



## COURSE APPLICATION AND FURTHER INFO:

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“Education is a process where the senses inform the mind through doing.”



child can enjoy a happy and secure education, free from the unsettling experience of changing schools.’ *(from schools web site)*

## Venue

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Pyrites - Living and Learning with Nature  
Consultants & Tutors for Experiential Education, Teacher Training & Personal Development

An invitation to join the Pyrites

**‘Practical Skills Teacher Development Course’**

**2018**



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### CRAFT IN OUR TIME

Craft can offer many experiences. A sense of creativity, inspiration and imagination, a means of learning through making and a deep sense of empowerment and value. The Practical Skills Teacher Development Course aims to inspire, offer an opportunity for re-development and re-deployment of skills already acquired and an understanding for both the educational and therapeutic opportunities and value for the practice of traditional craft work.

### PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

The craft course involves seven practical crafts spread over seven weekends with one activity per weekend: **'Fleece to Felt'**, **'Skin to Leather'**, **'Traditional Willow Basketry'**, **'Green Woodwork'**, **'From Clay to Pot and Building a Paper Slip Kiln'** **'Pit Forge and Blacksmithing'** & **Leaded Stained Glass**. These provide an experience of 'Descent into Matter'; working with materials from the Three Kingdoms of Nature (Animal, Plant and Mineral). Each of the craft weekends is introduced and led by different guest tutors.



### SEMINARS AND LECTURES

Wrapped around each of the practical work weekends are seminars, which assist with 'reflection' and 'understanding' of personal experiences and the value of Crafts in support of human development. Lecture contributions will

introduce fundamental aspects of the Human development arising out of Anthroposophy. Practical skills & the Waldorf Curriculum. For example: Education of The Senses with Nature & Craft, Learning Through Doing - Will Developed Intelligence, The Craft Gestures - Cosmic and Human Movement.

### AIMS OF THE PSTDC

- To offer an opportunity for re-development and re-deployment of skills already acquired.
- To offer skills training in practical work and traditional crafts.
- To show how craft gesture as an example of refined movement and practical skills supports the development and education of the child and young person.
- How practical skills supports the development and education of the child and young person. The Craft Gestures.
- To demonstrate when and how experience can become effective learning.
- To provide a new context for understanding the environment, land and its use in developing a 'practical skills' curriculum relevant to the existing handwork/craft and related science and art domains with special reference to Steiner Waldorf Education.
- To offer opportunities for curriculum development and the creation of an Outdoor Craft Centre.

### PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

This Practical Skills Teacher Training Course provides many opportunities for cross-curricular learning as well as providing a staff development opportunity. This course has been designed to support areas in ways that promote resourcefulness in the context of a School's grounds and landscape.

### PARTICIPANTS JOURNAL

To deepen the practical experience – participants are expected to compile a Journal, documenting each workshop activity and own learning experience.

### PYRITES – Living & Learning with Nature

Pyrites is an educational initiative working directly with schools and organisations offering practical

consultancies, workshops and courses, and running various Practical Skills Teacher Training Courses.

Pyrites has been established with the aim of promoting and supporting experiential education, through traditional craft activities and promoting an ethos of environmental sustainability.

Activities are coordinated by Bernard Graves, but rely on the skills and support of a wide network of



crafts people, teachers and advisors.

### 2018 COURSE DATES

From Fleece to Felt: 27th - 28th January 2018

From Skin to Leather: 24th - 25th February

Traditional Willow Basketry: 24th - 25th March

Green Woodwork: 22nd - 23rd April

From Clay to Pots: Fri eve: 25th - 26th & 27th May

Pit Forge / Blacksmithing: 23rd - 24th June

Leaded Stained Glass: 7th - 8th July 2018

### VENUE

The course will take place at the Wynstones Steiner Waldorf school Gloucestershire. The school has extensive grounds and Craft facilities which we can use. Each of the craft weekends takes place in a variety of different set-ups around the school's estate.

### COURSE COST AND ACCOMMODATION

Cost for tuition & materials: **£1250** for seven weekends. This includes food and refreshments (lunch on Saturday and Sunday as well as an evening meal on Saturday). A limited amount of accommodation is available at the school. List of local B&B's and 'Friendly Beds' is available on request.