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Information Document: Beach Schools

Unit Title: Beach Schools Practical Skills and Environmental Management
Level: 3
Credit Value: 6
GLH: 16 (self-study 44 hours)
Accrediting Body: Open awards



As the concepts of outdoor learning are becoming more widely accepted and applied to a UK audience, there is an increasing need for quality and safety to sit hand in hand. Forest Schools Education, as a leading qualifications development centre and training organisation, has had increased requests for ideas and a framework through which

children, practitioners and the specific environment of beaches and shorelines can be safeguarded.

Beaches have always attracted a large number of individuals from a range of social and economic backgrounds to be utilised for the many needs and requirements of those using them. Uses range from pleasure and leisure, sport, education and other creative employment sectors. This course intends to use beaches as an environment for a whole new learning experience.

Intended participants will be already qualified to work with children and have a passion for or experience of outdoor play and learning. You can be working with children from a range of settings and ages. The activities we cover on the course will enable you to understand the development of Beach Schools, apply it directly to your chosen group and be able to identify and use case studies of the use of beaches as an educational resource from both an international and local perspective.

Increasingly, as the educational markets are becoming more creative in utilising the outdoors as a classroom, we, as a nation, are becoming more aware of the hidden potential of the outdoors. Demand for outdoor education is higher than it has been for 60 years in the UK. For those who have easy access to the 11,000 miles of shores that



surround the British Isles, it is not surprising that these are becoming an inspirational learning environment and parents and carers as well as educators are seeing and experiencing very positive impacts on their children.

This qualification can be utilised independently to assure practitioners and those employing them that children's safety is paramount and the use of the marine shores and beaches can be sustained for future generations as well as being productive in educating our children with their unique qualities and habitats.

Once the course is completed, the learner will be able to:

Understand the sustainable management of marine beach ecosystems as a learning resource through

- The development of understanding of the ecological structure
- The management methods of local marine ecosystems.

Demonstrate how to use and teach a range of practical skills appropriate to Beach Schools to include

- Temporary shelters using appropriate knots and resources
- Fire lighting and beach cooking fire
- Pedagogical approaches to designing and delivering Beach Schools sessions
- Effective reflective processes
- Development of emotional intelligence and social skills.

Understand the unique Health and Safety requirements for running Beach Schools.

Areas investigated include

- Tidal forecasts
- Seasons and tides
- Fires and landowners
- Benefit analysis and supporting the safety of your group
- Basic good working practice procedures.

Beach Schools Practical Skills and Environmental Management
6 Credits at Level 3
Guided Learning Hours: 16 (with 44 hours of self-study)

This qualification can be utilised independently to assure parents, local authorities and employers that Beach School Practitioners:

- Consider children's safety as paramount
- Exercise good practice at all times
- Use marine shores and beaches in a sustained way for the benefits of future generations
- Are continually productive in educating our children on the coastline with their unique qualities and habitats.

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