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‘Skills for the Future’



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Meet the Team



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Project Aims

1. Provide a route into employment in the environmental sector
2. Engage communities
3. Improve biodiversity
4. Positively influence the management of urban green spaces



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Course organisation

- 3 yr project funded by HLF 'Skills for the Future'
- 18 Traineeships
- L2 Diploma in Practical Environmental and Conservation Skills
- 40 Partnerships
- Certification and experience of grounds maintenance tools/machinery
- Species ID and habitat management skills
- Employability skills
- <https://vimeo.com/202409107>



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Impact

1. 2/3rds gained employment in environmental sector
Personal health and happiness
2. Change in attitudes and behaviours
3. Maintenance and improvement of habitats
4. Provides focus for managers to look at new ways of working

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Into the future

- Fluid and evolving
- Find a sustainable way of delivery qualifications and training
- Create more and different jobs
- Better ways of evaluating impact
- March 13th 'Creating an Innovative NE Environment Sector.'



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