

Kamil Witkoś-Gnach

Kamil studied Forestry at the University of Aberdeen, from which he graduated in 2010. He then moved to Dresden to work in the *TransEcoNet* project run by the Dresden University of Technology. The project examined the ecological connectivity along country borders. He then moved to Bialowieza National Park, where he worked as Recreation Forester. Living and working in the Primeval Forest was one of the most important and powerful experiences of his professional career. In 2012 he joined the *Roads for Nature* programme run by the Foundation for Sustainable Development. The programme concentrates on the protection and restoration of tree-avenues, as well as transferring and promoting the most up-to-date knowledge on tree management. He is responsible for managing the tree officers at work in 90 communities across Poland, and for the preparation of avenue management plans that include hundreds of tree-lined routes. He also runs training courses in tree management. Kamil is an editor and author of books and articles on tree management and assessment. He is also the owner and consultant at ARBORIA arboricultural consultancy, and deputy-director of the Tree Institute.

Kamil holds a Professional Tree Inspection certificate. He has passed through tree inspection (*Baumkontrolle*) courses at the Institute of Arboriculture in Hamburg. He is also a registered QTRA user. Kamil is an active tree climber. He is a member of the Arboricultural Association and the Polish Dendrological Society.