Design for Social Permaculture web platform - for discussion.

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Functions of Social Permaculture platform

- To promote community Permaculture practices, on and off line.
- To increase membership of PA.
  - A demonstration of the PA Permaculture community, so people want to take part.
  - A warm message of invitation to new members.
  - Possible free time-limited subscriptions to key populations (eg PDC students)
- To assist in delivery of PA services (Educators, Diploma, etc)
- Outreach to new readers

Access rights

Read access to Social Permaculture
- By default, everyone, including the general public
- NB Fully private groups (eg a planning/support group for tutors) are possible

Write access to Social Permaculture (user can create groups and join groups)
- NB Open access for the public to sign up is impossible due to spambots
- Open to all PA current members (will sync so Civi will allow/disallow)
- By invitation? eg a free year's subscription to anyone on a PDC?
- By application - by becoming a PA member

Maintenance issues

Oversight of ethics
- When a person starts a group, they get the job of administering membership and making sure discussion remains respectful. They ask PA to impose sanctions if not. This means PA can delegate monitoring to group owners.
- Any staff member who creates a group (Diploma, Educators) will have this task for their own group
- Additionally a named staff member will need to -
  - maintain an overview of respectfulness
    - Make sure group owners are keeping things respectful
    - Keep an eye on discussions which are not in a group (general areas)
    - Receive "report this post as unethical" alerts from members

- ○ Impose sanctions in line with Ethics (below)

Finances
- Darren will charge for site hosting
- Staff time in set up and maintenance of structure (web dev)
- Staff time in oversight of ethics, imposing of sanctions (who?)

Ethics of Social Permaculture

A page on the site, giving guidelines on -
- Group owners have responsibility to keep their group's discussion respectful
- PA reserves the right to suspend anyone not complying with the ethics
- Detailing stages of suspension (eg warning/moderation > expulsion)

Launch tactics

- Incremental (allowing testing, learning, refining) or Grand (immodest, grandiose, hubristic)?
- If incremental, we'll need to plan the sequence of increments