ASHTON
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Level 3
Forest School Leader

Our current Forest School Leader group getting hands on experience during a class session at the Heys Primary School.

Ashton Sixth Form College and The Heys Primary School are working in partnership to offer Forest School Training

When will you attend?

16th September 2020
23rd September 2020
30th September 2020
7th October 2020
14th October 2020
Two Skills Days:
20th October 2020
21st October 2020

Plus course completion workshop day.

Cost: £795

For more information call **0161 666 8215** or email **adulted@asfc.ac.uk**

Who is the course for?

The accredited Level 3 Certificate in Leading Forest School is designed for those who wish to gain the knowledge and skills required to set up and run a forest school programme.

On the level three course you will:

- Attend training days which consist of both theory and practical tasks.
- Run a Forest School programme in your chosen setting.
- Have a work-based assessment.
- Complete a portfolio for assessment.
- Receive ongoing support from your trainer through to portfolio completion.
- Have access to Cambium online resources and a half termly network meetings.
- Be able to attend a one day course completion workshop.

Entry Qualification Required:

- You must have a minimum Level 2 qualification or equivalent in Education, Youth Work or Child Care etc. or a minimum level 2 qualification in Forest School, Countryside or Woodland Management etc. with at least 2 years' experience.
- You must have an established link with a client group and potential Forest School site with whom you can complete a 6 session programme (we can help you with a placement).
- You must be 21 years or over at the start of the course.
- Prior to starting your forest school implementation you will need to complete a relevant outdoor First Aid Certification.
- You must hold a current Disclosure and Barring Service clearance certificate.

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explore, discover, grow... Heys Forest School

The training will be delivered by a an accredited Level 4 Forest School Trainer. All students will receive a 5% discount on purchases from outdoor learningresources.co.uk

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What is Forest School?

Forest School is a long term holistic learning process that offers children, young people and adults, regular opportunities to achieve and develop self-confidence through hands on learning experiences. Sessions take place in a local woodland environment where the landscape itself adds to the experience of learning.

Forest School is complementary to learning in a traditional environment. Qualified practitioners trained with both practical and theoretical knowledge, facilitate sessions to gain personal outcomes for each participant. Forest school can be applied to all age groups and abilities, and can be linked to the National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

How will you study?

- You will attend 5 sessions plus 2 skills days and a course completion workshop.
- You will complete assignment work in a portfolio of evidence (this must be completed within 9 months of the start date of your course).
- You will be assessed practically doing a Forest School session in your workplace and also assessed practically on the course.

Forest School Principles

- Forest School is a long-term process of frequent and regular sessions in a woodland or natural environment, rather than a one-off visit. Planning, adaptation, observations and reviewing are integral elements of Forest School.
- Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural wooded environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world.
- Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.
- Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.
- Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for development and learning.

What our students say...

"The course has been excellent, way beyond my expectations."

"I've had a fantastic time, learnt lots."

"I am feeling much more confident and enthused about leading my own sessions."

"The trainer has been really positive and supportive throughout the course."

"Excellent, fun filled training"

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