



# Forest School Practitioner Level 3 Training Course

Hong Kong

**Proposed September, 2019**

Ark Eden will be organising Hong Kong's second Forest Schools Practitioner Award (Level 3) training course in September 2019 and is looking for indications of intent from interested individuals, schools and organizations to potentially run level 3 trainings. Please indicate what weeks are most suitable in September, including the holiday week and weekend.

Organiser



Training Organisation



## About Forest Schools:

*Forest Schools are long term programmes within a natural space, lead by a qualified practitioner. They focus on developing personal, social and emotional life skills through learner led, nature-based learning. - Forest School Education*

*Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees. - Forest School Association*

## Course Content:

The Forest School Practitioners Training Course (also called the Level 3) is designed for educators who wish to establish or lead a Forest School programme. It is a comprehensive 5-day training course to start you on your journey towards becoming an accredited Forest School Leader. *Participants do not have to have taken Forest School Level 1 or Level 2 to join this course.*

This immersive, hands-on course will allow learners to:

- Gain an understanding of the Forest School principles and ethos
- Developing the necessary outdoor skills such as working with shelter, tools and fire
- Looking at safety, risk-taking and its benefits towards holistic development
- Educational theories linked to childhood development
- Steps towards designing, planning and implementing a Forest School programme

After completion of the 5-day training week, participants will have 6 months, extendable to 1 year, to complete an online assessment or progression week, and submit a portfolio of work.



The course is well suited for, but not limited to:

- Educators – school leaders, teachers and assistants
- Outdoor learning providers and specialists
- Anyone in social care or mentoring role, or working with individuals with special needs

### About Sarah Blackwell (Trainer):

Sarah is the chairman and founder of Forest Schools Education, the largest provider of Forest School training in the UK. She has been pioneering Forest Schools learning and training for the past 15 years. Sarah has also conducted extensive research about the benefits of Forest Schools. She is a regular author and contributor to outdoor learning magazines and has established two Forest School kindergartens in Sheffield, England.

### Course Details:

**Date:** September 2019

**Length:** 5 days Mon-Fri, from 9am-5pm

**Location:** Ark Eden - 11 Tung Hang Mei, Mui Wo, Lantau Island, Hong Kong

### Insurance:

Ark Eden will provide individual personal accident coverage included in the course fee.

### Proposed Cost (based on last course price):

**Level 3 Practitioner: HK\$9800 - early bird. \$10,800 from June 2019.**

*Participants do not have to have taken Level 1 or 2 to join the Level 3 course.*

The training will include:

- Five days initial training week
- Online assessment or 4-day progression week\*.
- Ongoing remote trainer support throughout your Forest Schools journey
- On completion, the Forest Schools electronic badge of qualification

\*Participants can either choose to undergo a four day progression week in the UK where a trainer will assess their learning (participants would need to arrange for their own flights and accommodation), or they can choose to take an online assessment will require each student to submit evidence of their learning and capability through very clearly written, spoken, video and photo evidence clearly showing that it is their own work and confirmed by a peer or line manager. They will show competence and safety in all disciplines and clearly demonstrate that, when qualified, they will be able to lead sessions with children and young people (or adults).

**For queries and sign-up, please contact Ark Eden:**

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