

Forest School Training 2012

This year we are delivering Forest School training, for leaders and assistant leaders, in a new modular format. If you're new to Forest School then have a look at <http://www.forestschooltraining.co.uk/> for more information or email me mike.brady@southlanarkshire.gsx.gov.uk.

South Lanarkshire Council work in partnership with The Forest School Training Company to deliver quality Forest School training in Scotland. Courses in the west of Scotland are delivered by Mike Brady, who works for South Lanarkshire Council within the Countryside and Greenspace Service.

The new format is divided into shorter 2-day modules with each module following on from the previous one. Each module has a workbook requiring comprehensive short written answers to questions. This replaces the previous system where most of the coursework was essay based and enables us to provide more guidance as to the answer required. If workbooks are completed after each module then this will help to spread the workload and allow feedback to be given on an ongoing basis. We think that this format enables us to provide more support for our students and it may also be that the shorter periods of time out of class will reduce the impact/cost of staff cover. We have also scheduled 3 of the training days on Saturdays to help reduce the cost of staff cover in establishments.

Which Course is for me?

There are a variety of options with the new format. The table below should help you choose the most appropriate option. Note that safety boots will be needed for modules 3, 4 and 5.

Question	Answer
I want to be a Forest School Leader and have no previous Forest School qualifications.	You need to complete all the modules. Approximately 72 hours taught time, 110 hours self study time. Cost £850 plus £100 for 1 st aid if required (additional 16 hours taught time).
I want to be a Forest School Leader and am a qualified Level 2 assistant.	You need to complete Module 3 – Forest School Leader 2 Module 4 – Forest School Leader 3 Module 5 – Practical skills Assessment Module 6 – Delivery Assessment Outdoor First Aid Approximately 40 hours taught time, 80 hours self study time. Cost £400 plus £100 for 1 st aid if required (additional 16 hours taught time)
I want to be a Forest School Leader and have a Level 1 Forest Skills qualification.	You need to complete Module 2 – Forest School Leader 1 Module 3 – Forest School Leader 2 Module 4 – Forest School Leader 3 Module 5 – Practical skills Assessment Module 6 – Delivery Assessment Outdoor First Aid

	Approximately 56 hours taught time, 96 hours self study time. Cost £750 plus £100 for 1 st aid if required (additional 16 hours taught time)
I want to be a Forest School Assistant.	You need to complete Module 1 Introduction to Forest School Module 2 – Forest School Leader 1 and assist with the delivery and planning of 3 Forest School sessions. Approximately 32 hours taught time, 30 hours self study time. Cost £450
I want to be a Forest School Assistant and have a Level 1 Forest Skills qualification.	You need to complete Module 2 – Forest School Leader 2 and assist with the delivery and planning of 3 Forest School sessions. Approximately 16 hours taught time, 16 hours self study time. Cost £300
I'm not sure what I want to do.	Phone Mike Brady (01698 543418) for a chat to see what your options are.

When making your choice do bear in mind the following points:-

- It is possible to do the units to obtain your level 2 qualification (Assistant Award) and then come back say the next year to upgrade to the Level 3 qualification (Leaders Award). This will be more expensive than just signing up for the Leaders Award as this incurs 2 sets of registration fees.
- To **lead** Forest School you need a level 3 leader qualification.

If you've worked out which course you want then please email me (mike.brady@southlanarkshire.gsx.gov.uk) for a booking form. We also run bespoke courses so get in touch if you want something different.

All of the training will take place at Chatelherault Country Park, near Hamilton. Each day will run from 9am to 5pm. The days will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor sessions so you will need to come appropriately dressed. Refreshments are provided but lunch isn't. There is a café on site or you can bring a packed lunch.

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The dates for the training are as follows:-

Date	Description	Entry Requirements
30-31 March 2012 2 days 31/3/12 is a Saturday.	Module 1 – Introduction to Forest School An introduction to Forest School and its benefits.	Be aged 18 or over Have experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
20-21 April 2012 2 days 21/4/12 is a Saturday	Module 2 – Forest School Leader 1 Covering play, holistic development and working in woodland this begins the process of understanding what makes Forest School so effective.	Be aged 18 or over Have experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
21-22 May 2012 2 days	Module 3 – Forest School Leader 2 Building on Leader 1 we introduce theories of learning and look at how to promote Emotional Intelligence and Self Esteem while keeping safe in the woods	Be aged 21 or over Be qualified in your role or have 2 years experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
23-24 August 2012 2 days	Module 4 - Forest School Leader 3 Completion of work started in FS Leader 2, developing a handbook and planning your 6 practice sessions.	Be aged 21 or over Be qualified in your role or have 2 years experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
25 August 2012 1 day 25/8/12 is a Saturday	Module 5 – Practical Skills Assessment An assessment of your practical skills in terms of using tools, knots and fire.	Be aged 21 or over Be qualified in your role or have 2 years experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
Arranged individually Approximately 2 hours each assessment	Module 6 - Delivery Assessment As part of the coursework you will have to deliver at least 6 Forest School sessions with a small group. We visit you on your site around the 5 th session to assess your leadership skills and Health & Safety documentation for running Forest School programmes.	Be aged 21 or over Be qualified in your role or have 2 years experience of working with your client group Have a relevant disclosure
t.b.a. 2 days	Outdoor ITC First Aid Qualification Forest School Leaders will need this, or First Aid at Work, to deliver Forest School. This course will run from 9am to 6pm.	