



Forest School Information Pack

Forest School Learning Initiative are delighted to extend the provision of Forest School Leader Training in your area to enable more practitioners to lead Forest School Sessions in their settings.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a long term holistic learning process that aims to raise self-awareness and self-esteem in participants. Regular sessions take place in a woodland environment, where the landscape itself adds to the experience of learning. Qualified practitioners, trained in child development, self-esteem and learning theories 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 Australian National Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework.

Forest School Definition

Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers children and young people opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands on learning experiences in a local woodland environment.

Forest School Principles

- 🌳 Forest School is for all children and young people.
- 🌳 Forest School builds on a child's innate motivation and positive attitude to learning, offering them the opportunities to take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves.
- 🌳 Forest School is organised and run by qualified Forest School leaders.
- 🌳 Forest School maximises the learning potential of local woodland through frequent and regular experiences throughout the year, not a one-off visit.
- 🌳 Forest School helps children to understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment.

Sessions of Forest School are child/learner led to accommodate individual learning styles and schemas, children/learners are encouraged to make choices, and follow their own learning. The adult's role is facilitative and this enables observation and assessment of the children/learners by the qualified Forest School Leaders. Teachers Learning Support Staff and Child Care Workers involved with children/learners who undertake Forest School report significant improvements in independence, self esteem, social skills, and concentration levels. Parents of children involved in Forest School have also reported changes in independence, self-esteem and their child's social outlook. Forest School gives practitioners a "model" to work outdoors with children and addresses the National Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework.

Who can benefit from Forest School?

Children and learners of any age. Considerable experience has been gained in developing Forest School in Early Years (Kindergarten), but over the past 5 years this has been extended through to Primary age children in many schools.

What is Forest School Learning Initiative?

This organisation has been established by two exceptionally experienced Forest School Leaders, in response to the need to extend Forest School provision.

Christina Dee has been the leader of Forest School training since 2000. Along with her team they have trained in excess of 2000 Forest School Leaders and continue to support them in the development and implementation of Forest School all over the country. The feedback from training offered by Chris has been exceptional, consistently achieving a 95% completion rate.

Forest School Learning Initiative offers you the opportunity to undertake Open College Network West Midlands training Level 3, provided by experienced trainers who have an outstanding reputation and continue to be practising Forest School Leaders themselves on a weekly basis.

Forest School Learning Initiative is of course insured. Chris and her team, hold current DBS checks and First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid qualifications.

Level 3 Forest School Leader Training

Who is it for?

- Professionals who want to do Forest School in their workplace who meet the criteria set out below:-

To achieve this course you will need to meet the following:

- Be over 21 years old
- If working with children, a Level 3 childcare/play work qualification and experience of working with the young is essential
- For teenagers and adults, a relevant Level 3 qualification is required or equivalent experience
- If working with learners with learning difficulties and disabilities, again a relevant qualification and experience of these groups is required
- Attend for 80% of the lessons over 5 days
- Teach 6 sessions of 1½ hours with your chosen client group
- Be assessed practically during a 1½ hour lesson
- Complete all assessment criteria within 9 months of commencement of course
- Provide proof of current Blue Card
- On completion of the course you must provide proof of a relevant outdoor First Aid Certification ie Paediatric First Aid
- You will need to access the relevant client group in order to complete assignments

How does the training relate here in Australia?

- The Forest School Leader training will be tailored to support the Australian National Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework. All practical session ideas, planning and recording documentation and presentations will relate to these learning outcomes. Health and Safety and Risk Benefit analysis input will also be tailored to the environment here in Queensland. The Forest School learning approach can be adapted to benefit any child in any environment. It is all about reconnecting our children with meaningful experiences in their local nature.

Where can it lead?

Practising Forest School Leader

How will you study?

- Attend 5 core course days.
- Complete assignment work in a portfolio of evidence (approximately 50 hrs of study).
- Be assessed practically doing a Forest School session in your workplace.
- Be assessed practically on the course.

How much?

\$2225 per person - to include Open College Network West Midlands registration

Venue

MyHorizons

1-15A Runnymede Road, Capalaba, QLD, 4157, Australia

Dates

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019, inclusive

To apply, please complete and return the application form below to Forest school Learning Initiative at the email address below:

office@fsli.co.uk



Forest School Training Application

Course Level applied for: Level 3

Date applied for: Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May 2019 (inclusive)

Venue: My Horizons, Capalaba, QLD

Name:

Email Address:

(NB: All course information will **only** be sent to this email address)

Home Address:

Date of birth:

DBS No:

Home Phone:

Mobile:

Current Employment:

Job Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of commencement:

Your position and brief description of duties:

Qualifications:

Do you hold a current First Aid qualification Yes No

Title of First Aid qualification:

If yes, when does it expire:

Invoice details:

Name:

Address:

Email to send invoice to:

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