

WRG SKILLS TRAINING GRANT 2021



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The Waterway Recovery Group Skills Training Grant 2021 is a one off grant, funded via our successful **National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant** to help WRG volunteers 'dust off their trowels' after year long gap and get ready for a return to canal restoration in 2021/22.

The grant will cover the cost of training individual volunteers in skills associated with inland waterway restoration that would normally be covered by WRG Training events and weekends.

Although there is a list of 'preferred areas' applications will be accepted for any area of training that will benefit WRG canal camps, weekend digs and wider activities. Examples of areas we will fund: heritage skills, bricklaying, stone walling, construction manager training (SSSTS), hedge laying, food hygiene, COVID awareness training, first aid, engineering skills such as surveying, and machine operation.

GUIDANCE NOTE FOR APPLICANTS

1. To comply with the funding schedule all training must be completed and claim forms received **by Friday 30th July 2021**.
2. This grant is **only open to Waterway Recovery Group volunteers**.
3. Applicants must include full details of the training, not to exceed two sides of A4 paper, which should be enclosed with the application. Applicants are advised to note the list appended to these notes regarding areas the judges feel that are currently lacking. However applications do not have to be in this group. Good opportunities to train in any area should be advanced if good value or other significant benefits to the waterways are offered.
4. The training course should provide certificate or a recognised qualification. This would normally be one provided by a recognised training organisation. However, in exceptional circumstances, it may be an 'internal' course run by WRG or any local society should such skills arise, and if the judges are satisfied that the results would be beneficial to waterway restoration.
5. This award will consider funding up to 100% of the direct costs (i.e. course costs, travel and accommodation expense) **to a maximum of £350**, or WRG will consider contributing up to £350 for more expensive courses.
6. This is a one off funding opportunity with a set budget, grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis.
7. The award is made subject to conditions, including evidence of training being completed and verification of expenditure. This will be detailed upon the grant of the award.
8. The judges' decision will be subject to ratification by WRG's Board, which will be final. WRG reserve the right to not discuss details regarding applicants nor make their reasoning known.
9. The grant will be awarded to the successful applicant (s) upon proof of the expenditure (such as copies of invoices/ receipts/ etc).
10. Grant applications must be received in good time before training has commenced to allow time for review and discussion. We will not fund retrospective applications.

If you have any queries please call or email Jenny Morris before proceeding.

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TRAINING AWARD APPLICATION FORM



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This form should be completed with reference to the accompanying guidance notes. Note that these questions are only to gain a common baseline for comparisons. Each case will be assessed on its individual merits and any additional supporting evidence that is supplied will be taken into account.

Before starting make sure you have:

1. Included full details of training.
2. Included details of expenditure/invoices if training has already been booked.

Application Details

Name :

Address:

Telephone:

Training Details

Training Provider:

Dates of training (if known):

Resulting Qualification:

Description of training (Continue on additional paper if required)

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Description of training (cont):

How do you intend to apply this training to benefit the waterways?

Is it your intention to make any commercial gain from this training?

Financial Details (e.g. match funded):

Cost of training:

Other costs (travel, accommodation, etc):

Amount applied for:

Please send completed application form to: WRG, Island House, Moor Road, Chesham, HP5 1WA or send a copy to enquiries@wrg.org.uk

