

**Garden Maintenance Skills Level 1 Award (course code: KCG9696-1UA)**

**16 April 2018 – 18 June 2018, every Monday 9.30am – 1pm (10 weeks)**

**KuKooLaLa Café, Leyton Jubilee Park, Marsh Lane E10 7BL**

**Full fee: £126, discounted fee: £37.80, FREE for jobseekers**

(please see website for full terms and conditions of fees)

Learn, develop and practise skills in the horticulture sector and achieve an accredited gardening qualification through practical learning. Designed to build basic and technical skills for anyone who is thinking about working as a gardener.

You will be studying in gardens and parklands with a blend of classroom guided learning and practical tasks to practise techniques and receive guidance when needed.

Delivered in partnership with Waltham Forest Adult Learning and Waltham Forest Parks Service.

For more information:

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Course Information Sheet 2017 - 2018

Course Title: Garden Maintenance Skills Level 1 Award  
Course Code: KCG9696  
Start Date: 16th April 2018  
Day(s) & Time: Mondays 9.30am - 1pm for 10 weeks  
End Date: 18th June 2018  
Venue: Leyton Jubilee Park London E10 7BL (KuKooLaLa Café)

This course could lead to employment, self-employment or skills for future employment.

Who is the course for?

This course is for those who want to gain basic horticultural skills. You will learn, develop and practise skills for progression in the horticulture sector. It is a unique way of achieving an accredited gardening qualification through practical learning. It is designed to build basic and technical skills for anyone who is thinking about working as a gardener. You will be studying in gardening and park environments with a blend of classroom guided learning and practical tasks to practise techniques and seek guidance when needed.

Do you gain any qualifications?

Yes – this course is accredited.

At the end of the course you will be awarded a City & Guilds, Level 1 Award

Do you need to be interviewed or assessed before enrolling on the course?

No

What will you learn?

Learners will cover the units listed below, each requiring the learner to successfully complete a practical assignment with occasional written Q&A (support can be offered for this).

The units are:

- Unit 150 Identify trees and shrubs
- Unit 103 Prepare soil and apply organic mulch
- Unit 111 Care for a planted area
- Unit 151 Identify weeds

## Identify trees and shrubs

Plant nomenclature. For the test you can identify the plants by their Latin or common name. The test can also be done orally.

You will learn about what needs to be considered when choosing a tree or shrub, such as soil types, type of garden, available space and tree shapes. The course will also cover how to plant containers grown or bare rooted trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants and how to prepare ground for planting.

## Soil and organic matter

This includes understanding the basics of soil science – covers soil types, structure, pH and nutrients, organic matter and using it to improve soil, making compost and other fertility products, getting the best out of your soil, basic cultivation techniques.

## Care for a planted area

This will include identifying plants, annual and perennial weeds in the area to be maintained. Carrying out correct maintenance for the plants on the site. Can include, pruning, forking over the ground, removing weeds correctly and applying a mulch

Also included:

Spring lawn care/ Preparing a lawn for summer, repairing lawn areas, scarify, aerate and sowing of grass seeds.

Introduction to seed sowing in containers, outdoors in drills and by broadcasting.

Basic pruning of hedges and shrubs.

1 Trip: Myddelton House.

Machinery and tools introduction and maintenance.

## Essential equipment and resources

Learners are advised to dress for the outdoors and bring practical footwear (preferably safety boots) Gardening gloves if you have them (gloves can also be borrowed from the site). There will be a lunch break and there are no shops within easy walking distance, so learners should bring a packed lunch and snacks to each session.

A notebook for notes and small A4 folder for handouts

Two key reference books recommended are:

Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants and flowers - Reader's Digest

The Expert – Dr D.G Hessayon books.

Copies are also available from all libraries in Waltham Forest. Website links and resources will also be shared each week.

What next?

Volunteering, training and employment opportunities in horticulture. The tutor will offer advice and information on these throughout the course;

Other Gardening qualifications, e.g. City and Guilds Level 2  
Could lead to employment and enterprise development in Horticulture sector.

Your learning centre: The Cottage, 3 Marsh Lane, London E10 7BL - Leyton Jubilee Park

On the first day of your course, please report to the centre to be directed to your classroom. Do arrive in good time for your course.

The classroom is located on the first floor of the building. There are stairs leading up to the first floor. Toilet facilities can be found on the ground floor.

Learners will be able to purchase light refreshments and lunches from the café situated on the ground floor.

There is a small car park next to the Café within the park.

### **Your learning centre**

On the first day of your course, please report to the centre to be directed to your classroom. Do arrive in good time for your course, however, please be aware that entry before 9am will be refused at all our centres.

**Queens Road Learning Centre:** has well equipped classrooms that are located on the second floor of the building. There are stairs and a lift that lead up to the second floor. Toilets can be found on all floors.

The canteen where learners will be able to purchase light refreshments or lunch, is located on the ground floor. It is open from 10am - 2pm, Monday-Friday. The canteen is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Tea/coffee making facilities will be available on Saturdays, Sundays and during evening classes from Mondays to Thursdays.

The centre has no car parking facilities and on street parking is very limited. There is a stand near the entrance to which you may secure your bicycle. All vehicles are left at the owner's risk. Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service does not accept responsibility for theft or any parking fines incurred.

**Leytonstone Learning Link:** the classrooms are well-equipped and are located on the ground and first floor of the building. There are stairs leading up to the first floor there is a lift for learners who are unable to use the stairs. Toilet facilities can be found on both the ground and first floor. There is a toilet for disabled users on the ground floor. The canteen where learners will be able to purchase light refreshments and lunches, is located on the ground floor. It is open from 10am - 2pm, Monday-Friday. The canteen is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Tea/coffee making facilities will be available on Saturdays, Sundays and during evening classes from Mondays to Thursdays.

The centre has forecourt car parking facilities. Learners may also purchase permits to use for on street parking, starting from £0.50 for one hour, subject to parking regulations. A bicycle stand is available to which learners may secure their bicycle. All vehicles are left at the owner's risk. Waltham Forest Adult Learning Services does not accept liability for theft, damage to bicycles and vehicles, or any parking fines incurred.

### **Holidays:**

Most courses run term-time only. If your course does continue during academic holiday, your tutor or lecturer will notify you in advance. Please see our prospectus for term-time dates.

### **Additional Information:**

To obtain the full address, car/bicycle parking information and opening times for centres, please refer to our website [www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk](http://www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk).