

The Outdoor Education Unit

Outdoor Learning

Professional Development Training
and Service Support Packages
2015 - 16

Primary, Secondary and Special Schools

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“Must we always teach our children with books?
Let them look at the mountains and the stars up
above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters
and the trees and the flowers on earth.

They will then begin to think, and to think is the
beginning of an education.”

David Polis

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Introduction

The role of The Outdoor Education Unit is to help support schools, teachers and youth workers on all issues relating to educational visits, and to develop and promote Outdoor Learning.

We provide professional advice and guidance, policy and support for schools and employers, including educational visit approvals and monitoring. We also maintain a searchable database of hundreds of ‘vetted’ adventurous activity, tour operators and residential accommodation providers for schools and other groups to use to ensure that they meet Kent County Council’s requirements and national good practice guidelines.

The Outdoor Education Unit works with over 500 schools and other educational establishments including Community and Academy schools and the KCC’s Early Help and Preventative Services, and provides training for over 200 teachers and other staff each year.

For access to further information and advice –
www.kelsi.org.uk/Curriculum/outdoor-education

To view our full range of services and packages available to Academy, Independent and Free schools please visit
www.edukent.co.uk/outdoor_education

“Learning Outside the Classroom contributed significantly to raising standards and improving personal, social and emotional development”

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The Outdoor Education Unit Training Service

The training service was developed to provide high quality CPD and INSET training for teachers, youth workers and other staff working with young people in all aspects of educational visits and Outdoor Learning.

We provide a range of courses which help staff feel more confident about developing Outdoor Learning activities and in planning and leading educational visits in a wide range of environments. We also develop specific skills and understanding of policies and good practice relating to managing educational visits within schools and youth establishments.

Resources for Outdoor Learning –

KCC Outdoor Education Unit homepage with policy, guidance and information: www.kelsi.org.uk

High Quality Outdoor Education (English Outdoor Council):
www.englishoutdoorcouncil.org/HQOE.pdf

Nothing ventured...Balancing Risks and benefits in Outdoor Education (English Outdoor Council):
www.englishoutdoorcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Nothing-Ventured.pdf

Out of Classroom Learning (Real World Learning Partnership)
www.rspb.org.uk/Images/Outofclassroomlearningbrochure_tcm9-133061.pdf



The Outdoor Education Advisers Panel

The Outdoor Education Advisers Panel (OEAP) is made up of representatives from Local Authorities across the UK, including the KCC Outdoor Education Unit. It works in partnership with many other bodies helping to advise and develop policy, training and good practice guidelines for Outdoor Learning and educational visits. www.oead.info

The OEAP has produced National Guidance for good practice on educational visits and adventurous activities which is endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the majority of Local Authorities.

The Educational Visit Coordinator, Educational Visit Leader and Outdoor Learning Cards courses are national OEAP accredited courses. KCC has adopted the OEAP National Guidance as the core of its own policies, guidance and support for schools and establishments taking part in educational visits and outdoor learning.



The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom

The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) is a charity that champions Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) and believes that every child should be given the opportunity to experience life and lessons beyond the classroom walls as a regular part of growing up. www.lotc.org.uk

The council operate the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge scheme - a national award combining the essential elements of educational provision – learning and safety – into one easily recognisable accreditation scheme for all types of learning outside the classroom provider organisations. www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk

Just GO.... Outdoor Learning Training

Engage, Excite, Educate Outdoors

The Outdoor Education Unit has expanded and developed its range of courses to support teachers, teaching assistants and other education professionals with developing Outdoor Learning as part of their curriculum teaching. To view our full range of services available to you please visit www.edukent.co.uk/outdoor_education.

Outdoor Learning can provide huge benefits for children and young peoples' learning and development. These courses provide support for teaching and learning as well as tackling the issues and perceptions surrounding barriers to Outdoor Learning, such as safety, cost and inclusivity, and give participants the confidence to try new ideas and activities.

These courses are designed to provide a very practical, hands-on introduction to Outdoor Learning, giving participants.

