se ha dado esta oportunidad. Muchas gracias. Hemos podido, al menos yo, desaprender lo que siempre nos habían enseñado, como la convivencia pacífica entre animales de distinta especie, o que no es necesario que las gallinas necesiten obligatoriamente pienso. Como dice Javier, hay que volver a mirar a la naturaleza y aprender de ella. Nos han vendido un tipo de comportamiento en animales y plantas antinatural que nos hemos creído, olvidándonos de la madre naturaleza que es la que tiene la primera y última palabra. Gracias por todo, a seguir así. Un abrazo.»

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«- I gained faith that it is possible to do permaculture at global level and replace the conventional system.

- Positive way to teach sustainability to replace the negative discourse promoted by mass-media, etc.

- It is fun, enjoyable and therapeutic to produce food this way.

- Impressed by the harmony among the animals and the plants.

- Myths of ecological farming/gardening:

➔ The need of grains for hens: weeds are enough!

➔ Plants need to be associated: not if the soil is healthy enough

- It is important to disseminate this message and example to more people!»

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I would like to live of this land of permaculture farm at least several months. That [is] my impression! Nany, you have a great energy! Javier I love your **smile** too! I'm impressed especially of water system (self-regulated). It's the best day of the course, thank you for your time.

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## Pictures



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THANKS!**