

Course fact sheet

018 – Lets be mature about it

Date	17 th October 2009 1 day from 9.30am to 4.30pm
Cost	£130 including refreshments
Location	Regents College, Regents Park, Central London For directions and transport links please visit our website
Tutors	Mark Gregory and guest speakers

Course content

With clients demanding instant landscapes and gardens, many are aware that large plants are available and can make a huge difference to a scheme. This day explores the complete subject of using large mature planting stock and covers the following topics:

- The process of buying and sourcing both from the UK and European Nurseries
- How to choose and 'tag' trees and what you are committing to
- How the seasons work and when plants are available
- How to negotiate on price and how transport works

The handling of these delicate items on site can be very stressful and expensive when things go wrong so we will look at the following:

- How should you prepare for their delivery?
- What does the site need in order to unload stock
- The process of temporary storage and general handling of stock
- Design of planting pits – what size and why?
- Drainage and other components to ensure successful planting
- Technical methods for securing and underground guying, looking in depth at the Platipus earth anchor system
- Maintenance and aftercare
- When things go wrong and why

You will receive a comprehensive technical handout with contact information for some of Europe's finest mature planting suppliers - many of which are unknown in the UK. We also intending to have a presentation from a leading UK based trade supplier during the day.

About the tutor

Mark Gregory has been at the forefront of quality landscaping for some thirty years and has been actively involved with the sourcing and planting of mature planting stock for some twenty years. Mark will illustrate the day with real case studies and problems that have been overcome. Mark is also a Director of The London College of Garden Design and regularly lectures widely across the UK.

Refreshments

Morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea will be served.

Enrolment

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