

# Forestry Extension Institute



The Forestry Extension Institute is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1958. The Institute is organised as a partnership with 38 forestry organisations and scientific institutions forming the membership. The main purpose of the Institute is to provide continuing education and training in the forestry sector and in forestry related fields, as well as to heighten public awareness to the importance of forestry. This is accomplished by educational materials, conferences and consulting services.

The activities of the Institute are countrywide and cover a large variety of subjects within forest management, planning, economy, silviculture, ecology, forest operations and techniques, wildlife management and multiple use of forest land. Between 20 and 25 persons are employed at the Institute, half of

them being professional foresters and extension specialists. Each of them covers a certain field of forestry or is responsible for a specific project.

For more than 30 years the Institute has managed the extension programme **Activity in Forestry**. This programme consists of a

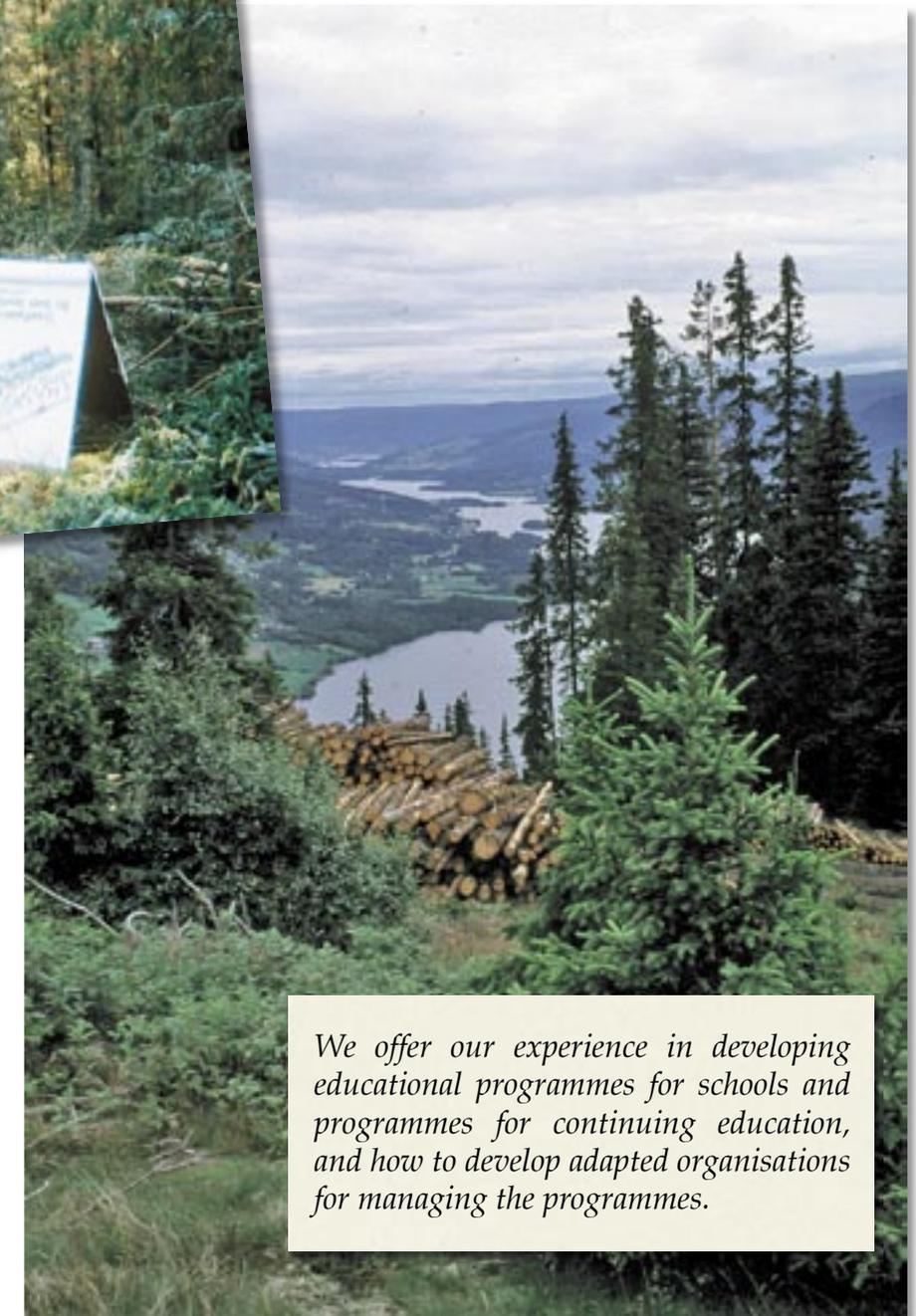


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number of courses offered to forest owners and forest workers all over the country. Its basic philosophy is that the courses should be arranged as close as possible to the participants' homes and the objective is to further develop forest practice and to increase the revenue from forest land to the owners and society as a whole. The programme is carried out with assistance of about 50 educators, working part-time for the programme, located countrywide.

For the teachers and the pupils in the elementary school, the Institute manages an educational programme **Learning with the forest**. This programme intends to be a base for dialogue and understanding of the fact that responsible forest management is built upon scientific facts and has sustainable development as a main goal. The programme is adapted to general guidelines laid down by the school authorities. The programme aims to encourage the understanding of the many functions forest and forest based



*We offer our experience in developing educational programmes for schools and programmes for continuing education, and how to develop adapted organisations for managing the programmes.*

products fulfil for people; cultural, ecological, economic and social.

The Norwegian *Learning with the Forest* programme is one of the partners behind the international **Learning About Forests** programme ([www.leaf-international.org](http://www.leaf-international.org))



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