- confidence
- inspiration
- direct curriculum links to activities and natural resources
- ready to use curriculum resources to take away
- knowledge and understanding of safety and group management
- the ability to differentiate activities for a range of ages and abilities
- an understanding of progression to develop activities further
- a chance to talk to other teachers and share ideas and good practice
- a fun and enjoyable introduction to a whole world of new learning opportunities

We also continue our support by developing local Outdoor Learning Network Groups to continue development and link up teachers, schools and outdoor resources – sharing good practice and helping to ensure that every child has access to inspirational Outdoor Learning as part of their education!





Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) Training

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs Schools.

Course content:

This course is for those responsible for managing educational visits in schools and other educational settings. EVC training is a nationally recognised and accredited course following a syllabus developed by the Outdoor Education Advisers Panel (OEAP).

It provides participants with confidence, knowledge and understanding in planning and managing educational visits and activities, and making decisions on leader competence, risk management and other educational visit issues. This course also covers the Kent specific policies and procedures for educational visits and adventurous activities.

EVC Support/Administrators are also welcome to attend and will find the training useful. However please note that the EVC role is a delegated role from the Headteacher and employer, and decisions on staff becoming an EVC are made jointly between the school/ establishment and KCC.

Learning outcomes:

- Understanding the purpose and value of Outdoor Learning and educational visits.
- Roles and responsibilities.
- Good practice on educational visits.
- Planning for visits and activities.
- Parental Consent, Medical information and First Aid requirements for visits.
- Managing risk through risk/benefit analysis.
- Equal opportunities and inclusion.
- Competence, supervision and leadership skills.
- Local Authority policy, guidance and visit approvals.
- KCC's e-Go online visits approval system.

Course trainer:

Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

OEAP Nationally Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
14th October 2015	(SCH15/1538)	Venue: Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE
14th January 2016	(SCH16/386)	Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
14th April 2016	(SCH16/387)	Cost: £150 per person
9th June 2016	(SCH16/388)	Includes: 2 course lunch, refreshments, course materials and resources



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

**“Really engaging ... delivered in a practical way
with real life examples”
St Anselm's Secondary School**



Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) Update Training

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs

Course content:
This is an update and refresher course for existing EVCs, Headteachers and Heads of Establishments that will cover new developments, updated policies, current issues and national good practice guidelines.

It also provides a forum for discussion on issues relating to managing educational visits and Outdoor Learning.

It is recommended that EVCs attend an Update Course every 3 years.

- Learning outcomes:**
- Updates on national guidance and good practice on educational visits and adventurous activities.
 - Updates to Local Authority policy, guidance and visit approvals.
 - Updates and tips for using KCC’s e-Go online visits approval system.
 - Updates on risk management and risk assessments.
 - Updates on current issues and new developments.
 - Discussions on further development of equal opportunities and inclusion, competence, supervision and leadership.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

KCC Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
13th October 2015	(SCH15/1537)	Venue: Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE
20th January 2016	(SCH16/383)	Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
13th April 2016	(SCH16/384)	Cost: £70 per person
8th June 2016	(SCH16/385)	Includes: refreshments, course materials and resources



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“Very clear updates and clarification ... we will now be reviewing current practices, updating policies and aiming to increase the range of Outdoor Learning activities, linking visits to educational outcomes more closely”
Capel-le-Ferne Primary School

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This full-day and very practical course is aimed at teachers, teaching assistants and other people working with young people leading educational visits and activities.

This course will help you to develop a good knowledge and understanding of planning, organising and a leading range of educational visits and activities.

It includes an afternoon of practical group management skills in different outdoor environments including by water, road crossing, minibuses, walking in countryside, etc.

It is a nationally recognised course and follows a syllabus developed by the Outdoor Education Advisers Panel (OEAP).

- Learning outcomes:**
- The purpose and value of educational visits and activities.
 - Current good practice guidelines for educational visits.
 - Managing risk and practical risk/benefit assessment.
 - Practical experience in a range of outdoor environments - including by water, lowland country, urban areas, road crossing, etc.
 - Practical strategies for group control and management in outdoor environments.
 - Safe management of pupils using minibuses and other transport.
 - Basic navigation and map work.
 - A fun day out where you talk to other teachers and youth workers and share ideas and experiences

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

OEAP Nationally Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
1st October 2015	(SCH15/1540)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
12th January 2016	(SCH16/392)	Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm
18th May 2016	(SCH16/393)	Cost: £100 per person
		Includes: refreshments, course materials and resources.
NB: Part of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Participants will also need to bring a packed lunch.		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

“Fun and informative! ... I will now cut down on bureaucracy and carry out risk assessment sensibly, and ensure children have better access to Learning Outside the Classroom activities”
Sholden Primary School

Just GO.... Planning Educational Visits

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This half-day classroom based course is to help teachers, teaching assistants and anyone working with young people to plan educational visits more effectively.

