

Re-Tree It! Do you want to set up a tree-planting group, but you are not sure how to get started?

Join treesresponsibility (Climate Action in Calderdale) for a FREE programme of residential weekend trainings, plus one day training on working with schools (by arrangement). The emphasis will be on inclusive, practical and experiential learning. Expect the trainings to be hard work (including physical work outside) but also a lot of fun, and a chance to meet people with a wide experience of tree-planting and running groups. Accommodation will be in hostels, with delicious veggie food provided from Friday evening through to Sunday lunchtime.

You will learn:-

- How to find sites and draw up planting plans
- How to run a tree-planting event with volunteers
- The background practicalities of setting up a group
- How to work with schools
- How to look after the trees you have planted
- How to include natural flood management techniques on your planting sites

Places on the training programme are extremely limited, so preference will be given to people who want to attend all the trainings, and who plan to be actively involved in setting up tree-planting groups.



2019 to 2020 Dates

All weekend trainings begin with a shared meal at 7 p.m. on the Friday evening, followed by an introductory session from 8 – 9.15 p.m. Please bring a warm sleeping bag, water proofs, sturdy walking boots/footware and sun cream just in case!

15-17th November:- Site design. Participants will have an indoor session to learn about what needs to be taken into account when drawing up a planting scheme. They will then visit two sites to get hands-on experience of putting together a planting plan. The weekend will also cover mapping, risk assessments and permissions required, and tips on visiting landowners. There will be a tree-planting on the Sunday morning. Accommodation will be at Blake Dean Scout Hostel, HX7 7AT.

3-5th January. Running a “New Year” Tree-planting at a site near Harrogate with volunteers. Participants will learn how to train volunteers in basic tree-planting, how to run a planting event smoothly and safely, how to identify small tree saplings without leaves, how to deliver planting plans and ensure quality control. Accommodation will be at Barden Bunk Barn, BD23 6AS.

7th - 9th February. Running a tree-planting group. Legal structures, working with existing partnerships, fund-raising, finance and record-keeping, social media, and ethical issues. The weekend will give you a chance to meet people from a range of different tree-planting groups and it will also include practical outdoor sessions on long-term maintenance of planting sites. Accommodation will be at Hebden Hey Scout Hut, HX7 7AP.

20 - 22nd March. Including Natural Flood Management interventions on planting sites. Site visits and “hands on” activity with Slow the Flow Calderdale. Accommodation will be at Height Gate Camping Barn, OL14 6JA.

March and April. Working with primary schools. This training will take place by arrangement, with a maximum of two people each time. It is the only event which will not take place on a weekend. Participants will need to arrange a CRB check. The training will cover issues involved in contacting schools. Communication to children of the role of trees in mitigating climate change and adaptation. Safeguarding. Links with the curriculum. The training will include a tree-planting with 8-11 year old children.

April or May tbc – a additional weekend could be organised by request, if participants feel they have more training needs.

All the above trainings will be free, but as treesresponsibility has not yet fully covered the costs, DONATIONS would be appreciated. Treesresponsibility would also like to thank the Environment Agency , White Rose Forest Partnership Community Groups, the Catchment Based Approach National Support Group, and Friends of the Earth who offered financial and practical support, and the Woodland Trust who are providing the trees.

The outputs of the training programme will be available after the event on the River Restoration Centre website, and we also aim to make some You Tube Videos.

Please see these websites for more information about other training opportunities

Future events: <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2019>

2017 to 2018 resources: <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2017-18>

Key workshop: people, farming, floods drought and nature <https://www.ciwem.org/events/workshop-integrated-catchment-delivery>