

the big picture



The three-day training course is held in East Renfrewshire, Scotland

FOREST SKILLS

An after-school care company is providing Forest Kindergarten training to early years practitioners in Scotland.

Mearns After-School Care Service (MACS) in East Renfrewshire runs the three-day Forest Kindergarten course to enable staff to help children learn through play in local woodlands and green spaces.

MACS delivered its first course at Carlibar Primary School in Barrhead in March for ten practitioners and 12 children.

The Forest Kindergarten programme was developed by Forestry Commission Scotland and promotes the use of woodlands as a learning environment through activities including bug-hunting and building dens.

On completion, practitioners receive Level SCQF 7 as a National Progression Award.

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