



Ceramics: Working with Wild Clay and Minerals

Dates: 02/06/2025

Locations: Lisson Grove Centre

On this short course, you will gain the skills and knowledge to begin working with wild clay and minerals to make ceramics. The course covers how to find and identify local material resources, processing techniques, testing and troubleshooting clay bodies, slips and glazes made from wild clay, stone and ash.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed for both beginners and intermediate learners with an interest in sustainability and ceramics and would like to know more. You don't need any prior experience, but it can help if you have some general knowledge of ceramic processes.

What topics does the course cover?

The course will focus on:

- How to find and identify wild clay and other mineral resources and their geological origins
- How to test and troubleshoot clay bodies, slips and glazes made using the wild clay and minerals
- The processing techniques for stone, clay and ash, to glazes and modified clay bodies
- Health and safety in the studio and the field.

How will I be taught and assessed?

The course is taught through demonstrations, group and one-to-one discussions with set tasks or individual projects. At the end of the course learners will assess their individual progress and progression with the tutor.or.

Are there any other costs or equipment I need to get?

All equipment is provided included. If you are using our clays, we do make a small charge (priced per kilo) for the clay used before the first firing only.

By the end of the course what should I be able to do?

By the end of the course learners will have the skills and knowledge to work independently and effectively with wild clay and other locally sources materials. Learners would have gained a good understanding of sustainable ceramics practice, how to make glazes, clay bodies and slips from wild clay, stone and ash.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

You can develop your skills further on one of our specialist Ceramics courses or take an accredited course starting in April or September 2024.