

INTERESTED IN THESE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL?



SCIENCE

BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY

ART

GEOGRAPHY

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOUR IDEAL CAREER?

- Allows you to work both **indoors** and **outdoors** and to **travel** to new places and experience new things
- Has **variety** so you're not doing the same thing day after day
- Utilise and develop new **cutting-edge technologies**
- Facilitates working with **different people** from different backgrounds
- Involves **science, business, art, geography** and **technology**
- **Makes a difference** in the world by protecting the environment and combating **climate change**

FORESTRY AS A CAREER

Forestry is not just about growing trees - it is the science, business and practice of managing woodland and forests.

Over 12,000 people are employed in the Irish forestry and forest products sector, an industry which is set to double in size over the next decade. This includes the **growing, harvesting** and **processing** of a range of wood products and the **planting and tending** of new forests.

Almost 11% of Ireland is under forest, supporting a vibrant and **export-oriented** forest products sector.

Apart from **climate change** benefits, forests provide the largest outdoor area for **recreational** use. This has been valued at €97 million, which in turn generates €268 million in economic activities for communities in rural areas.

SECOND LEVEL WORK PLACEMENTS

Many forestry companies and independent contractors facilitate formal work experience for second level students each year. This work experience gives students the opportunity to experience what work is like and explore options for possible future careers.

To apply for work experience, why not approach a local forestry company or independent forestry contractor and

enquire about opportunities to work in the forestry sector as part of your work experience placement.

In order to secure a placement, students should apply as far in advance as possible and schools must provide an Insurance Letter of Indemnity prior to commencing work experience.

THIRD LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS IN FORESTRY

Level 5 & 6: Ballyhaise College, Co. Cavan

Level 7 & 8: Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT)

Level 8: University College Dublin (UCD)



FORESTRY CAREERS IRELAND

Founded in 2017 and comprising the Society of Irish Foresters, Coillte, the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Marine, Teagasc, UCD, WIT, Veon and Ballyhaise College, Forestry Careers Ireland aim is to develop initiatives which promote careers in forestry and strengthen the future of the forestry profession.



For more information on careers in forestry, visit www.careersportal.ie

Contact Forestry Careers Ireland at info@soif.ie