

Covid-19 disclaimer:

The course will take place online, if a face-to-face meeting is not possible. **By registering, you agree to participate irrespectively of the way the course is held.** Please also see section Course Fees. If held in person, safety measures, such as wearing masks, may be compulsory.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged by the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm. Participants will be accommodated in the guesthouses of the Academy.



Course Fee

892 € incl. accommodation (single room), full board and all language training, field visits, excursion and course material or 290 € (online event, incl. all language training and course material). Details will be given after registration. A cancellation fee will be charged if participation is cancelled after 04 June 2021 and no replacement is available.

Organisation

This course has been developed by the Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation (NNA) in cooperation with the International Academy for Nature Conservation (INA).

Registration

Please register online https://www.bfn.de/naturschutzakademie/anmeldeformular-2.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=4379 until 30 April 2021.

For more details, please contact

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Location

The International Academy for Nature Conservation is part of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and is based on the Isle of Vilm. The small island is located adjacent to Rügen Island in the Baltic Sea.



Travel

Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements to Lauterbach.

- By train via Stralsund and Bergen/Rügen to Lauterbach/Mole (Rügen)
- By car via Stralsund, Garz and Putbus to Lauterbach

The ferry trip from Lauterbach to the Isle of Vilm takes 10 minutes. The ferry is run by the Academy and operates according to a fixed timetable which is coordinated with the train timetable. More details will be provided prior to the course.



English for Environmentalists Communication & Language Skills

3 – 9 July 2021

at the
International Academy for
Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm

in cooperation



Why should you attend?

English is the common language of understanding for nature conservation and related issues in many parts of the world. Conservationists need to be able to communicate in English when they talk to colleagues from other countries, contact the European Commission, take expert groups from abroad on a guided walk or consult English literature. Yet, the corresponding vocabulary is neither taught in schools nor universities.

This course will provide people with an opportunity to develop their vocabulary in relation to key points of interest in the fields of nature conservation, landscape management, environmental education, interpretation, tourism, through both language training in the field and indoor language workshops.

Participants will use various techniques to develop their language skills in a different subject area each day. The general format of each day will include vocabulary and grammar workshops, activities, group discussions and feedback. The tutor is a native speaker.



Course tutor

B.Sc. Mark Sixsmith, Environmental English Ltd.

What will you gain?

- Opportunities to practice oral and written English in a variety of situations
- A wider knowledge of the specialist vocabulary associated with protected area and landscape management, nature conservation, environmental interpretation, sustainable tourism and planning
- Individual vocabulary and grammar tuition from an experienced language teacher
- Appreciation of the importance of effective communication in environmental management
- Opportunities to share experiences with colleagues in nature conservation



Who should attend?

This course is designed for people working in conservation, environmental education, landscape management or nature-based tourism who want to improve their existing English language skills. The course will be conducted in English. **Basic knowledge of English is therefore required.** The maximum number of participants will be 18.

Course details

(possibly subject to minor changes)

Saturday, 3 July 2021

Arrival and registration

18.10 Departure by boat from Lauterbach to Isle of Vilm; dinner, welcome and introduction, pot-latch.

Sunday, 4 July 2021

Learning and organising vocabulary; environmental dictionaries; language workshops on **bio-diversity and habitats.**

Monday, 5 July 2021

The language of **sustainable tourism;** grammar workshop; language workshops on endangered **species conservation** and species reintroduction.

Tuesday, 6 July 2021

Language workshops on **protected areas,** Natura 2000 and environmental legislation; field visit to **Jasmund National Park** and visitor centre.

Wednesday, 7 July 2021

Renewable energy: wind farms, bioenergy and **climate change.** Guided **tour of Vilm.**

Thursday, 8 July 2021

The language of **environmental education and interpretation;** grammar workshop.

Friday, 9 July 2021

Language workshop on **sustainability;** course evaluation

12.30 Departure to Lauterbach