

## Freelance NIFSA Forest School Trainer

<b>LOCATION</b>	Mainly Fermanagh & Omagh, Derry & Strabane and Mid Ulster Council Areas but can be NI Wide
<b>Role</b>	Freelance NIFSA Forest School Trainer
<b>SALARY</b>	£18-£20/hr (on a freelance basis)
<b>RESPONSIBLE TO</b>	NIFSA Forest School Development Manager
<b>HOURS</b>	Within school hours, mainly morning, term time only, usually 2-3 morning/week. Expected 100-140 hours per annum.
<b>MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB</b>	To be responsible for running forest school sessions in schools as part of our Forest School Awards Programme: <a href="https://www.forestschooolsni.com/?r3d=choosing-your-nifsa-forest-school-package#1">https://www.forestschooolsni.com/?r3d=choosing-your-nifsa-forest-school-package#1</a>

**This is a fantastic opportunity to become involved with a dynamic and progressive national charity:** <https://www.forestschooolsni.com/?r3d=about-nifsa#1>

### Main Functions – Freelance NIFSA Forest School Trainer

1. To run forest school sessions in schools for teachers undertaking their Forest School Level 3 qualification.
2. To liaise with the NIFSA Forest School Development Manager in relation to the Forest School sessions, dates unavailable, issues that arise etc.
3. To complete a presentation, editing a template, following sessions in schools and send them to the NIFSA Forest School Development Manager promptly.
4. To take photos, after checking permissions with teachers, for use in presentation and to share with NIFSA Forest School Development Manager for socials.
5. To attend meetings/training as appropriate and keep up to date with current developments and practice.
6. To be able to complete dates committed to running and give advance notice when not available (some exceptions permitted).
7. To carry out all responsibilities and activities within an equal opportunities framework.
8. To work within agreed policies and practices, including behaviour management, child protection, equal opportunities and Health & Safety.

## Requirements

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW IDENTIFIED
Relevant Experience	<p>A minimum of 2 years' experience of working with children.</p> <p>Organising and running activities/programmes with children.</p>	<p>Experience of working with/in a nursery/school environment.</p> <p>Good working knowledge of the environment and conservation.</p>	Application Form/interview
Education and Training	<p>First Aid Qualification.</p> <p>Willingness to undertake child protection training</p>	<p>Health &amp; Safety training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of Child Protection training</li> <li>• Forest School Level 3 Award (training will be provided and it would be expected the successful applicant should achieve the Award within 6 months of appointment)</li> </ul>	Application Form /interview
Special knowledge and skills	<p>Have an excellent working knowledge of the Forest School communities in the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Ability to run sessions for teachers with their class outside in all weathers.</p> <p>Good communication skills.</p> <p>Tact and diplomacy skills.</p>		Application Form /interview/ references
Any additional factors	<p>Ability to show initiative, be self-motivated and enthusiastic.</p> <p>Patient, tolerant and friendly approach.</p>		Application Form /Interview/ references

	<p>Enhanced AccessNI (after appointment).</p> <p>Full Driving Licence and access to transport to visit schools. Mileage allowance is provided.</p> <p>Displays an awareness, understanding and commitment to the protection and safeguarding of children and young people.</p>		
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Please complete the accompanying application form and email to Caoimhe Suitor at [caoimhe@learningwithoutwalls.net](mailto:caoimhe@learningwithoutwalls.net) before 12 noon 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025.