



# Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders Training with The Garden Classroom - FAQs



## Why choose TGC and who will deliver the course?

For twelve years The Garden Classroom (TGC) has designed and delivered high quality nature connection experiences for urban children and young people, seeing (and measuring) the transformation that a connection to nature can bring children and young people and adults.

Our Forest School trainer, Richard Skrein, is a qualified teacher, forest school teacher trainer and outdoor educator with many years of experience working in schools and outdoor settings with young people and adults. Richard is also the author of '50 Things to Do in the Wild', published by Pavilion Books (2020). Richard has trained hundreds of forest school leaders and it is one of his favourite things to do!

## What are the entry requirements?

There are no formal entry requirements. This qualification is for those aged 19+ with experience teaching or working with young people who wish to become Forest School Leaders. Those with no experience working with children or young people are encouraged to apply and will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

## Topics covered include:

- Understanding learning as a process, not a product and putting the learner at the very heart of this.
- Woodland structure, identification of flora and fauna, and sustainable woodland management at Forest School.
- The delivery, assessment and evaluation of a Forest School programme.
- Application of up-to-date learning and development theory, understanding of impact of behaviour to learning and development, holistic learning and development at Forest School.

## What is the qualification?

ITC Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders

(Qualification Number: 603/3213/X)

To view or download the qualification specification, please

[click here](#).

## What can I do with this qualification?

This qualification is intended to provide the skills and knowledge required to set up and deliver safe and effective Forest School programmes, for those who wish to become Forest School Leaders. The course is certified by ITC First, who are approved by and meet the requirements of the Forest School Association.



## What will we do on the course?

Forest School training with The Garden Classroom is as much an experience as a training course, and will immerse you in both the practical and theoretical elements of the forest school approach. It is also a huge amount of fun!

- The development of Forest School and the necessary paperwork to support this.
- Placing conservation at the heart of our practice and understanding the ecological impact when planning and delivering a Forest School Programme.
- Facilitating a range of woodland skills, including tools, knots and campfire management appropriate to a Forest School Programme.
- Lots of fun practical ideas to use right away!





## Where will the courses take place?

Meadow Orchard in Crouch End, London and at  
The Quadrangle, Shoreham in Kent.

### What is the price?

£880 including all training, materials, support and certification.

### What is the course structure/schedule?

1. Initial training week, five days.
2. Portfolio development: candidates have one year from their initial training week to develop their portfolio. Six Forest school sessions are required as evidence, which should be completed before the Assessment. TGC can support and advise those who do not already have access to a group of learners. Trainees will also be required to organise their first aid training during this period, which is not included in the cost of the course.
3. Assessment, three days. In general, this happens six months after your initial training week.
4. Hand in portfolio of evidence, one year on from initial training week, or sooner.

### What are the daily timings of the course?

The first day of the initial training week is 9am-5pm. All other days are 09:30am-5pm.

### What do I need to bring?

Please bring appropriate clothing, a full set of waterproofs, outdoor boots and packed lunches for each day. A flask with a hot drink is recommended also.

If you like to take notes please bring everything you need to do so.

### Who should I contact?

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