The Future of Outdoor Learning in a Changing World

6th to 8th November 2014

How do we learn about the world around us? Can we deliver better learning using the outdoors? How can science help to change behaviours towards a more sustainable world? These are just some of the questions that the Real World Learning Network is exploring.

Conference Themes

The conference will reveal a new model for outdoor learning that effectively combines values, science and competencies. The Real World Learning approach demonstrates why outdoor learning is an essential element to becoming resilient in the face of a changing world.

What will you get from attending?

- **Keynote** speakers will share their thoughts and inspiration.
- **Workshops** will enable participants to test out new ideas and practical approaches, and apply them to forest schools, field studies, bush craft and other outdoor learning approaches.
- **Outdoor** activities to take and way use in your own centre or school.
- **Forums** to debate the latest developments across Europe.
- **Exchange** of ideas and creativity to inspire and inform...tell Europe what you are doing.
- **Meet** leading outdoor learning organisations from the UK, Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Italy and Hungary.

Who should attend?

This conference is for anyone involved in outdoor learning or wishing to develop programmes for schools and adults: education providers, teachers, centre managers, education decision makers.

Quotes from the last RWL Conference

‘it was totally inspirational and I have met a wonderful bunch of people whom I intend to collaborate with.’

‘Connecting young people to nature is a focus for my outdoor work at the moment and the conference gave me real ways to do that.’

‘The highlight for me was to come together with so many equal-minded people and making new contacts.’

Keynote Speakers

A range of speakers from across Europe will be sharing their thoughts. Amongst the speakers will be Peter Higgins, University of Edinburgh.

Where?

The conference will take place at Castle Head Field Centre on the edge of the Lake District National Park in England.

What is the Real World Learning Network?

The Real World Learning Network is a consortium of outdoor learning providers across Europe. Our goal is to explore and share successful approaches to outdoor learning that increase action for sustainable development. We believe that outdoor learning offers one of the best approaches for young people to engage with the world around them, and provide a stimulating context to explore how we can all contribute to a more sustainable present and future.

Language

The conference will be in English.
Conference Fee

To keep the costs as low as possible we are only charging for accommodation and meals. The conference fee includes four nights accommodation and all meals plus conference materials.

€250 or £210

About the Conference Venue

Castle Head Field Centre lies in its own grounds between the southern fells of the Lake District and the shores of Morecambe Bay. The Centre has a number of large indoor spaces including 6 workrooms, student common rooms, a separate staff lounge and a sports hall. Within the 20 hectares of grounds there are a wide variety of habitats, purpose built activity sites and a fully equipped observatory.

Explore the centre here.

Free Resources

All participants will receive a free copy of all the Real World Learning Network results. These will include support to integrate science, values, and competencies into your outdoor learning programmes. You will also receive advice on the best pedagogies for outdoor leaning and assessment.

Conference Contacts

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A new model for outdoor learning

We will be launching a new model for outdoor learning. Be amongst the first to experience the model and learn how it can help you create more exciting and meaningful outdoor learning.

Workshops

Integrating values and science into outdoor learning

Practical research shows that the values we promote have a significant impact on environmental behaviour. Workshops will explore how we build a values perspective into outdoor learning whilst still delivering scientific understanding.

Approaches to Outdoor Learning

A series of workshops will explore how to deliver effective outdoor learning approaches that integrate science, competencies and values, and explore tools that help us prepare more effective outdoor learning programmes.

Open Workshop Sessions

We will be launching a call for workshops from participants...more details soon.