

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) and Biosecurity Awareness



At a glance...

Customised Provision

Delivery Method: Classroom

Introduction

This one-day course has been designed to build invasive species awareness of candidates working across different sectors and industries and to give them an understanding of the appropriate practices should they be encountered.

Overview in brief

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) are becoming increasingly widespread in the UK, threatening ecosystems and in some cases public health. It is important to be able to recognise INNS and act to help prevent their spread, such as through employing biosecurity techniques.

The finer details

- Delegates will be able to identify common invasive plant species;
- Understand the environmental, financial, cultural and social threats posed by invasive species;
- Know what to do if invasive species are encountered whilst working.
- Practical knowledge of how to apply biosecurity measures personally, as well as to vehicles and equipment.
- Understand how to dispose of infected waste.

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at anyone employed, considering employment or with an interest in working outdoors.

What will be covered?

- Be familiar with what invasive species are and why they are a problem;
- Be able to identify common invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam in the field, Oak Processionary Moth and Asian Hornet.



- Understand the key legislation that relates to invasive species and how it is relevant to your work;
- Be aware of the health and safety precautions related to some invasive species;
- Know what to do if you find an invasive species onsite whilst undertaking your work;
- Understand the importance of biosecurity measures and how to implement them;
- Be aware of environmental, financial, cultural and social costs of poor biosecurity;
- Be aware of legal measures relating to biosecurity, and how to check planting stock is sourced responsibly;
- Be able to apply good personal, equipment and vehicle biosecurity and create a biosecurity kit.

