

Level 1 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture



Growing Well

Growing Well is a organic vegetable growing social enterprise based on a 10 acre site, at Low Sizergh Barn, 4 miles from Kendal. As a City & Guild's approved centre we offer accredited horticultural courses as well as one day leisure courses and teacher days.

Our fantastic site, consisting of large growing areas, 6 polytunnels and 3 yurts which are used for training, learning and relaxing in, provides the opportunity for students to learn the practical skills required as well as the theory needed to grow successfully and achieve Horticultural qualifications.

The level 1 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture, replaces the old level 1 NVQ and will give you both the basic practical horticultural skills and the knowledge required to start working in the horticultural industry.

It is very hands-on and practical course with some classroom based learning which is kept to a minimum. At least half of each day will be spent on practical tasks on and around the Growing Well site. Although your learning will be based on producing vegetables organically the skills and knowledge are transferable to all other aspects of horticulture.

Subject covered will include

- Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Planting and Establishing plants
- Maintaining plants
- Seed propagation
- Pest and Disease identification and control
- Vegetative propagation
- Preparation of growing media
- Harvesting and preparing crops
- The maintenance of equipment

Entry requirements

Candidates should be interested in Horticulture and be physically able to carry out practical tasks.

Assessment

A portfolio of evidence is built up over the length of the course which will include observations of practical tasks, photo's, worksheets and completed knowledge questions. There is no exam.

Course dates :

The Award will start on Tuesday 20th September and run for 33 weeks, one day per week, 9.30am – 3.30pm following school term times.

Course cost : £350 including C&G's registration and certification.

Free if you are 19+ and on Income related ESA, Job Seekers Allowance or don't already have a full level 2 qualification. Financial support for travel costs can be offered to those candidates recovering from a mental health issue.

You will need to provide steel toe capped boots. We are able to supply these at cost.

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