



Green Aspirations Scotland



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Association

Willow Weaving workshop- Learn how to create a fedge February 2013

Introduction

Green Aspirations Scotland CIC (GrAsp CIC) is a social enterprise based in woodland at the edge of Loch Lomond & The Trossach's National park. We provide workshops, training and experiences in woodland crafts and practices.

Our survey for visitors on our website and facebook page highlighted willow weaving- living structures as a popular choice of workshop for us to run at our woodland site. Fortunately funding from CWA enabled us to run a one day workshop inviting members of CWA and volunteers of GrAsp CIC to learn a new craft at the same time as making improvements on our site.

We had 13 attendees, (1 of which became a member of CWA in order to attend) who were mostly new to this craft. Joyce MacFarlane of Creative Branch instructed the workshop having great experience of working with schools/ running workshops. GrAsp provided the venue, campfire, tools, plenty of hot drinks and lunch cooked on the fire.



Willow weaving

The group were split into two sections to learn 2 different techniques and were taught:

- The different species of willow used
- How to ensure willow will 'take' & grow successfully
- When to plant willow
- How to weave the willow together to create different shapes
- How to maintain the fedge

Comments

'Great 'in the wilds' experience

'Thank you!'

'Enjoyed the experience'



Green Aspirations Scotland is available to run workshops at your woodland, contact us for more info.

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