



Colaiste Abaid a' Bhatail Nuaidh

# Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards

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# Questions for today...

- ▶ Why?
- ▶ What are the 'Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards'?
- ▶ How can they be delivered?
- ▶ Discussion: key issues?
- ▶ Next steps?

# Why?

1. Accreditation of Forest School and Outdoor Learning within SCQF framework levels 2-7
2. Learner centred, progressive programme of skills and leadership
3. For Scotland and beyond...
4. Equality of access, inclusion and achievement
5. Progression pathways to employment
6. Promote Health and Well-Being
7. Skills for Learning, Life and Work

# How they will be unique...

- ▶ First Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards scheme in Scotland credit rated to the SCQF
- ▶ Integrated with Curriculum for Excellence and Forest School Association expectations
- ▶ Clear progression pathways

Greater emphasis on :

- ▶ Skills
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Pedagogy
- ▶ Creativity

# SCQF credit rating

## THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scf.org.uk](http://www.scf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			

# Forest and Outdoor Learning Awards

SCQF Level	Awards	Forest School Association equivalent
2	Forest and Outdoor Skills 2	None
3	Forest and Outdoor Skills 3	
4	Forest and Outdoor Skills 4	
5	Forest School and Outdoor Leader 5	Level 1 Practitioner
6	Forest School and Outdoor Leader 6	Level 2 Practitioner
7	Forest School and Outdoor Leader 7	Level 3 Practitioner

# Structure of the FOLAs

Unit 1	Being in the forest and outdoors	Levels 2-7
Unit 2	Knowing...	Levels 2-7
Unit 3	Working...	Levels 2-7
Unit 4	Making...	Levels 2-7
Unit 5	Learning...	Levels 5-7
Unit 6	Leading...	Levels 6-7
Unit 7	Managing...	Level 7
Unit 8	Legal Compliance in the Outdoors	Level 8

# How can they be delivered?

- ▶ Approved Providers: Forest School Trainers; schools; colleges; outdoor learning organisations.
- ▶ Role of Newbattle Abbey College
  - ▶ Quality Assurance
  - ▶ Recognition of Prior Learning
  - ▶ Support
  - ▶ Partner network
  - ▶ Provider of training and delivery
- ▶ Partnership: FSA; SRUC; QMU; FSTC; NESOLG plus pilot councils/schools/community learning
- ▶ Pilots 2018-19; full launch 2019...



# Discussion: Key Issues?

- ▶ What agendas would you like the awards to address?
- ▶ Any key issues that you would like to raise?
- ▶ Key questions/concerns that need to be addressed?
- ▶ Advice?