

## Muir-Themed Tree Planting

A group of Art and Design students from West College Scotland's Greenock campus have been getting their hands dirty planting trees as part of the Conserve Challenge for their John Muir Award, wearing Muir beards for an added element of fun... and warmth!

Course Lecturer and orchestrator, Robert Ayton commented "I decided to do the Award with my students as it can be integrated with all of the essential skills units within the Curriculum for Excellence. The Award is suitable for students from all backgrounds and abilities and gives them a sense of real achievement, understanding and importance of their own immediate ecological environment."

With 120 tree saplings awarded from the Woodland Trust, students braved the rain, throwing themselves into the task at hand; creating a new 'Autumn Harvest' hedge at Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.

19 year old Siobhan Johnson said, "Planting trees, getting muddy and having fun has been the best day I've had at college yet!"



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