



SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMME

GUIDANCE NOTES

The BES Teacher Training Summer School aids educators in teaching ecology to students nationwide. Teachers can face numerous barriers when trying to engage their students with the natural world. Our summer school will help you overcome these barriers, equip you with the skills and knowledge to teach ecology and inspire you to create engaging lessons of your own.

While attending the Teacher Training Summer School you will:

- Attend workshops teaching a range of ecological skills
- Experience opportunities to network with educators from a variety of schools and colleges
- Learn strategies to overcome barriers you may experience to the teaching of ecology
- Explore how ecology can be taught using a wide range of learning theories, incorporating inclusive learning practices, and strengthening maths and English skills.
- Receive a bundle of equipment to be used to teach ecology.

We will be running two teacher training days.

- Saturday 20th July for secondary school teachers
- Sunday 21st July for FE lecturers

We have designed the teacher training days to run alongside the main summer school sessions. Therefore, some sessions will be combined with undergraduates, and some will be separate, but all will have plenty of time for discussions on how to bring the different activities into your classrooms.

KEY INFORMATION

Online meeting: Wednesday 10th July
16:00 to 17:00

In-person days: 20th & 21st July

Location: [Rhyd-y-creuau](#) FSC Centre, North Wales

Deadline to apply: 29th April, midday (12pm GMT)

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The programme will be held at the FSC's [Rhyd-y-Creuau](#), a historic Georgian country house in the beautiful Snowdonia National Park.

During the day, we will be outdoors for extended periods of time, so basic outdoor equipment, such as a waterproof jacket, will be required. If you do not have access to this equipment, let us know, and we may be able to help. A prayer room/quiet



room will be available for the duration of our stay. The BES is committed to creating an inclusive environment. If you require any other inclusive measures, please let us know.

TRAVEL & EXPENSES

The Teacher Training Summer School is a fully funded experience. Due to the remote location, accommodation at the FSC centre is available if required.

You will need to organise your own transport. Reasonable travel expenses (standard fare rail) can be reimbursed by filling out an expense form. We encourage those travelling to the centre to use low-carbon modes of transport. By road, the centre is a short distance from the A55 North Wales Expressway. If you are planning to travel by train, Betws-y-coed is the closest railway station and is only a short distance from the centre.

ELIGIBILITY AND ASSESSMENT

Applications will be considered for all educators required to teach ecology as a part of their curriculum. We encourage applications from

individuals working for state-funded institutions who face or have faced barriers to teaching ecology and learners facing challenges in being able to engage with nature.

Following eligibility confirmation, applications will be competitively assessed by the awarding panel looking for evidence of (1) how attendance to the training will help you to overcome barriers to the teaching of ecology and positively impact you and your learners and (2) your commitment to improving the teaching of ecology and inspiring learners to engage with the natural world. The panel will include at least two members of the BES Professional Development team staff.

If you are concerned about your ability to complete the application form or have further questions, please contact Matt Town (matt@britishecologicalsociety.org) to inquire about alternative application methods via conversation or other methods.

You do not need to be a BES member to apply - this opportunity is open to all.

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