



Peter Mellett's Living Poster for the Action Research Network of the Americas Conference of May 2015

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Realising the educational potential of a death through the question:
How can I work with others within our Living Theory research to sustain and develop Paulo's creative values as we try to make the world a better place?

Context - born Bath UK, 22 Aug 1979; died Sao Paulo Brazil, 23 June 2014	Introduction
<p>1998 - diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia; survived with the help of a stem cell transplant from his sister; re-entered the world as 'Paulo'.</p> <p>2001-2009 Greenpeace activist and growing permaculture enthusiast.</p> <p>2008-2014 International permaculture and sustainability projects and teaching - Peru, Ghana, Kenya, Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Jordan and the UK - 2010 the 'Slush Fund'.</p> <p>2010 - began to develop a practical vision for integrated sustainable systems, where the waste from one element is the raw material for another.</p> <p>2014 - contracted malaria in Ghana, February; died in Brazil, aged 34.</p>	

The Memorial Gathering - 20th July 2014, Monkton Wyld Court, Dorset, UK	Scrapbooks from the day
<p>Paulo's friends, his family and colleagues gathered to celebrate his life.</p> <p>Included international experts in permaculture, ethical resourcing, biogas, water retention, waste treatment, straw/adobe/lime building, alternative energy systems and UN disaster relief.</p> <p>A spontaneous decision to develop Paulo's 2012 vision for integrated systems for the regeneration and maintenance of sustainable communities.</p>	

The BLUEPRINT Project	The RECODE project
<p>A group of Paulo's friends met at the Tamera Community in Portugal to carry forward his ideas. The decision was made to work parallel to the existing initiatives at Tamera and develop through practical research a blueprint adaptable to disaster situations or to any other areas in need.</p> <p>Blueprint: "... a collaborative group of like-minded people that to a large extent have been connected by Paulo, whose vision of integrated design of ecologically beneficial human habitation remains live and valid and forms our common ground."</p>	

The RUG Website - a living archive, a resource and a workspace portal	Access this website
<p>The aim of this website is for it to be an educational resource, as you come to it asking questions of the sort: How can I improve the quality of my practice / my life / the lives of others?</p> <p>The focus of this website is the role of permaculture in the regeneration of the web of life on this planet.</p> <p>The perspective of this website draws on the values implicit in the work of Paulo Mellett (1979-2014).</p>	