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The North East's Woodland Initiative

## ForStart: North East



**Supporting the creation of new jobs in the trees and timber industry**

## Background

Forestry contractors are vital for the delivery of national forest strategies and are therefore fundamental to the sector's health. However, the industry faces significant recruitment and retention problems which are widely recognised as barriers to growth.

Building on the success of ForStart, Rural Development Initiatives' new entrant programme, ForStart: NE has therefore been developed to provide an attractive route into the industry across the North East by providing financial support for existing businesses to offer new entrant placements.

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## Summary

**ForStart: NE** is a one year project which offers support to existing businesses to create six new jobs across the North East in the trees and timber industry.

**Financial support** is available through wage subsidies and allowances for training courses, PPE and travel.

**Training support** is offered through the development of training plans and completion of relevant courses.

**Business support** is provided through the creation of tri-way contracts, access to business information and advice and on-going mentoring and support. We are also offering businesses the opportunity to increase their capacity to take on new entrants by going on train the trainer courses.

## Funding Package

Six new entrants will be eligible for up to the following level of financial support:

	£/person ( up to 70% grant intervention rate)
Wage subsidy (payable over 6 months)	Up to £5,500
Training courses	Up to £3,300
PPE allowance	£250
Travel allowance	£30/pcm
Train the trainer for business principles (6 places)	£585

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## Interested?

To register your interest in **ForStart: NE**, please complete and return the reply slip below to Northwoods or contact Pam Baker on

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**Places are limited to six and the deadline for registrations is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (extended from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January).**