Department for Education

WORK SKILLS

OUTDOOR SKILLS: ENGAGING WITH NATURE - ONLINE

COURSE SUMMARY:

Nature is all around us, every day. Whilst everything else is closed due to lockdown, the natural environment is awake and becoming more so every day as we move through winter to spring. Over 5 weeks (2 hr sessions twice a week) you will be encouraged to spend time outside, looking at the natural world and exploring it. Time online will include creating audio and visual presentations of your findings for the rest of the class to view.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ON THIS COURSE?

This course will be accessed via an online classroom. Each session you will meet virtually with the tutor and the rest of your classmates to discuss the environment around you. The sessions will each be themed with a different focus so that a variety of 'aspects of nature' will be investigated over the 5-week period. During the taught sessions & in your own time in between, you will create a presentation about your own observations of nature. This may be an audio presentation, a visual presentation, or a combination of the two depending on your own preferences. Ideally learners will create a mini edited video presentation with the guidance from the tutor. Some of the activities you will be encouraged to participate in, include:

✔ **Exploring the** natural world to investigate plants and animals in your local area
✔ **Identifying birds,** trees and other plants and animals
✔ **Consider the** threats to our natural environment such as litter or coastal erosion
✔ **Completing quizzes** and class discussions to find out about local habitats
✔ **Use presentation** software such as PowerPoint or OpenShot Video Editor to create presentations of your findings to share with classmates

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

● Aged 19 or over
● Access to outside space; eg: a garden or public park
● Access to a computer for 'Teams' classroom (we can support you with accessing this)

AWARD:
Unaccredited

PROGRESSION FROM THIS COURSE:

● Skills in Digital Photography
● Introduction to Walking and Camping
● Digital Journaling

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