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# LOW CARBON CAREERS

Throughout 2021 Groundwork Greater Manchester will be running a number of employment courses in Rochdale, Manchester and Trafford for young people looking to start their career in the green economy.

Unemployed young people between the ages of 18 and 25 will choose from 3 green economy sectors; the natural environment, waste and recycling or property retrofitting. Each young person will undertake 3-4 weeks of classroom based learning followed by a 2 week work placement plus support into employment by our dedicated employment coaches.

This programme has been developed with the support of employers to ensure that learners develop relevant new skills and competencies as well as a clear understanding of employer expectations and what it is like working in the sector.

Each course includes an accredited health and safety qualification and Carbon Literacy Certificate and is informed by current job and apprenticeship vacancies that local employers are recruiting for, to allow adaptation of course content and opportunities for young people to meet employers and find out about their business.



## 1. Natural Environment Sector

- This Course provides an introduction to careers within natural environment sector such as nature restoration including tree planting, river and flood risk management, landscaping and grounds maintenance, nature based solutions and green technology.
- Site based practical skills development and site visits e.g. tree planting, habitat management or invasive species control.
- Health and Safety in Construction Environment qualification & CSCS card and job specific licences.

## 2. Waste & Recycling

- Introduction to jobs and apprenticeships within the waste and recycling sector including processing domestic and business waste, recycling and re-use initiatives, specialist processors, logistics, office based and education roles.
- Workshop sessions covering legal requirements and targets, hierarchy of waste, waste minimisation and recycling plus site visits to different recycling and recovery facilities.
- Accredited health and safety training including COSHH, manual handling and health and hygiene.

## 3. Introduction to Retrofitting

- Introduction to sustainable construction practises and retrofitting, GM and social housing priorities, alignment with construction trades and apprenticeships and energy efficiency advice.
- Workshop sessions covering basic trade skills such as measuring out, assessing quantities, tool handling and cutting; skills relating to draft proofing, insulation measures, windows and doors.
- Health and safety in Construction Environment qualification and CSCS card.

# BUSINESS SUPPORT NEEDED

We need environmental companies in Greater Manchester to support this valuable project. If you can consider employing our course graduates, supporting the project through work placements or providing industry insight conversations please get in touch with Liane Kirk, Youth Employment Manager via the link below:

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