



## Forest School Leader

### OCNWMR Level 3

The Forest School Programme Leader qualification enables practitioners to lead groups of children and young people.

The modular course includes modules on pedagogy and its application to Forest School; fire and tool use; risk benefit assessment; woodland management and environmental impact assessment with reference to sustainability; developing relevant policies and procedures; planning and delivering the first six Forest School sessions of a programme.

This course is suitable for individuals with experience in working with families, children, young people or adults in the fields of education, community or environment.

### Training

Training is held over **two-days per month for five months** and takes **nine months to complete**.

Oxfordshire Forest School Service offers QCF training units in a modular framework. Each module builds upon the previous, with participants receiving feedback from tutors as evidence is submitted for each module. This modular method of training and assessment will make the production of the final portfolio much easier for learners, resulting in the same qualifications whilst maintaining the same high standard of training.

#### The leader course includes:








- 🌳 Foundations/ principles of Forest School
- 🌳 Practical Skills Training and Assessment
- 🌳 Interim Assignments for each module
- 🌳 Portfolio Building and Individual Tutorial
- 🌳 Setting up, planning and delivery of the first six sessions of a Forest school programme with a client group
- 🌳 Observing, recording and analysing learning of participants and own practice as part of the assignments

In the delivery of six Forest School sessions, participants will need a site from which Forest School sessions can be run. The course tutor will attend one session to carry out a Delivery Assessment. The level 3 course is the equivalent of an A Level qualification and as such requires participant's commitment over the duration of the training.

### Course Details

- 🌳 Five units of study: Learning and Development at a Forest School, Forest School Programmes and the Woodland Environment, Practical Skills for a Forest School Programme, Planning a Forest School Programme and Delivery of a Forest School Programme.
- 🌳 Eighteen credits
- 🌳 180 hours study. Approximately 70 taught hours and 110 hours of self-study
- 🌳 Submission of a Portfolio of evidence and Forest School Handbook.

## Course Requirements

-  To have an interest in working with children/young people in the outdoors all year round
-  To be age 21 years or older
-  To have a current DBS certificate – for working with your client group
-  To attain a relevant Forest School First Aid Certificate
-  To have a suitable area to run Forest School sessions
-  To have a qualification at Level Two or above for working with your own client group (NNEB, Play Work, ITT, PGCE, Youth work) OR
-  To have a qualification at Level Two with a minimum of two years appropriate experience (i.e. working in the outdoors with young people) and a portfolio of evidence

**Course Costs £1000 inclusive of lunch and refreshments 9am – 5pm**