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Purpose of the design

We want to create a user guide that:

- compiles critical information about the CoLab that is currently
 - dispersed over multiple locations
 - not documented
- make more visible the structures, policies and services we have in place to support members
- encourage reflection on what is and how it could be made better

Possible elements / sections for the user guide and functions taking into account applied permaculture ethics and principles

| Permaculture Ethics / principles | Elements | Functions |
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| Integrate rather than segregate – David Holmgren Catch and store energy – David Holmgren Use edges and value the marginal – David Holmgren | Purpose of the User Guide Use Inclusive Language | Be clear to people reading the document as to the context and the content they will find in the user guide – informational Set the tone for the rest of the document. Attention to: more simple English and gender in the translated versions. |

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| Design from patterns to details – David Holmgren Produce no waste – David Holmgren | What is the CoLab: The balance between autonomy and coherence History: https://www.perma.earth/history-of-the-international-permaculture-CoLab/ VMAs: https://www.perma.earth/vision/ CoLab governance model: https://www.perma.earth/colab/ | Communicate clearly what the CoLab is Explaining how CoLab groups work and where lies their autonomy within the ecosystem |
| Observe and Interact – David Holmgren | What does the CoLab do: Get to know current projects: https://www.perma.earth/projects/ Circles: https://www.perma.earth/CoLab/ - is being rewritten | Communicate clearly what the CoLab does and where to find further information about what are the current activities within the CoLab |
| | The CoLab onboarding journey: https://www.perma.earth/onboarding-journey/ Joining an existing work group / circle / project / micro-enterprise Creating a new working group / circle / project / micro-enterprise Composting groups | Communicate how a person can become a member how and where to get involved how to create new groups how to wind down groups after they have finished their work or become inactive over time |
| Fair share Earth Care People Care Use small and slow solutions – David Holmgren Use and value renewable resources and services – David Holmgren | Support and Services Tools available to working groups / circles / projects Additional Services | Communicate clearly what services and support is offered as a part of the CoLab membership |
| Catch and store energy – David Holmgren Use and value diversity – David Holmgren | Benefits and responsibilities of CoLab members Resources: https://www.perma.earth/shop/ Funding Opportunities: Code of Conduct Adhoc policies for grants eg Community Accountability Policy | Outline briefly what are the benefits and responsibilities of being a CoLab member. Informational, invitational, reflective. |
| | Communications inside and outside the CoLab slack management social media links mailing lists contact email | Outline briefly how communication work and how to responsibly use them. Informational and invitational |
| | Feedback | Outline how feedback is not only welcome but invited, who will review it giving a clear way to submit it. |