

Trainee Forest Craftperson

This is a full-time temporary post offering work experience and training in the land-based sector. It will assist individuals to compete for jobs in grounds maintenance, arboriculture and forestry.

Eligibility: Must be aged 18-24 years;
Resident in North Ayrshire;
Not in Employment, Education or Training

Location: Unit 11, Portland Place Industrial Estate, Stevenston

Course Duration: 28 weeks (2 weeks voluntary + 26 weeks waged)

Hourly Rate: National Minimum Wage

Hours of Work: 9-4 (Mon – Thurs) & 9-1.30 (Fri): Equates to 30hours per week.

Duties: Undertake a range of tasks associated with countryside and woodland management. This may include: Clearance of litter & flytipping; tree planting and protection; hand and chemical weeding; cutting pathside vegetation; brashing and pruning; chipping of branchwood; felling of small trees; footpath and step maintenance; fencing; rustic joinery.

Training: Appropriate accredited training will be provided in relation to specific work tasks – safe use of brushcutter/trimmer, mechanical woodchipper; chainsaw, pesticides.

Vocational training is accredited by NPTC/City & Guilds.

Essential Job Requirements: Genuine interest in working in grounds maintenance, arboriculture or forestry. Prepared to work outdoors in all weathers.

Previous experience of working or volunteering in an outdoor occupation is desirable but not essential for this vacancy.

To apply: In the first instance please contact your Work Coach or other employment advisor within DWP/Job Centre Plus, CEIS or North Ayrshire Council. These organisations will be able to advise on eligibility criteria and arrange referral for interview. An up-to-date CV must be brought to the interview.

Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 29th August at *CEIS Ayrshire Office, 1 Main Street, Stevenston, KA20 3AB.*

Further Information: Contact East Ayrshire Woodlands - Telephone: 01563 578280

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