Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

Horticulture Industry Taster Course

Information brochure



We are delighted to announce that this spring we will be delivering a pilot horticultural taster course at our new training venue at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens.

The sessions will offer an insight into the horticulture industry and what career paths it can offer. There will be the opportunity for you to gain hands-on experience in our beautiful park and gardens, meet people working within the sector and find out what their current and previous roles have involved. The course offers the chance to have a go at practical tasks during some sessions, as well as receiving CV and application advice.

There will be 8 sessions in total, running on Thursdays from 10am-3pm. The course will commence on Thursday 28th April 2022.

The course is free of charge, as it is part of the Community Boost – Central programme (funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund and supported by the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority).

How to apply

Please complete the application form and submit to Ruth Wood by Friday 25th February 2022.

If you have any queries, please contact Ruth Wood (ruthwood@barnsley.gov.uk)

Who is the course suitable for?

The course would suit people looking to move into the horticultural industry (either post-education or as a career change). It may also be of interest to anyone already working in the horticultural sector who would like to find out more about what career paths are available in the industry.

Where will the course be held?

The course will take place at the newly renovated training room in our historic Walled Garden.

How long is it for?

The course will run 1 day per week over 8 weeks.

What day of the week is the course?

The course will run on Thursdays.

What are the course timings?

The course will commence at 10am and run until 3pm, with breaks.

What are the course dates?

28th April / 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May / 9th, 16th, 23rd June

Who is the course run by?

The course is being delivered by the team at Barnsley Museums (who are part of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council) in partnership with other teams and organisations.

Will food be provided?

We will provide refreshments but you will need to either bring your own lunch or purchase it onsite from one of the local food outlets.

Is there a charge for the course?

No. The course is free of charge, as it is part of the Community Boost – Central programme (funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund and supported by the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority).

Where is Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens?

We are located in Cawthorne, Barnsley. The address is Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 4AT. To plan your journey using public transport please visit: travelsouthyorkshire.com/

Is there parking available?

Parking is in the main car park, with a 10-15 minute walk up to the Walled Garden. A parking permit will be provided on the course dates so that parking is free of charge. Blue badge holders can park outside the Museum.

What if I have missed the application deadline?

The application deadline is Friday 25thth February 2022. If you have missed the deadline, please get in touch with us, as we may still have places available and if not, we can add you to our waiting list.

Do I need any previous horticultural experience?

No, previous experience or training is not required.

Is the venue accessible?

Yes, the training room is accessible. However, for any queries relating to accessibility, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Wood (ruthwood@barnsley.gov.uk), who will be happy to help.

When will I find out if I have secured a place on the course?

We will contact applicants by Friday 4th March to let you know if you have secured a place. We do have limited availability on the course but anyone who doesn't receive a place will be added to our waiting list and we will contact you if a place becomes available before the course starts.

If travel expenses are a barrier to you attending the course, please contact Ruth Wood (ruthwood@barnsley.gov.uk) to discuss and we will try to resolve where possible.













