



### **Jillian Robertson – Biography**

An environmental artist and Forest School Leader, Jillian is recognised as someone with the energy, skill and passion to bring the outdoor environment to life for both young people and adult groups. She is fascinated by the way that the shared experience of getting closer to nature helps people to communicate more effectively.

She was born and brought up in Glasgow as part of a family that spent a lot of time living out of doors with their mountaineering father. This time spent in various corners of the Highlands gave her a real love of nature, which has driven her thinking and her direction ever since.

Her early work in the environment was in urban forestry, in a role which saw her engaging with communities to encourage them to play an active role in the management of their local woodlands. Jillian went on to study ceramic art in Hong Kong and on returning to Scotland, she started Crafty Hedgehog, a successful arts and crafts business working with adults and kids across the Highlands. She has built up a rich experience in working with corporate, adult mixed ability and school groups.

As a co-founder of Wild Thinking, she brings together her twin passions of art and the outdoors. She is currently developing Wild Art, which offers experiential workshops to groups, either as a standalone activity or as part of Wild Thinking programmes.

Outside of work, she manages to juggle being a mother of two fantastically active children with her own sporting passions of skiing and mountain biking.