

Countryside Conservation Training & Work Experience on New Deal



BACKGROUND

The Scottish Wildlife Trust is a major provider of practical conservation work experience and training in **Countryside Construction & Woodland Skills** in Scotland. We currently operate 11 training teams throughout the Central Belt as well as Tayside, Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders.

WHAT WE OFFER

A wide variety of work: habitat management such as hand tool felling to encourage regeneration of native woodlands; or access and boundary work, eg hedge planting, footbridge construction, fencing; habitat creation, eg tree planting; and much more. Work is **seasonal** and changes throughout the year. Occasionally teams have to work in poor weather conditions.

Diverse locations: training is carried out on our own wildlife reserves and other countryside or urban wildlife sites.

Practical experience in a real work environment: this is essential for the learning and consolidation of new skills. All work undertaken helps protect and enhance Scotland's wildlife and helps the Trust achieve its aims.

A variety of **Lantra qualifications** designed to provide you with a range of job-orientated skills that can be applied to environmental conservation as well as a wide range of other occupational areas, therefore enhancing your employment prospects.

Access to **jobsearch** websites, newspapers and environmental job-sheets, possible work placements, as well as help with application and CV writing, references, etc.

All necessary **protective** waterproof and safety **clothing, tools** and **equipment** are provided by the Trust, as well as **transport** to and from worksites.

WHO CAN JOIN

Opportunities are free and aimed at **unemployed** people eligible for New Deal, who have an interest in nature conservation and enjoy working outdoors.

To be eligible for New Deal you should normally have been unemployed for at least 6 months if you are 18-24 years old, or at least 18 months if you are over 25. Your local job centre staff can advise you of your eligibility.

The length of stay is normally **13 weeks** during which you will continue to receive your existing benefits and allowance. **Travelling expenses above £4 can be paid.**

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

Our Lantra courses are competence-based, certificated and nationally recognised. All our training supervisors are Lantra-trained to deliver and assess these qualifications.

Lantra Qualifications: Bridges & Boardwalks, Brushcutter, Clearing Saw, Chainsaw - Maintenance & Crosscutting, Chainsaw - Maintenance, Crosscutting & Felling Small Trees, Drystane Dyking, Fencing - Post & Rail, Fencing - Post & Wire, Footpaths, Gates & Stiles, Hand Tool Felling, Steps, Tree Planting.

WORKING DAYS/HOURS

From 9 to 5 Monday to Thursday, and from 9 to 1 on Friday, ie **32 hours a week**. Teams are out on site for up to 4 days per week with Fridays being a half day in the office for job search activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAMS PLEASE CONTACT

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