

Forest School

Professional Development Autumn 2016

These afternoon sessions are aimed at training and qualified Forest School leaders and assistants to support in their skill and theoretical development. These will be led by various members of the team who are all experienced Forest School leaders.



£16

per session per person

Tree Hugging; Part 1

Weds 21st September 1-4pm

This workshop is aimed at those wanting to find out more details about the trees in their local landscape in a fun and exciting way. It will provide learners not only with the tools and confidence to explore and identify trees for themselves, but will also explore tree lore and traditions surrounding these trees. Led by Kelly Francis

Tarpology

Weds 28th September 1-4pm

This workshop is around all things related to tarps. Learners will be shown various methods and techniques for setting up tarps using natural anchors, with demonstrations of the various orientations and permutations for creating shelter. Learners will explore the types of knots used and why, and effective pegging out of the tarp. Led by Phil Harris

Cleaving wood

Weds 5th October 1-4pm

In this workshop we will use tools to cleave wood. It is aimed at practitioners who may not use Billhooks or Knives with their pupils very often and would like to revisit their use and boost their confidence. We will practice the safe use of the tools to make some items as well as exploring their risks and benefits. Led by Mark Sackville-Ford

Playing off the ground

Weds 12th October 1-4pm

This workshop is aimed at those who would like to add to their repertoire of activities with ropes, hammocks and ladders. You will make a temporary rope swing, make a traversing rope, explore rope ladders and tie a hammock securely. There will be discussion around the health and safety aspects of these activities and how your child will benefit. Led by Jon Routledge

Hippo time: Mud

Weds 19th October 1-4pm

In this workshop you will explore how natural materials can enhance play without any significant cost. You will be shown how freedom with Mud will often support participants in developing their creativity and independence. You will discuss children who are reluctant to play in mud and think about how you communicate the use of mud with parents. Led by Phil Harris

Saws and Drills

Weds 2nd November 1-4pm

This workshop is another tool based one, where participants will practice the safe use and application of saws and drills. You will discuss aspects of their use with a range of ages of children and any adaptations that might be needed. You will explore the importance of young people 'making and taking' home items from Forest School. Led by Jon Routledge

Firey Fun

Weds 9th November 1-4pm

This workshop aims to boost your confidence around the use and practice of fire with Forest School sessions. It will cover three main practical aspects including some games play leading towards fire use, fire safety and basic lighting skills. You will reflect on the benefits of fires and the process benefits for young people. Led by Kelly Francis

Flow states: Full Fat FS

Weds 16th November 1-4pm

In this workshop we will revisit the principles and ethos of Forest School and explore the ways that these can be compromised. Through free-choice you will aim to experience a state of flow and reflect on the importance of this to ensure that Forest School can be transformational. You will leave the session with some action points for your own setting. Led by Mark Sackville-Ford

Diverse Dens

Weds 23rd November 1-4pm

This practical workshop will look at how you would select materials to create a natural den and shelter. You will identify suitable trees and practice small scale tree felling and then use these to construct natural shelters. The benefits of selective felling will be explored. Led by Phil Harris

Information about how to book onto these courses

For further information about these opportunities please contact Mark Sackville-Ford, Forest School Co-ordinator at mark.sackville-ford@stockport.gov.uk

To book onto any of these courses please complete and return the booking form via email to shannon.langdale@stockport.gov.uk 0161 437 4956 option2