

Get into Learning ...

Derbyshire
Eco^{centre}

What's on

Autumn Courses

2017





Learn about sustainable building

Our practical courses on renewable energy and low tech building will help you to plan projects that you can build yourself and give you the confidence to talk to architects and contractors.

Welcome to the Derbyshire Eco Centre and our summer workshop programme. Discover the joy of learning in our eco building in its lovely location on the edge of the Peak District National Park and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site.

- Leading by example with our sustainable building design.
- Indoor and outdoor learning spaces to provide a wide range experiences for all ages.
- Discover our woodland walk, gardens and dry stone walling training site.

We are recognised as quality assured providers for:



Plus many more!

What's on Offer?

Our courses are colour coded to help you find subjects of interest to you. We have courses for beginners, for all abilities and follow on courses for those who already have some previous experience and want to develop their knowledge and skills.

Get Creative

We have lots of opportunities for you to unleash your artistic abilities and gain confidence using natural and recycled materials.

Get Hands On

Practical skills courses for those who don't mind getting their hands dirty. Includes short courses and longer qualification courses.

Get Learning as a Family

Our family activities are designed for parents, carers and children to enjoy together. Prices are per family – just £20 for up to 2 adults and 2 children, extra children are £5 each. Each adult can bring up to 3 children aged 4–14 but only 2 can be under 5 years old. Please check course details before booking as some courses have a higher minimum age limit.

Get Active and Healthy

Courses to get you active and healthy in mind, body and spirit. Fun short and weekly courses in yoga, massage and alternative therapies.

Get Ahead in Life and Work

Improve your confidence and skills to enhance your job prospects and make life changes that you have been dreaming of.

How to find the Eco Centre

Trent Barton bus 6.1

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, National Stone Centre**
– 2 minutes walk

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, Malthouse Close**
– 10 minutes walk

For public transport details contact **traveline:**
www.traveline.info
0871 200 22 33

Derbyshire Eco Centre
Porter Lane
Middleton-by-Wirksworth
Derbyshire DE4 4LS
01629 533038



5 steps to success!

1. Have a goal
2. Create a plan
3. Sign up
4. Attend
5. Look forward

'This was an amazing course which has given me the skills and knowledge to continue with what I have learnt'



We hire out spaces to groups for meetings and special events, please contact us for further information.

August

	<p>Pottery taster Hand build a pot using slab and pinch techniques and learn how to apply decorative glazes Monday 7th August & 14th August (10am–1pm) £40</p>
	<p>Working outdoors – dry stone walling taster Have you always dreamed about working outdoors? A chance to find out if dry stone walling might be for you Monday 7th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Family pottery Learn hand building techniques to make fun objects from clay. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Tuesday 8th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Coppice crafts taster Learn how to use a shave horse, draw knife and other greenwoodworking tools to make a besom broom, wooden plant labels and gypsy flowers Tuesday 8th August (10am–1pm) £20</p>
	<p>Mindfulness taster Discover how to become more aware of the present moment and develop a deeper enjoyment of the world around you Wednesday 9th August (10am–1pm) £20</p>
	<p>Hazel and willow frame baskets Use the natural shapes of summer cut hazel or dried stored hazel to make a frame basket and/or tray with woven willow sides Wednesday 9th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Woodworking taster Learn basic joinery skills and make a small wooden box with a tray to keep jewellery or knickknacks in Thursday 10th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Family bushcraft Learn how to light fire, use plants and tree bark to make bracelets and woven products. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Thursday 10th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Bushcraft taster Learn how to light a fire the natural way and collect and use plants to make strong woven cord Thursday 10th August (2–5pm) £20</p>
	<p>Pizzas, pittas and parathas Impress your family and friends with these easy hand made breads from around the world Friday 11th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn to carve a decorative stone from a design of your choice Friday 11th August (10am–4pm) £30</p>

★ Courses marked with this star are on special offer! Book with a friend who hasn't learned with us before or not learned with us in the past 3 years and buy one place get one free!
Contact the centre for details and to make your payment.

August – continued

	<p>Dry stone walling – Lantra level 1 certificate Gain the basic knowledge and skills to build and repair dry stone walls to a satisfactory standard. Starts Monday 14th August (10 days over 3 months) £426 / £397 / £283</p>
	<p>Family willow crafts Have fun experimenting with willow! Plait a snail, weave a fish or sword, or create a crown. Suitable for children 7 years old and over and their grown ups Tuesday 15th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>AED (defibrillator) awareness Learn how to safely set-up and apply an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and know when you need to use one. Wednesday 16 August (10am–1pm) £20</p>
	<p>Family alien misfit books Let your imagination run wild to create your own Alien Misfit book to take home. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Thursday 17th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Painting with nature taster Be inspired by and use natural materials from the landscape around the Eco Centre to make a small mixed media artwork Thursday 17th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Working outdoors – horticulture and gardening taster Have you always dreamed about working outdoors? Find out how our horticulture and gardening courses could start you on a new career path Friday 18th August (10am–12pm) FREE</p>
	<p>Stained glass sun catchers taster Use copper foil techniques to make a beautiful stained glass sun catcher to hang in your window Friday 18th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>

