

World beyond the Classroom - Outdoor Learning Conference

Target audience

All teachers with a passion and enthusiasm for learning outside the classroom. For those who wish to embrace the new National Curriculum and make it come alive using the outside space.

Description

The conference aims to bring together local practitioners, outdoor learning specialists and local teachers to work together, share ideas as well as gain new skills which then can be transferred back in school. It will enable teachers to work with the new National Curriculum in a way that enthuses and engages their pupils with the outside space.



Aims

As well as listening to highly regarded outdoor learning specialists, the conference aims to engage and inspire. The conference will also host three different workshops for delegates from a choice of nine different practitioners for a practical, 'hands on' skills session.

Approach

The conference venue is the ideal setting for the practical nature of the conference. Delegates will be outside enjoying the different practical sessions, as well as networking and a sharing of ideas.

Example of practical sessions

- Nature art for Early Years and Primary aged pupils
- Use of tools
- Quick activities to help support the new National Curriculum
- Leave no trace
- Creative storytelling and natural art
- Using life coach methods within outdoor learning



About the Keynote Speakers



Barry Howard has been outdoors as a leader since 1972, managing expedition, school visits and running his out outdoor centre. He has been mountaineering for over 40 years and has advised agencies as diverse as the The Cabinet Office, MOD, RAF and hundreds of head-teachers. His speciality is survival. Barry is also a Churchill Fellow (2002) for research into Norwegian and Swedish educational outdoor activity safety, having undertaken a three month, 10,000 kms solo overland expedition throughout the whole of Scandinavia up the North Cape and Russian Arctic Border. Finally, he describes himself as *'jobbing wilderness guide, professional geographer, and outdoorsman who has not yet stopped learning'*



Russ McAlinden has over ten years of experience delivering Outdoor Education programmes within schools, outdoor centres and through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Programme. He specialises in the holistic approach to learning and experiential learning, as well as providing quality, safe and professional programmes of outdoor activities, whether this be in an educational manner, purely for enjoyment or through a Life Skills Coaching programme. He is a professional Teacher of Outdoor Education, who has a wealth of experience delivering a whole host of outdoor activities including, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Mountaineering, Indoor and Outdoor Climbing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Dinghy Sailing, Team Development Tasks, Leadership Programmes and Reflective Outdoor Educational sessions. He is a qualified teacher and currently the Head of Outdoor Education at The Leys school in Cambridgeshire. His main passion is the therapeutic experience available through being in the outdoors and pushing oneself outside of personal comfort zones.

Details

- Date:** Friday 26th September 2014
Time: 9.00am (arrival) for a prompt start at 9.30pm until 4.30pm
Keynote Speakers: Barry Howard, Hunter Training and Russ McAlinden, Step out 4 adventure
Venue: Barleylands Farm and Education Centre, Billiericay, Essex, CM11 2UD
Cost: **£75 per delegate for SET members, £90 per delegate for non-members**
Course code: **CAR1329**
Information: Lunch and refreshments are provided
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