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Supply Chain Briefing by Natural Resources Wales

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) hosted supply chain briefings to organisations in North and South Wales to introduce their new Timber Purchasing Policy. NRW explained that they have an obligation to demonstrate that they have sourced timber responsibly, and that Chain of Custody will be the most effective means for companies to demonstrate that timber products have been sourced responsibly. They were particularly keen to announce this news, ahead of publishing details of a new four year fencing framework throughout Wales. A copy of the presentation given by Natural Resources Wales can be obtained from Jodie Read via bali@penarth.co.uk.

Dewstow Gardens and Grottoes

August saw the Wales region enjoy a lovely afternoon visit to Dewstow Gardens and Grottoes in Caerwent, Monmouthshire. The gardens are unusual for containing a labyrinth of underground grottoes, tunnels and sunken ferneries. The rock gardens were built around 1895 but became buried just after WWII and were only rediscovered in 2000. Our visit began in the cabin with an introductory video, explaining the history of the gardens, which have previously featured on BBC's Gardener's World. For more information about the gardens see: <http://www.dewstowgardens.co.uk/>.

Funded training for Welsh landscapers

Affiliate member, Penarth Management Limited, has secured a place on a framework to deliver innovative training to landscapers in Wales via Lantra. Courses that have been approved include a series of workshops to assist companies to implement an integrated quality, environmental, health and safety management system and a waste management course. The project has been part-funded by the European Social Fund through the Welsh Government. Landscapers living or working in Wales will be able to benefit from up to 70% contribution towards the cost of these courses. Watch out for details of launch events which are due to take place in the North and South of Wales, and will be supported by BALI.

To find out if your business can benefit from the funding, contact the team at Penarth Management Limited via bali@penarth.co.uk or call them on 029 2070 3328.



And finally, Gareth Rees of Inscapes is excited to announce his company's forthcoming acquisition of JG Plant. The purchase is due to be finalised early in 2014. Watch out for more news in future editions of the Landscape News.

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