

## Forest School

### Woodland Improvement Grant Challenge Grant

Two new types of grant are now available!

We have increased the money to support Forest School Sites.

For more details visit our website.



Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children, young people and adults, regular opportunities to achieve, and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences in a local woodland environment.

Forest School provides an excellent opportunity to bring learning to life, allowing children, young people and adults to explore and learn in a constructive way. This inspirational process increases self-confidence, self-esteem, improves individuals' ability to work co-operatively and promotes positive dispositions towards learning, while offering the opportunities to take risks, make choices and initiate learning for themselves.



Funding will be used to support the infrastructure for Forest Schools and to assist with the training costs of Forest School Leaders. Potential grant aid could be provided for any or all of the following:

- Wet weather gear
- Materials for art projects, such as cameras, paints, materials for sculptures
- Tools and ropes
- Materials and supplies
- Forest School Training
- Fencing and gates
- Initial Tree Safety Audits
- Remedial Arboriculture



If you or your organisation is interested in obtaining funding to kick-start or to stimulate the introduction of Forest School within your area, please contact [Wendy.edgerton@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Wendy.edgerton@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or [Nick.smith@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.smith@forestry.gsi.gov.uk). Applications for this money will be welcomed from individuals, charities, Local Authorities, Wildlife Trusts and any educational related organisation.





**We expect to open for business during May 2009 and will close on 31st October 2009.**

Judging will take place in November 2009 and results will also be published during that month. Contracts will be issued during December 2009.

Successful applicants can claim grants between April 2010 and March 2011.

We can now offer two types of grant aid – a capped challenge grant worth up to a maximum of £2,000 for each setting and an open challenge worth up to a maximum of £10,000 for each setting.

Further details and application forms are available on our regional web page.

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-76QBUW>

Please remember this is a competitive grant and unfortunately not all applicants can be successful.

If you need to discuss your application, please contact us:-

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