



Metalwork Art Workshop – Course Outline

At le Jardin Créatif our Metal Art workshops are bespoke sessions for one or two people. You will be able to create a unique piece of garden sculpture or a plasma cut panel/sign with our help and guidance.

You will start by practicing on a small piece of metal and learn the basics of using a plasma cutter and how to weld steel. When you have had a practice with the equipment, we will help you with the final design of your piece. We may have to simplify your ideas to make them suitable for working with metal and/or your confidence with the equipment.

To practice the techniques and create your piece it generally takes 3-4 hours to complete a small/simple piece(s) but every session is bespoke so it could take longer for larger or more complex pieces. It is helpful if you have any ideas to discuss them prior to the session and if possible, send us a picture or drawing of a design or sculpture of what you want to make. Generally, a small, simple plasma cut panel or a leaf/flower/seed head type sculpture on a spike is achievable in these beginners sessions. For more complex designs you may need more experience but get in touch to discuss options and prices.

Beginners sessions cost 140€ for the basic 3 hour session for one/two people. (additional time after the basic 3 hours is costed at 20€ per hour to cover the cost of the welding rods, electricity etc) Materials are extra and will depend on what you make, the cost of steel (which fluctuates) and how complex the design is. The basic session runs from 10am-1pm. If extra time is required, we stop for a half hour lunch break and any additional hours needed will start from 1.30pm.

****Note that your first welding attempts will not look like a professional welder has done it! Some people find the welder very tricky to use but the plasma cutter a bit like drawing freehand with the nozzle. It doesn't matter if you are not artistic because we can transfer designs and drawings onto the metal before cutting out. There will be sparks! You may also have to use a grinder to finish off and tidy up your work. The grinder does vibrate somewhat and create a lot of sparks but we can help you with this part of the process if necessary.**

We will provide leather aprons and protective goggles/welding mask but you must wear stout shoes and comfortable work clothes, preferably overalls but if you don't have any just make sure that you are **not** wearing any loose clothing, scarves or long sleeves, dangle jewellery etc, long hair will need to be tied back neatly. ******