

# Canal College



A trailblazing heritage skills  
training initiative

Falkirk  
West Dunbartonshire  
Inverness

# What is Canal College?

Canal College is an exciting outdoors heritage skills training programme for people living in or near Falkirk, Inverness or West Dunbartonshire. It's open to those aged 16 or over who have an interest in the outdoors and want to gain skills and qualifications to get work-ready. You can complete the 14 week course on the Forth & Clyde Canal, Union Canal and Caledonian Canal. There are no tuition fees and all reasonable travel expenses are paid.

## Heritage skills training

Scotland's two hundred year old canals are rich with built, natural and cultural history and heritage. You will carry out a wide range of practical projects helping conserve and enhance the canals. Topics include:

- Canalside archaeology
- Forestry and conservation
- Canalside maintenance and engineering
- Stone carving and stone repair
- Pathwork and woodwork
- Management of vegetation and invasive species



You'll leave with new abilities as well as a good understanding of the many job opportunities within the heritage and environment sectors.

You will also gain accredited training and earn recognised awards through an innovative, digital learning platform and app.



## Employability training

We provide dedicated employability training including:

- CV writing
- Interview skills
- Developing softer skills such as problem solving and how to behave and flourish in a work environment

We also provide support with practical job seeking.

# Awards and certificates

Awards you can work towards include:

- SQA qualification in Cultural Heritage
- SQA qualification in Working Safely
- Heritage Heroes Award
- Canal College Certificate
- Saltire Volunteer Award
- John Muir Award (Discovery level)



“I was part of young team that was constantly getting in trouble. My social worker suggested I try Canal College but it was not easy to socialise with new people after being involved with a crew for so long. Getting away from drugs and crime and putting myself out of my comfort zone was hard. But no one judges you here, they take you at face value and everyone gets treated the same. It has really helped give me focus and helped me move away from my old life.”

David, Canal College, West Dunbartonshire

## Timetable

Area	Times
Falkirk	Monday and Tuesday, 10am – 4pm
West Dunbartonshire	Thursday and Friday, 10am – 4pm
Inverness	Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am – 4pm

## Further information

Call our Canal College youth outreach workers for further details:

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