

## **\*\*New Forest School leader award for Scotland\*\***

### **Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards (FOLA) SCQF levels 5 to 8**

#### **Course Dates 2019**

**Venue:** Bonaly Outdoor Centre, south Edinburgh, EH13 0PB

**Dates:** 9th-11th May, 23rd-24th May, 13th-14th June, 12th-14th September

**Venue:** Jupiter Artland, Wilkieson, West Lothian, nr Edinburgh, EH27 8BY

**Dates:** 15th-17th May, 5th-7th June and 2nd-5th October

#### **About the Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards**

FSTC are delighted to be transitioning to the new Scotland-specific Forest School award system, called the Forest and Outdoor Learning Award (FOLA), having worked with Newbattle Abbey College to develop them specifically for the Scottish educational context.

At their heart, the new awards help people to learn about how to work in forest and outdoor environments in sustainable ways. The awards are grounded in the ethos of ‘Forest School’ that places people within the natural environment, and supports active and person-centred approaches to learning.

The awards will support Curriculum for Excellence and the Attainment Challenge in Scotland. They also seek to support the development of skills for Learning, Life and Work to meet the complex demands of a globalised society.

#### **SCQF Level 8 Leader: Overview**

The award at level 8 (previously OCN Level 3 Leader) is a qualification designed to enable you to independently lead Forest School and outdoor learning. You will become secure in the knowledge and skills of being in forest and the outdoors, and will be confident to communicate those skills to others. The approach to learning is to focus on people holistically within the forest and outdoor environment, to their mutual benefit.

You will develop your understanding of the process of learning, develop leadership skills, and be able to implement these skills to support the learning of others. You will also become proficient in the planning, practice and

adaptation of learner-centred pedagogy to create a Forest School programme.

The OCN Level 1 ‘Introduction to Forest School’ and Level 2 ‘Forest School Assistant’ awards are also incorporated within this new modular format.

### **Recommended Entry**

Literacy SCQF level 6/7 or FOLA Level 6 or equivalent

### **Credit Value**

Level 8 has an SCQF credit value of 18 and requires 180 notional hours of learning.

**NOTE:** Full course breakdown, costs and booking information will be available on the website by the end of January:

[www.forestschooltraining.co.uk/training/fs-training-dates-booking/](http://www.forestschooltraining.co.uk/training/fs-training-dates-booking/)

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