It focuses on the practical planning and management of visits, risk management, parental consent and medical information, staff:pupil ratios, choice of activities, accommodation, etc based on national good practice guidelines.

This course also provides a forum for discussion to help to alleviate fears and clear-up misconceptions about issues surrounding educational visits.

- Learning outcomes:**
- The importance of planning for educational visits.
 - Good practice for planning visits
 - Parental consent and medical information
 - Dealing with issues – inclusion, behaviour, etc
 - Health and Safety law and obligations.
 - Principles of risk/benefit assessment and practical experience of writing risk assessments.
 - Issues surrounding risk assessment and risk management.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
3rd November 2015	(SCH15/1539)	Venue: Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8AE
15th January 2016	(SCH16/389)	Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
15th April 2016	(SCH16/390)	Cost: £70 per person
10th June 2016	(SCH16/391)	Includes: refreshments, course materials and resources



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“Extremely informative session with good resources and group sessions ... it will enable me to now be confident in planning trips and carrying out risk assessments”
New Romney Children’s Centre



Outdoor Learning Cards - Linking Outdoor Learning to the Curriculum

Audience: KS1/2 Primary, KS3 Secondary and Special Needs school

The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel (OEAP) has developed a range of very easy to use and low cost Outdoor Learning resources to help integrate Outdoor Learning into the curriculum, and support personal development, self-esteem and confidence building. This course will train teachers and teaching assistants how to deliver exciting and inspirational Outdoor Learning activities using 50+ outdoor learning cards resources.

Learning outcomes:

- To introduce the concept and benefits of Outdoor Learning.
- Direct links to the academic and wider school curriculum.
- Practical hands-on sessions on how to use the resource cards, including skills development and safety.
- A chance to explore the learning outcomes/benefits of these activities, and how these might be integrated for your pupils or young people.
- Discussions on progression of activities, differentiation for different ages and abilities, and adaptations for special needs.

These activities can be used from KS1 through to KS3 in a variety of situations from helping to bring curriculum subjects to life through e.g. practical maths and literacy to developing new after school clubs, extended services and other youth activities.

Each participant receives training and a full set of easy to use 50+ Outdoor Learning Cards and other resources to take away. (Valued £75.00)

The training will cover 4 elements:

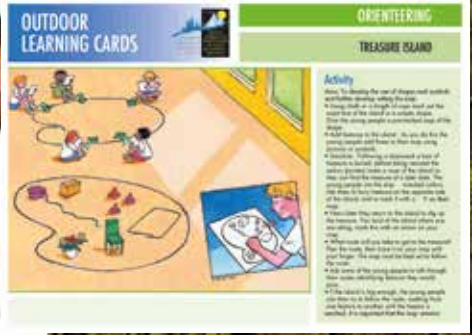
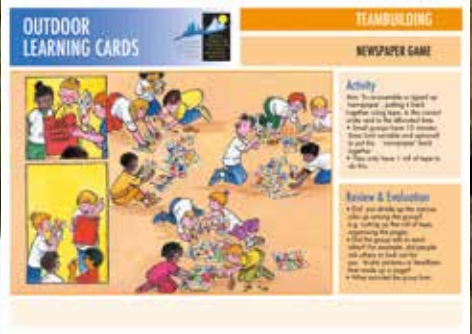
1. Team-building and Problem-solving
2. Orienteering and Map work
3. Journeying, Camping and Bushcraft
4. Bouldering (low climbing without ropes)

Course trainer:

Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

OEAP Nationally Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
21st October 2015	(SCH15/1546)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
16th March 2016	(SCH16/402)	Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm
21st April 2016	(SCH16/403)	Cost: £175 including VAT per person
		Includes: lunch, refreshments, a set of Outdoor Learning Cards for each participant, other course materials and resources.
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

