

Forest School leader award for Scotland

## Forest & Outdoor Learning Awards (FOLA)

SCQF-accredited training levels 5 to 8 (modular format)

Forest School training: FlexiFOLA starting Sep 2021

Venues: Online via Zoom & then at [Jupiter Artland](#), nr Edinburgh West

Total course costs (no VAT is applicable)			
	Previous Equivalent Level	If paying in one instalment	Additional out-of-area leader assessment fees
Level 5	Level 1 (introduction)	Total cost £410	N/A
Level 6	Level 2 (assistant)	Total cost £665	N/A
Level 5 to 6 step-up	Level 1 to 2 step-up (intro to assistant)	Total cost £350	N/A
Level 5 to 8 step-up	Level 1 to 3 step-up (assistant to leader)	Total cost £920	£0.45 /mile for candidates outside 15-mile radius of the venue, or a 30-mile radius of your nearest available assessor. Discretionary charge for travel time above 1.5 hrs round trip at £25/hour.
Level 6 to 8 step-up	Level 2 to 3 step-up (assistant to leader)	Total cost £800	
Level 8	Level 3 (leader)	Total cost £1100	

Estimated course commitment				
SCQF level	Online seminar hours*	Woodland sessions hours	Self-study hours	Total hours
Level 5	5.5	12	30.5	<b>48</b>
Level 6	8	24	28	<b>60</b>
Level 6 to 8 step-up	8	24	88	<b>120</b>
Level 8	13	48	119	<b>180</b>

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<b>Online seminars (via Zoom)</b>					
All sessions take place on Monday evenings and start at 6 pm					
Dates / Levels	Tech test 13 Sep (1-hour)	Course launch 27 Sep (2.5-hours)	Seminar 1 1 Nov (2.5-hours)	Seminar 2 29 Nov (2.5-hrs)	Seminar 3 & 4 7 Feb, 28 Mar (2.5-hrs)
Level 5	√	√	√		
Level 6	√	√	√	√	
Level 5 to 6 step-up	√	√		√	
Level 5 to 8 step-up	√	√		√	√
Level 6 to 8 step-up	√	√			√
Level 8	√	√	√	√	√

**\*Note for the online course:** We expect you to join 'live' for the seminar sessions, to allow you to be fully involved in group discussions and assessments.

<b>Woodland sessions</b>						
All sessions take place on a Thursday, from 9 am on site, to 5 pm, unless otherwise stated below						
You will be allocated to <i>either</i> Group A or B on booking						
Dates / Levels	1.5 day sessions day 2 of these finishes at 1 pm		1.5 day sessions day 1 of these starts at 1 pm		3 days 10, 17, 24 Mar	Delivery assessment Arranged individually after the course
	Group A 30 Sep, 28 Oct	Group B 7 Oct, 4 Nov	Group A 28 Oct, 11 Nov	Group B 4 & 18 Nov		
Level 5	√	27				
Level 6	√	√	√	√		
Level 5 to 6 step-up			√	√		
Level 5 to 8 step-up			√	√	√	√
Level 6 to 8 step-up					√	√
Level 8	√	√	√	√	√	√

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### **Self-paced study**

Before joining each seminar, you will be expected to find the time to watch a series of self-paced study videos, and do some short exercises or research. This is to enable you to fully take part in our live sessions together, and to support your fellow students. This usually amounts to about 5 hours over around three weeks. Written coursework will require additional self-study time.