

Forest School and Coastal School Leader

Course cost

Course cost – £1100 per person (incl VAT and deposit)

More information

[Trainer Website](#)

or email info@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk

Dates and times

Please see detailed dates. There will be an additional tutorial day, to be advised. Each day runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

About the course

This course is designed for those who work with children and young people in a professional capacity, ie play work, education, youth work or similar, and who wish to extend their practice into the outdoor environment using the techniques and skills of a Forest School approach. There is also the opportunity to add the new Coastal School Leader qualification and complete both at the same time.

Course Delivery

The course is taught over a period of nine months. This includes - for FS - two blocks of three consecutive days of theory and practical skills assessment, and the subsequent planning and delivery of your own Forest School sessions over a two month period. Within the second block we aim to organise a residential component where you can sleep out in your own shelter. There will also be a group tutorial session to help you finalise your portfolio. The Coastal School element requires an extra two days of training.

Course Assessment

To gain the certificate for FS you will need to submit a portfolio containing the completed coursework, pass an observation assessment leading a Forest School session, and have an enhanced DBS disclosure for the group with whom you are working. For the Coastal element you are assessed on your coursework and a mini-teach.

Entry Criteria

Trainee Forest / Coastal School Leaders must be over 21 years old, have completed a Level 2 or above qualification (PGCE, Play Work, Youth Work etc) and have at least two years' experience of working with children and/or young people. You must also hold a current enhanced DBS disclosure or be able to obtain one. You will also need a suitable First Aid qualification - contact us for more information about this.

Course Content

The Forest School Leader course consists of 14 credits contained in five units of study, which is delivered as around 50 hours of formal taught time and requires approximately 90 hours of self-study time. The Coastal element is an extra unit

which consists of 3 extra credits, and an additional approximate 15 hours of taught time and 15 hours self-study.

The units of study are as follows:

- Supporting Learning, Play and Development in the Outdoors (3 credits)
- Observation and Evaluation of Outdoor Learning (2 credits)
- Sustainable Use of Natural Resources (2 credits)
- Teaching Outdoor Practical Skills (3 credits)
- Forest School Leader (4 credits)
- Coastal School Leader (3 credits)