“Lots of fantastic practical ideas which are really easy to do ... it will significantly enhance teaching and enjoyment of outdoor learning and provide fantastic learning opportunities”
Culverstone Green Primary School

Just GO.... Environmental Learning Cards - Linking the Environment to the Curriculum

Audience: KS1/2 Primary, KS3 Secondary and Special Needs school

Course content:
The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel (OEAP) has developed a range of very easy to use and low cost outdoor-based Environmental Learning resources to help integrate Outdoor and Environmental Learning into the curriculum, and support personal development, self-esteem and confidence building.

This course will train teachers and teaching assistants how to deliver exciting and inspirational Outdoor Learning activities using the Environmental Learning Cards resources.

Learning outcomes:

- To introduce the concept and benefits of Outdoor and Environmental Learning.
- Direct links to the academic and wider school curriculum.
- Practical hands-on sessions on how to use the resource cards, including skills development and safety.
- A chance to explore the learning outcomes/benefits of these activities, and how these might be integrated for your pupils or young people.
- Discussions on progression of activities, differentiation for different ages and abilities, and adaptations for special needs.

The training will cover 4 elements:

1. Developing Environmental Experiences and Awareness
2. Exploring and Understanding the Environment
3. Sustainability and Conservation
4. Creativity and Art in the Environment

These activities can be used from KS1 through to KS3 in a variety of situations from helping to bring curriculum subjects to life through e.g. practical maths, literacy, science, geography and art to developing new after school clubs, extended services and other activities.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.



Each participant receives training and a full set of easy to use Environmental Learning Cards and other resources to take away (valued £50.00).

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
20th October 2015	(SCH15/1544)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
17th March 2016	(SCH16/400)	Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm
20th April 2016	(SCH16/401)	Cost: £150 including VAT per person
Includes: lunch, refreshments, a set of Outdoor Learning Cards for each participant, other course materials and resources.		



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“If you want to increase attendance, improve behaviour and raise achievement, get kids out of the classroom.”
Mick Walters

Just GO.... Developing Outdoor Learning at School

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This course will help teachers and other staff to assess and develop their schools grounds and local resources for Outdoor Learning and activities.

The course looks at a wide variety of ways to enhance and develop Outdoor Learning activities, including direct links to the curriculum, outdoor activities, teamwork and problem solving activities, environmental and wildlife and other curriculum based resources.

Resources and activities can be linked directly to the academic curriculum, or the wider keys skills and the pastoral curriculum.

- Learning outcomes:**

 - Introduction to Outdoor Learning.
 - How Outdoor Learning can help you and your pupils.
 - Meeting a wide range of aims and objectives – academic, key skills and pastoral.
 - Linking Outdoor Learning to the Curriculum e.g. through literacy, numeracy, etc.
 - Assessing and designing resources and activities in your grounds.
- KCC and Government policies and procedures.
 - Questions and Answers, and action plan for the future.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
22nd October 2015	(SCH15/1547)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
2nd March 2016	(SCH16/405)	Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
17th May 2016	(SCH16/406)	Cost: £70 including VAT per person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

“Spot on for what I needed and believe in ... first thing tomorrow morning the ideas will be implemented!”
The New School at West Heath

Just GO.... Orienteering, Map Work & Navigation

Audience: Primary, KS3 Secondary and Special Needs schools

Course content:
This course will help participants develop and integrate Outdoor Learning into the curriculum, using a range of easy to use, practical and hands-on outdoor ideas to take away and develop within their own curriculum planning. Resources and ideas can be used on-site at school and in the local area.

The training will cover a range of Outdoor Learning activities based around **maps**, **map-work** and **orienteering** that can be adapted and differentiated for different ages and abilities, and linked to a wide range of curriculum subjects, topics and themes, as well as non-curriculum aims.

- Learning outcomes:**

 - Introduction to Outdoor Learning, Map Work and Orienteering.
 - Meeting a wide range of aims and objectives – academic, key skills and pastoral.
 - Linking Map Work and Orienteering to the Curriculum e.g. through literacy, numeracy, etc.
 - Explore practical easy to use hands-on activities and ideas that are ready to take back to school to use.
- Discussions on using your school grounds and local area resources effectively.
 - Adaptations and differentiation for different ages, abilities and needs.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

New!

