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Archimedes Forest Schools Awards 2011

Archimedes Training Ltd wishes to recognise and celebrate the magnificent work Forest School Practitioners are doing every day in engaging people with the outdoors and achieving amazing things. As in every field, there are those who go above and beyond what is being asked of them to provide truly inspirational experiences and this is your chance to thank those individuals who work so tirelessly.

Forest School Practitioner Award

At the heart of any Forest School programme, the Practitioner is someone who thinks about the needs of others while also being an ambassador for nature. The role can be both demanding and rewarding in equal measure, constantly developing their own understanding of woodlands and providing for and recognizing opportunities for learners to engage with.

The successful nominee will receive a “Archimedes Outstanding Forest School Practitioner Award” plaque as well as a training grant of £3000 for courses run by Archimedes Training Ltd*. They will also be interviewed for the forestschools.com web site and have an electronic badge to display on letters, web sites and anywhere else displaying their achievement.

Forest School Assistant Award

Assistants are invaluable to any Forest School programme and it is important that we recognise their contribution to enabling a safe environment in which personal, social and emotional development can take place. Assistants are to be applauded where they support and enable others as well as continuing their personal journey into understanding nature themselves.

The successful nominee will receive an “Archimedes Outstanding Forest School Assistant Award” plaque as well as a training grant of £1000 for courses run by Archimedes Training Ltd*. They will also be interviewed for the forestschools.com web site and have an electronic badge to display on letters, web sites and anywhere else displaying their achievement.

*Those open courses listed on the course diaries of www.forestschools.com and www.archimedes-training.co.uk including OCN Level 4 Training the Trainer, OCN Level 3 Forest School Practitioner, OCN Level 2 Forest School Assistant, OCN Level 1 Qualification, OCN Level 3 Beach Schools and Certificate in Outdoor Learning. Some of these courses are subject to entry requirements.

Nomination Rules

By entering the nomination process all nominees agree to follow the rules set out below;

Eligibility:

- The Outstanding Practitioner Award is for those qualified as a Forest School Practitioner/Leader to run Forest School programmes (Level 3 OCN, Level 3 BTEC, Level 4 HE Award, Level 3 NCFE or equivalent).
- The Outstanding Assistant Award is for those qualified to assist on a Forest School programme (OCN Level 2, Level 2 NCFE or equivalent)
- Nominators must gain the Nominees` (Practitioner and Assistant Awards) permission.
- Accepting a nomination gives permission for Archimedes Training Ltd to use photographs and information gathered through the nomination process for publicity.
- The training grants are to be used for additional training for either the award winner themselves or for those whom they nominate.
- If an award winner wishes to nominate someone else for the grant, it is done so as a donation towards developing Forest School provision. This must not be in conjunction with any commercial activity.
- Training grants must be spent within 12 months of award being awarded.

Format:

- All nominations must be completed on the official nomination form.
- Supporting Letters are to be one side of A4 and attached to the Nomination Form.
- Any nomination not following these guidelines will be excluded from the award process.

What to Include:

- Nominations should explain how the nominee demonstrates excellence in delivering **Forest School** programmes.
- Nominations should be detailed and specific, **providing examples** of merit wherever possible.

Of Note:

- The Judging Panel will hold all nominations in confidence.
- The Judges` decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The Judging Panel will consist of Paul Moseley (Archimedes Forest Schools Training Manager), Lily Horseman (Freelance Trainer and Forest Schools Practitioner, Kindling Play and Training) and Nick Wale (Managing Director Forest Schools Birmingham CIC).
- Nominations may be resubmitted in subsequent years, but nominations will not be carried over automatically.

Deadline:

- Completed nominations are due by 12:00p.m 1st August 2011.
- Nominations are to be posted to:

Archimedes Forest School Awards 2011
Archimedes Training
Wood Lane House Farm And Countryside Centre
Wood Lane
Stannington
Sheffield
S6 5HE

- *There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the nomination deadline or conditions.*

