

Pembroke 21C Community Interest Company

Engagement Gateway Training Programme 2011-2012

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From November 2011 Pembroke 21C Community Interest Company will be delivering the following British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) designed Open College Network (OCN) Courses in partnership with BTCV who will internally verify all candidates' work. To be eligible candidates will be either unemployed or economically inactive.

The training will be carried out at two sites locally:

- Kingsmill Woodland on the National Trust's Stackpole Estate
- Hentland Willow and Woodland Creation project at Pembroke Refinery

These qualifications are useful for anyone planning to work in conservation. The skills are also relevant to the landscaping industry, horticulture, forestry and arboriculture and even some construction jobs. These are quite basic level practical OCN awards but are recognised by many employers and by all colleges.

The following courses are on offer from the New Year subject to take up.

- **Taster in environmental conservation - Entry level 3 – Credit Value 1**
2 days to include both practical and desktop work

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th January 2012

The taster is designed to give you the opportunity to try a range of environmental conservation tasks. You will then be able to gain more skills in these activities whilst you are training or volunteering with Pembroke 21C.

- **Introduction to tree identification - Entry level 3 – Credit Value 1**
2 days to include both practical and desktop work

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March 2012

This is an introductory unit to tree identification. When you have completed this unit you should be able to recognise the most common hardwood and softwood trees in a woodland setting.

- **Practical conservation skills – Level 1 – Credit Value 3**
3 days plus research and evidence

Thursdays 9th, 16th and 23rd February 2012

When you have completed this course you will have an understanding of how to:

- Undertake a range of practical conservation tasks in a variety of habitats
- Work in a safe manner
- Complete a risk assessment procedure for one site
- Demonstrate the correct techniques for maintaining and storing tools

- **Path construction and repair– Level 1 – Credit Value 3**
3 days plus research and evidence
Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th March
 When you have completed this course you will have an understanding of how to:

 - Identify common surfaces and construction types
 - Prepare site equipment and materials
 - Carry out path construction and repair
 - Ensure that path construction/repair is carried out in a safe and healthy manner

- **Health & Safety in a practical environment- Level 1 – Credit Value 1**
2 days plus research and evidence
Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th March 2012
 When you have completed this course you will:

 - Be aware of relevant health and safety requirements, procedures and equipment
 - Recognise and manage risk by following safe working practices

- **Control of soft vegetation- Level 1 – Credit Value 3**
3 days plus research and evidence
Thursdays 19th, 26th January and 2nd February 2012
 When you have completed this course you will be able to:

 - Prepare for vegetation control
 - Carry out vegetation control according to instructions
 - Ensure that vegetation management is carried out in a safe and healthy manner

- **Control of woody plants – Level 1 – Credit value 3**
3 days plus research and evidence
Wednesday 4th, Thursdays 5th and 11th April 2012
 When you have completed this course you will be able to:

 - Prepare for the control of woody vegetation
 - Carry out vegetation control using the correct tools and techniques
 - Ensure that woody vegetation is controlled in a safe and healthy manner

- **Introduction to estate maintenance & countryside skills – Level 1- Credit Value 3**
3 days plus research and evidence
Thursdays 12th, 19th, and 26th April 2012
 When you have completed this course you will be able to:

 - Prepare for tasks
 - Maintain a country footpath
 - Maintain boundaries
 - Maintain a woodland area for conservation
 - Tidy your work area

For further information or to book places on any of these courses please contact:

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