September

	<p>Bushcraft and survival skills weekend Get back to nature with a weekend in the woods learning shelter building, fire lighting, uses of wild plants and trees, wood carving and water purification. Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th September (10am Sat–4pm Sun) £135</p>
	<p>Willow sculpture Learn simple willow weaving techniques to create your own sculptures for the house or garden Sunday 10th September (10.00am–4.00pm) £44</p>
	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn how to carve a decorative stone from a design of your choice Monday 11th September (10am–4.00pm) £46</p>

* £20 for a family of up to 2 adults and 2 children. Extra Children £5 each (maximum 3 children per adult)

September – continued

	<p>Introduction to joinery at the Anthony Gell School, Wirksworth Learn basic joinery skills and gain confidence in using carpentry tools Starts Wednesday 13th September (7pm to 9pm) £135 / £122 / £70</p>
	<p>Jewellery Making – Silver craft (at the Anthony Gell School Wirksworth) Learn traditional techniques to make jewellery by fashioning silver into beautiful forms Starts Wednesday 13th September (5pm–7pm or 7.15–9.15pm) £135 / £122 / £70</p>
	<p>Stained glass – an introduction to copper foil work Learn to create beautiful stained glass pieces using copper foil technique Friday 15th September (10.00am–4.00pm) £44</p>
	<p>Painting with nature Be inspired by and use natural materials and the landscape around the Eco Centre to make a stunning mixed media artwork Saturday 16th September (9.30am–4.30pm) £30</p>
	<p>Incredible edible gardens Combine edible flowers, herbs, fruit and veg to make a kitchen garden that's a sensory delight Saturday 16th September (9.30am–4.30pm) £30</p>
	<p>Altitude – Youth Music and Arts Festival A free, youth arts event presenting performances and exhibitions from young people aged 11–25, showcasing some of the best of local talent – see Wiksworth Festival website for more details Sunday 17th September</p>
	<p>Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Starts Monday 18th September (6.00pm–8.30pm) £86 / £78 / £44</p>
	<p>Community well dressing workshop Learn traditional skills that you can take away and use to create a well dressing with your community group Saturday 23rd September (10am–3pm) £5</p>
	<p>Green roofs Discuss the why, what and how of green roofing and help create a green roof to go in the Eco Centre's new garden area Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September (10.00am–4.00pm) £78 / £70 / £39</p>
	<p>Herbal remedies for winter Learn how nature can provide you with the ingredients to make a hebal seasonal tonic to take away with you Saturday 30th September (10.00am–4.00pm) £41</p>

 Courses with this logo are provided as part of Wirksworth Festival. Visit www.wirksworthfestival.co.uk for full Festival details

* £20 for a family of up to 2 adults and 2 children. Extra Children £5 each (maximum 3 children per adult)

October

	<p>Positive thinking through change Techniques to increase your resilience to major changes at work or in your personal life Tuesday 3rd October (6.30pm–8.30pm 3 wks) £5</p>
	<p>ABC Award in Practical Countryside Skills (Entry 3) An entry level countryside skills qualification suitable for those with a low level of learning disability Wednesday 4th October (10.00am–1.00pm 30wks) FREE</p>
	<p>ABC Award in Practical Countryside Skills (Level 1) A basic level, hands on, practical countryside skills qualification Wednesday 4th October (10.00am–1.00pm 30wks) FREE</p>
	<p>Introduction to stained glass technique Learn traditional stained glass techniques and make a small leaded glass panel (leaded light) Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October (10.00am–4.00pm) £78 / £70 / £39</p>
	<p>Rag rug making Design and make your own rug or wall hanging using traditional hooking or prodding rag rug making techniques Saturday 21st October (10.00am–4.00pm) £41</p>
	<p>Family mosaic making 7–14yr olds Use mosaic tiles and beads to make pictures inspired by nature. For children aged 7 and over and their grown ups Tuesday 24th October (10.00am–12.30pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Family crafts with natural materials Use found natural materials to create magical creatures, story sticks, potions, etc. Wednesday 25th October (10.00am–12.30pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Massage improvers Further massage techniques for those who have done an introductory course Monday 30th October (6.30pm–8.30pm 5wks) £70 / £64 / £39</p>
	<p>Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Monday 30th October (6.00pm–8.00pm 5wks) £80 / £73 / £43</p>



