

Skills and Learning – an update for the Green Space Sector

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Skills Update

- ***Skills to grow*** – strategy for addressing the problems and opportunities facing the green space sector
- **15 national partners**
- **7 Priorities**

Priorities

- 1. Raise awareness of the sector and the opportunities it offers**
- 2. Improve entry routes and career paths**
- 3. Improve availability and quality of training**
- 4. Improve management and leadership skills**
- 5. Increase the sector's investment in skills**
- 6. Build capacity for joined up thinking and working**
- 7. Develop and maintain a strong evidence base**

Priority 1: Raise awareness of the sector and the opportunities it offers

- Increased number of green space champions for 14-19 environmental and land based diploma
- Increased number of schools engaging children in gardening

Priority 2: Improve entry routes and career paths

- New horticultural apprenticeship framework with a tailored 'parks and green space' pathway
- Apprenticeship best practice workshops and guidance on CABE website
- Green space apprentices 31% in 2008, over 50% in 2009
- greenSKILL
- Grow Careers - www.growcareers.info

Priority 3: Improve availability and quality of training

- Cross sector institute work
- Lantra improvements to Course Finder
- IPGS training workshops:

Marketing
Influencing & Advocacy
Environmental Management Systems

Priority 4: Improve management and leadership skills

- CSLP
- APSE & English Heritage (HBGBS) short courses
- IPGS CMI Level 5

Priority 5: Increase the sector's investment in skills

- CLG funded £1.7m for apprenticeships
- Grey to Green

Priority 6: Build capacity for joined-up thinking and working

- Delivery board itself
- Cross sector institutes meeting
- ‘Delivering Better Skills for Better Places’
- GreenSpace forums – skills groups
- Online green space Community of Practice

Priority 7: Develop and maintain an evidence base

- CABE national research
- greenSKILL

To do!

- CSLP legacy
- Training workshops
- Apprenticeships
- greenSKILL
- 14-19 Diploma
- NOS review 27 April

National Occupational Standards

What are they?

“National Occupational Standards (NOS) set out the performance standards (what good performance looks like) and identify the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to work at that level”.

Thank you

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