Community Paths Training Courses 2020

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Need help to get your community path project off the ground?

Our Community Path training courses cover all the key planning and management stages involved in any community path project, so you can pick the courses that best suit your specific needs and level of experience.

We are offering community organisations the opportunity to receive free training on their doorstep in 2018/19 and on a date that suits you by hosting one of the following training courses:

- **Managing your community path project**
  Learn how to design and manage a path construction project.

  The morning session of the course is classroom based whilst the afternoon session will be outdoors working on a local path.

- **Maintaining your community paths**
  Learn how to plan, organise and undertake practical maintenance tasks.

  The morning session of the course is classroom based whilst the afternoon session will be outdoors working on a local path.

- **Grading your community paths**
  Learn about the new path grading system and how you can use it on your community paths.

  This course will involve an outdoor site visit

How it works

Once we agree the course content and the date of the course with you, we will give you three weeks to make a group booking of up to a maximum of 20 people on the course.

If there are still spaces available on the course after this time, we will open the course up to other groups and advertise it through our website and mailing list.

Paths for All will cover all the costs associated with the training course, all we need you to do is to identify:

- A suitable venue
- A catering supplier
- A local path to use as part of the course which you have the landowner's permission to work on.

Venue

The venue needs to be:

- available between 9am - 5pm
- big enough to comfortably hold at least twenty people, with room for small groups to work on tables during breakout sessions.
- in close proximity to a path that needs some work carried out on it.
- fully accessible.
- easily accessible – preferably close to a train / bus station and has free parking spaces.

Catering

You need to help us identify a caterer who will be able to supply us with:

- Tea and coffee on arrival
- Tea / coffee break / biscuits
- Lunch - soup and sandwiches or finger buffet
- Tea / coffee break

Pre-course meeting

We will arrange to meet with you at least 3 weeks before the course to have a look at the venue / path and to finalise any outstanding details with you.

If you feel that you can meet these requirements, please get in touch with us on: 01786 641851 or communitypaths@pathsforall.org.uk

Training Course programmes

The following provides an overview of the content of each course we can offer you. However, we can amend our courses to suit your specific needs.

Managing your community path project

This course is designed to give you an overview of the key stages involved in the planning, development and delivery of any community path project.

What will I learn?

You will learn how to:

- Develop the skills and techniques to be able to carry out a path survey
- An understanding of the different elements to path planning
- Be aware of good path development and management
- Increased ability to plan a path project successfully

What to bring and wear on the day?

This course will involve an outdoor site visit. Please bring appropriate outdoor clothing and wear suitable footwear.

Programme:

10.00   Welcome

10.30   Introduction to Path Surveys

11.00   Break (refreshments)

11.15   Practical Path Surveying (outdoors)

13.00   Lunch

13:45   Path Design

14.45   Break (refreshments)

15.00   Managing your community path project

15.50   Evaluation

16:00   Close

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Maintaining your community paths

This course is a must for any community organisation who want to work with volunteers to upgrade or maintain community paths.

Learn about the tools you need to get the job done, how to organise volunteer work days and get hands on experience of upgrading a path.

What will I learn?

You will learn how to:

- Safely use hand and small power tools
- Repair and build paths
- Organise volunteer work days

What to wear and bring on the day

This outdoor course involves physical work. You will need to wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear, preferably steel toe-capped.

Programme:

10:00   Welcome & introductions

10:20   An introduction to path maintenance

10:45   Refreshment Break

11:00   Maintenance Planning

12:00   Working with Volunteers

13:00   Lunch

13:45   Practical Session

15:00   Refreshment Break

15:30   Review

16:00   Close

Grading your community paths

This course that will provide you with an understanding of the new path grading system; who it is aimed at; and the skills to grade paths consistently. There will also be an opportunity to grade and test a route.

What will I learn?

- Improved understanding of the aims of the path grading system.
- Increased knowledge of the six elements that make up the path grading system.
- Increased knowledge and skills to survey a path using the new system.
- Improved knowledge of path grading design guidelines.

What to bring and wear on the day?

This course will involve an outdoor site visit. Please bring appropriate outdoor clothing and wear suitable footwear.

Programme:

10.00   Welcome & introductions

10:15   What is the new system and how does it work?

10:30   Talking technical **-** Looking at the technical parameters of path surface and gradient.

11:45   Path survey exercise - A chance to try out the system on a local path.

12:45   Lunch

13.30   Distance and time - Recommendations for expressing distance and time.

13:45   Name and promotion - The name for a path, and how it's described, are important factors in helping visitors decide whether they want to use it.

14.15   Try it out. A practical exercise bringing together all the elements of the system.

15.00   Graphic presentation **-** A look at the conventions recommended for graphic design.

15:30   Final questions and answers; course evaluation

16:00   Close