November

	<p>Stained glass (leadwork) – all abilities Learn or develop existing skills needed to create a leaded stained glass panel Thursday 2nd November (6.30pm–8.30pm 5wks) £81 / £75 / £49</p>
	<p>Introduction to garden design Come up with an exciting makeover plan for your garden Friday 3rd November (10.00am–12.30pm 6 wks) £97 / £88 / £49</p>
	<p>Hedgelaying Learn to lay a hedge in the traditional Derbyshire style, for the benefit of wildlife and the landscape Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November (10.00am–4.00pm) £78 / £70 / £39</p>
★	<p>Bags of fun! Make your own designer bag from fabric remnants or clothes you can't bear to part with. Saturday 4th November (10.00am–4.00pm) £41</p>
	<p>DIY for women Learn basic DIY skills and techniques in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere Tuesday 7th November (6.30pm– 9.00pm 5wks) £86 / £78 / £42</p>
	<p>Hurdle making Learn how to weave willow or split hazel poles into a strong panel for the garden. Sunday 19th November (10.00am–4.00pm) £51</p>
	<p>Willow wreaths for Christmas Make your own Christmas decorations from willow including wreaths and stars Saturday 25th November (10.00am–4.00pm) £44</p>
	<p>Willow wreaths for Christmas Make your own Christmas decorations from willow including wreaths and stars Saturday 25th November (10.00am–4.00pm) £44</p>

December

	<p>Yoga to refresh and renew De-stress and revitalise yourself using yoga, relaxation, meditation and massage techniques Saturday 2nd December (10.00am–4.00pm) £34</p>
	<p>Traditional wreaths for Christmas Make a traditional wreath for your front door using festive foliage Sunday 3rd December (10.00am–1.00pm) £23</p>

★ Courses marked with this star are on special offer! Book with a friend who hasn't learned with us before or not learned with us in the past 3 years and buy one place get one free!
Contact the centre for details and to make your payment.

Derbyshire Eco centre

Get a different sort of qualification

The Eco Centre is one of very few centres in the country offering dry stone walling qualifications up to Level 3. We also offer RHS Horticulture qualifications at Level 2.
Please ask for details.



Wirksworth Festival Workshops

As in previous years, we have organised some creative workshops as part of the Wirksworth Festival in September. Look out for the Festival logo.



Wednesday group

We run a year round programme that caters towards people with all needs and may include a qualification in the outdoors.
Please ask for details.



Pathways for young people

into learning and work

Programmes for people aged 14–19 that help to build confidence and gain skills for the world of work.

- Hands on and active learning
- Personal support and careers advice
- Maths and English to help you move on up
- Help to develop work skills
- Qualifications that are recognised by employers.

14–19 Personalised Study Programme (countywide): Part time learning in our adult classes with individual support. Plenty of options and venues to choose from.

16–19 Pre-Apprenticeship Study Programme (various venues): Full time, one year course with other young people. Includes work related qualifications, such as for the hospitality, care, creative and construction industries.

16–19 Traineeship (countywide): 6 weeks to 6 months for young people wanting to move into work or an apprenticeship. Includes a work placement of at least 100 hours.

16–19 Apprenticeship (countywide): 12–36 months of workplace learning in a wide variety of subjects.

GET REAL SKILLS FOR REAL JOBS

Visit

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adult_education/get_into_work/get_into_work_for_learners/study_support_programme/default.asp



Think you can't? You could with us!

We offer a range of support to help you achieve, including:

- **Financial help:** Free courses, reduced fees, bus tickets, help to buy books
- **Childcare help:** We could pay for your childcare, or provide crèche support
- **Learning support:** Special equipment or a one-to-one helper for you in the classroom
- **Bring a friend:** Discounts for supportive friends or bring your support worker with you.

All additional support provided is based on an individual assessment, our staff can talk through this with you.

Something for everyone

We also offer courses that are not listed in this brochure.

These include family learning, personal development, support for mental health, and opportunities available for people with additional learning needs and/or disabilities. We also set up courses for businesses and with our partners.

Speak with our friendly staff to find out how we can help meet your needs.

What will this course cost?

We use three different bands for our course fees. The full fee for a course will be advertised as Band A. If you are a Derbyshire Gold Card holder, you will pay the Band B price for Community Learning. In most cases, we offer reduced fees for those on certain benefits at Band C. For some qualification courses you may be able to apply for a learner loan. There may be additional costs on some courses for materials and exams fees.

Please check at the time of booking.

How can I pay?

Payments can be made online, by phone, through the web or in person at the Eco Centre. For some courses, you may be able to pay in instalments.

How can I join?

Most courses are available to book through our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch or you can visit or telephone your local centre.

Where can I get further information or advice?

For detailed information about the support that we can provide, including financial help and learning support, visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide or call the Eco Centre. Not sure what to do next? We have highly skilled National Careers Service advisers actively involved in supporting learners in many of our centres. Ask in centre, visit the National Careers Service website or call **01629 532430**.

How can I help?

Find out how to volunteer at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/dacesvolunteer. We regularly recruit Tutors and Learner Support via www.derbyshire.gov.uk/jobs

Book online, it's easy
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch

Derbyshire Eco Centre Contact Details

Tel: 01629 533038

ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk

 /DerbyshireEcoCentre

 @DerbysEcoCentre

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre

For further information or to get a copy in a community language, on audio tape or in large print, please call the Eco Centre.

The details contained in this brochure are correct at the time of going to print. However we may have to make changes, giving advance notice wherever possible.