## OCN Level 1 – Introduction to Forest School



Audience: Teachers, Learning Support Assistants, EY Practitioners, parent helpers, governors, freelances, outdoor learning officers and Head Teachers

Context: A fascinating intensive 2 day course with a third day (arranged at a later stage) observing an established Forest School. This is a nationally recognised Open College Network (OCN) Level 1 qualification that will change your approach to outdoor learning!

Forest School has been expanding rapidly across Norfolk over the last 7 years. Several aspects highlighted in the new OFSTED framework could be supported through Forest Schools work such as communication, independent learning, the use of open questions, problem solving and the development of pupils' ability to assess and manage risk themselves.

## **Objectives:**

The course will help delegates:

- build a picture of what 'Forest School' is, the philosophy behind the approach and how it may work in different settings
- gain the OCN level 1 qualification Introduction to Forest School
- increase their knowledge and skills in areas applicable to many types of outdoor learning, including: natural play, using knots, holistic development, health and safety, species identification and many ideas in using the natural environment for learning

Introduction to Forest School - OCN Level 1 is provided by Birchwood Learning (please visit their website <a href="https://www.birchwoodlearning.com">www.birchwoodlearning.com</a> for further information) and is moderated by The Forest School Training Company (<a href="mailto:forestschooltraining.co.uk">forestschooltraining.co.uk</a>)

Please visit <u>www.norfolk.gov.uk/outdoorlearning</u> and click on Forest Schools for further information of Forest School in Norfolk.

## **Important Information:**

Please bring a packed lunch with you – we will provide hot drinks Parts, or the majority, of the training will be outside, whatever the weather!

Course code: ECNG8

Course date: 6 & 7 June 2013 from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

at Catton Park, Norwich

Course Fees: Norfolk (All Schools) - £330

For more information and booking - <a href="http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms/">http://www.cpd.norfolk.gov.uk/sdms/</a> Or email CS.NIEASTraining@norfolk.gov.uk





