



Hard Landscape and Construction

Venue:	Treo, Lacken Wood, Waterford
Course duration:	20 consecutive Fridays starting on 10 th March -2017
Work placement:	4 days (included in programme)
Accreditation:	QQI Level 4

Waterford Chamber Skillnet will be running a 100% funded QQI Level 4 Hard Landscape and construction programme over 20 consecutive Fridays at TREO, Lacken Wood starting on Friday March 10th.

Core Areas of Learning:

- Identify tools, materials and structural components used in the construction of hard landscape features using soil, concrete, brick, blocks, stone and timber.
- Excavate a foundation to required depth and fall using pegs, straight edge and spirit level.
- Prepare foundation so that hardcore is consolidated and level and blinded with sand to desired fall.
- Mark out a suitable area to be treated with hard landscape.
- Construct a raised bed.
- Prepare dry mix and concrete by hand or machine to a given mix.
- Construct flat features in concrete by pouring, tamping, covering and curing.
- Lay an area with slabs or paving blocks to correct level and fall with dry mortar between the joints.
- Construct a small wall of blocks, bricks or stone under direction using a range of materials.
- Erect one of the following as part of a team under supervision:
 - Post and rail fence, - Pergola, - Trellis, - Area of Decking
- Operate within appropriate safety procedures to create and maintain a safe working environment including safety standards regarding lifting, carrying and handling plants, tools and equipment.
- An introduction to business concepts and entrepreneurship in particular.
- To understand the basics of a business plan and key concepts in risk identification/analysis.
- Introduction to book keeping and financial considerations in business.
- To understand business and marketing strategy and how they contribute to a successful businesses

Assessment:

- The programme will be split between the practical and portfolio work.
- The portfolio of work will comprise of 4 skills demonstrations (100%)
- Students will work as a team and will be required to reflect on the experience of working as a team member.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ This is a 100% funded jobseeker only programme and eligibility criteria applies.. Full Eligibility criteria can be found here at: <http://www.skillnets.ie/eligibility-criteria-unemployed-people>
- ✓ Individuals working less than 19.5 hours per week and are signing for days not working **are** eligible to apply.
- ✓ TUS, CE and Job-bridge, Springboard, Momentum participants **are not eligible** for this programme.
- ✓ Prior permission may be required from your social welfare office in order to attend this programme so please make contact as soon as possible to register your interest.

To register your interest on this programme please call; 051-311135

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