



Forest School Assistant

OCNWMR Level 2

Forest School Programme Assistant is run in conjunction with the first two modules of the Level Three course. It is aimed at individuals who wish to support an existing qualified Forest School Leader in a Forest School setting and provides a more in-depth knowledge to the principles and practice of Forest School.

The training includes sessions on pedagogy and its application at Forest School including child development and learning in the outdoors, practical work in outdoor areas, sustainability and personal development and learning. Participants will gain confidence to apply activity and site risk assessments within Forest School.

The Level two course is suitable for individuals with experience working with children or young people in the fields of education, community or environment, including parents, group volunteers, teachers, support workers, nursery nurses, youth workers, community workers and carers.

This is particularly useful to settings who want to train a leader and assistant at the same time. The Level two qualification can be converted to Level Three with top up sessions.

Training

Training covers two modules and is held on two consecutive days in two consecutive months from 9am-5pm. Participants are required to observe and assist with three Forest School sessions. The course takes three months to complete.

Course Details

- 🌳 Two units of study: Skills for the Forest School Programme Assistant and Supporting Learning and Development at a Forest School programme
- 🌳 Six credits
- 🌳 Sixty hours of taught and self-led study
- 🌳 Completion of a booklet
- 🌳 Attendance 9am – 5pm

Course Requirements

- 🌳 To have an interest in working with children/young people in the outdoors all year round
- 🌳 To be age 16 years or older
- 🌳 To have a current DBS certificate for working with your client group
- 🌳 To have a relevant Level 1 qualification
- 🌳 To have six months experience of either assisting at a setting running Forest School sessions or equivalent volunteer experience of supporting your client group

Course Cost £650 inclusive of lunch and refreshments

For further details please contact **the Hill End Centre** either by phone **01865 863510** or email hill.end@oxfordshire.gov.uk