

## Forest School Practitioner Training (level 3) Norfolk March 2012

### The Training

This level of training is for Forest School Practitioners, and qualifies you to lead at Forest School.

### Entry Criteria

- Be over 21 years of age
- Be a qualified Teacher, Play worker or Youth worker (to **level 2** or equivalent) **OR** compile a portfolio of at least **2 years experience** of working with children/young people in a leadership capacity
- Have a current CRB disclosure (or Disclosure Scotland Certificate)
- Have or be in the process of acquiring a current valid Paediatric First Aid for Outdoors certificate (2-day ITC or equivalent)

### Working with Children

Students will need to have a group of children/young people they can work with and have a suitable outdoor venue (preferably woodland) to run their 6 sessions of Forest School as part of their training.

### Course Dates – Norfolk

All of the course elements need to be attended.

Intensive Skills	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Practical Skills	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
Assessments	5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
Tutorial	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 (9am – Noon)
Portfolio due	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2012



**This equates to 70 hours of taught time** and requires, on average, **a further 110 hours of self-study time** from the student.

**Training Times** – training during the Intensive Week and the Practical Skills run 9am - 5pm. Tutorial is a half day session 9am – noon.

### Equipment and Kit

The tools and equipment required on the training will be provided by the FSTC. **Students are required to purchase their own Safety boots** (approved Safety Wear) and provide their own waterproofs and outdoor clothing for use on the training.

### First Aid

First Aid is not included in this training course and needs to be booked separately.

The First Aid course we recommend is the 2-day ITC First Aid for Forest School, which is an outdoor First Aid course and includes paediatrics.

### Assessments

There are two assessments:

- Practical Skills assessment which takes place during the practical skills training.
- Delivery Assessment - each student will be assessed on their leadership. This is a 2-hour assessment at one of the student's weekly Forest School sessions and takes place during the Assessment dates as above. Assessments are free of charge if you are working within a 30mile radius from the training venue. If you are working outside of this radius then you will require a separate assessment. If you are unable to run your FS Programme to fit into this time schedule then you will require also a separate assessment. Separate assessments cost £75 plus £0.40per mile.

## Coursework Portfolio

The training course incorporates a variety of teaching methods both on the theoretical and practical elements of the training. A library of texts and other reading material is made available and further reading/ websites are recommended during the training. Furthermore handouts are given to provide further background information.

Students will need to compile a written coursework portfolio in order to complete this training. This requires the student to do further reading, research, writing of short essays and creation of a Health and Safety Handbook for their 6-week Forest School programme. Detailed instructions are given during the training and further support is given during the coursework tutorial. Further support is given via email and telephone within what is considered reasonable for the level of training the student is attending.

## Marking of Portfolio

FSTC Tutor Assessors mark the coursework portfolios and assess the suitability of the student's evidence against each of the assessment criteria in line with the requirements from OCN.

Level 3 Students are given 2.5 years from the start of their training course in which to submit their final coursework portfolio. After these time periods no further marking of coursework will take place.

Written feedback is given to each student once the portfolio has been marked. This feedback will detail if any additional evidence is required in order to fully answer all the assessment criteria and the specific detail of what is required to complete the answer.

Only once FSTC Tutor Assessors have marked and deemed the coursework portfolio to be 100% complete and at the required standard, will the coursework portfolio be submitted for moderation to the IM. Only once the IM is satisfied the coursework portfolios are complete, certificates can be applied for.

## Cost

The cost of the training is £900 (£750 plus VAT). A non-returnable deposit of £75 (incl vat) is required on booking and the balance of the payment is due prior to the start of the course.

Payment by instalments – it is possible to pay in stages. The total cost of the course paid this way is higher (£990 including VAT) but offers the flexibility of paying in stages.

- First payment is a non-refundable deposit of £75 (incl vat) due at the time of booking.
- Second payment is £255 (incl vat) due prior to the start of the course
- Third payment is £330 (incl vat) due prior to the start of the practical skills
- Fourth payment is £330 (incl vat) due one month after the practical skills.