



Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture



Growing Well

Growing Well is an organic vegetable growing social enterprise based on a 5-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 a range of leisure courses.

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.

Course details

The Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture replaces the old NVQ, and aims to provide a work-related, competence-based qualification. It reflects the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively and shows that a candidate is competent in Production Horticulture.

The Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture at Growing Well is based on how to produce vegetables and salads organically but the skills and knowledge learnt are transferable to other aspects of horticultural growing. Most employers request a minimum of a level 2 Qualification.

The course will take place at Growing Well unless otherwise arranged and includes classroom-based sessions covering the knowledge requirements and plenty of hands-on practical sessions.

Subjects that will be covered will include

- ❖ Health and Safety
- ❖ Personal development
- ❖ Seed propagation
- ❖ Vegetative propagation
- ❖ Plant nomenclature
- Maintaining plants – pruning, weeding and feeding
- Clearing and preparing sites for planting crops
- Identifying and controlling pests and diseases
- Setting out and establishing crops
- Monitoring the health of crops

Entry requirements

Candidates need to be interested in horticulture and already possess some basic horticultural skills and knowledge and be able to work with minimum supervision. A reasonable level of literacy and numeracy is preferable.

Assessment

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

Course dates

The next course will start on 15th January 2019. It will run for 35 weeks, one day per week, 9.30am – 3.30pm, mostly following school term times. Please contact us for more details.

Course cost

Course fee £845 plus C&G's Registration and Certification cost of £105.

Free if you are 19+, unemployed and receiving specific state benefit or on a low income. Also, free if you are 19-23 and it is your first full level 2 qualification. Under 19's please contact us to discuss possible funding.

Contact: info@growingwell.co.uk or Growing well website.