



## Roots for the Future

A social enterprise, planting trees with communities

*15 billion trees are cut down globally each year and only 5 billion are replanted. At that rate it's estimated there will be no trees left on earth in 300 years' time.*

**Do something amazing – plant a tree  
Plant it with Roots for the Future**



### Who we are

Roots for the Future brings people together to plant trees near their homes, schools and places of work. Planting trees is a simple yet effective way to make a difference to the environment, and it strengthens communities. Our tree planting projects engage local people in the care of their environment and contribute to social cohesion. By partnering with local community groups, local authorities and housing associations, we collaboratively identify locations where tree planting will have the most positive impact, both socially and environmentally. We are a Community Interest Company, based in Godalming in South West Surrey.

Our workshops are a call to action enabling people to do something together that benefits their community, as well as the planet. Not only do trees provide us with the oxygen we breathe and absorb and store carbon, they also mitigate other climate change related issues such as flooding. Water sinks into soil under trees at 70 times the rate it sinks under grass. Trees absorb pollution and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark, helping to improve air quality.



## What we do



Our tailor-made events involve people of all ages in their local areas in tree planting, and feature outdoor exploration and forest school games for children. We welcome everyone, and envisage that our focus on children and young people will help to inspire the next generation to address climate change with nature-based solutions. Our professional workshop leaders highlight how trees are crucial to maintaining a sustainable environment.

Since its inception in 2016, Roots for the Future has planted thousands of trees and engaged hundreds of people in and around our community. We work with schools, community groups, councils and companies to plan the events. We believe our planting events not only benefit the participants, but the wider community living in and around the areas we plant in too. Additionally, at a micro-level, the events contribute to national and global sustainability targets.



We consider community activities, like Roots for the Future's, to be the root of curbing the global issue of climate change.

## Workshops

We plan our workshops with our partners to ensure they are suitable for the various participants we engage. Our workshop leaders are trained in paediatric first aid and have DBS check enhanced certificates.



### Key Stage 1

Learning outcomes:

- The benefits of trees to wildlife and us
- Seasons and their effect on trees
- Trees and hedges are homes
- Why outdoor play is important

### Key Stage 2

Learning outcomes:

- Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide
- Climate change awareness
- Human activity – the good and the bad
- The multiple benefits of trees
- Deforestation

## **Key Stage 3**

Learning outcomes:

- What we can do to tackle climate change both as individuals and as institutions
- CO2, greenhouse gasses, and their effects
- What we can do about CO2
- What sustainability is and how to achieve it
- How trees and plants are the fundamental basis of all life
- What biodiversity is and how to achieve it
- How trees, green spaces and the outdoors are crucial to our wellbeing
- The world's climate heroes

## **SEND**

We have experience of working with children with special educational needs. Outdoor learning, digging and planting is ideal for those who don't thrive in a classroom setting.

## **Tree planting**

Our tree planting is tailor made to suit the location and age of children. The children learn how to plant the tree in order to give it the best start in life, and what it will need to continue to grow alongside them as they rise up through the school.

What the children will learn has ripple effects for years to come and their knowledge has the potential to be passed onto those of their friends and family not involved in the workshops.

## **Presentations**

We deliver presentations to a variety of audiences and ages, both in and out of the sector. These are written to suit the attendees' particular interests and cover a range of topics. For example "Inspire – the story of Roots for the Future" has been presented at sector conferences.

## **Prices**

Fees start at £175 per event for our workshop leaders. This does not include the cost of the trees. Additional costs for tree planting start at £5 per head, depending on the type, size and number of trees being planted, as well as location. Roots for the Future has its own public liability insurance.

We are also able to work with groups and schools on joint applications for grants from funding bodies.

## **Contact us**

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