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
19th October 2015	(SCH15/1543)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
9th March 2016	(SCH16/398)	Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm
25th May 2016	(SCH16/399)	Cost: £120 per person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.		



“Very practical and simple to use activities suitable for all ages”
Holy Family Primary School

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Just GO.... Team-Building & Problem-Solving

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This course is designed to introduce team building and problem solving activities to help improve young people's learning and development including communication, decision-making and leadership skills and help in boosting self confidence and esteem.

This course can be very successfully linked to 'Building Learning Power' (BLP) and 'Thinking Actively in a Social Context' (TASC) educational concepts.

- Learning outcomes:**
- To introduce the concept and benefits of Teamwork and Problem-Solving.
 - Direct links to the academic and wider school curriculum.
 - Practical hands on sessions, exploring the use of different activities.
 - A chance to explore how these activities could benefit your pupils and young people.
 - Discussions on differentiation for age and ability, and special needs.
 - The importance of reviewing activities for personal development.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
15th October 2015	(SCH15/1541)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
8th March 2016	(SCH16/394)	Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
24th May 2016	(SCH16/395)	Cost: £70 per person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.		



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“The practical elements were very useful ... lots of excellent ideas to use with our students which are appropriate to the age and ability!”
St Nicolas Special School

Just GO.... Forest and Woodland Learning

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This course is a very practical introduction to the benefits of Woodland Activities, including the idea of Forest School and Bushcraft activities, and how woodland learning can be used to support a wide range of aims - including direct links to the curriculum, supporting improved behaviour, self-confidence and motivation, and improved attendance.

Woodlands provide an amazing learning resource that can be used in many different ways to develop curriculum learning and pupil personal development including science, geography, history, art and much more!

The resources and activities presented can be linked directly to the academic curriculum, or the wider keys skills and the pastoral curriculum.

- Learning outcomes:**
- Introduction to Woodland Learning, Forest School and Bushcraft activities.
 - Exploring the ethos of child-centered play and learning.
 - Meeting a wide range of aims and objectives – academic, key skills and pastoral.
 - Linking Woodland Learning to the curriculum e.g. through literacy, numeracy, science, etc.
 - Practical hands on activities to support learning and development.
 - Discussions on differentiation for age and ability, and special needs

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.



Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
4th November 2015	(SCH15/1548)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
18th March 2016	(SCH16/407)	Time: 9:30pm - 4:00pm
16th June 2016	(SCH16/408)	Cost: £120 per person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear.		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

Just GO.... Beach and Coastal Learning

Audience: Primary, Secondary and Special Needs schools.

Course content:
This course is a very practical introduction to the benefits of beaches and coastal activities as resources for learning. It is based at Minnis Bay in Birchington-on-Sea and nearby Reculver Beach, covering both shingle and sandy beaches, along with cliffs and rock pools. Minibus transport provided during the course

The Kent Coast is one of the longest and most varied coastlines in England. It is not only home to many internationally important coastal habitats and geographical features, but has and has played a vital role in England’s history.

The aim of the course is to provide practical and easy to use ideas and resources for curriculum-linked beach and coastal activities, as well as providing guidance on group management and confidence in the safe use and group management of groups on beaches and in other coastal areas.

Resources and activities can be linked directly to the academic curriculum, or the wider keys skills and the pastoral curriculum.

- Learning outcomes:**
 - Introduction to beaches and coastal areas as a resource for Learning.
 - The range and diversity of Kent’s coastal resources
 - Meeting a wide range of aims and objectives – academic, key skills and pastoral.
 - Linking beach and coastal activities to the curriculum e.g. through literacy, numeracy, science, geography, history, art, etc.
 - Practical hands on activities to support learning and development.
- Understanding risk in coastal areas – tides, weather, paddling, swimming, group management strategies
 - Discussions on differentiation for age and ability, and special needs

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

KCC Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
5th November 2015	(SCH14/1689)	Venue: Minnis Bay Beach (carpark), Birchington-on-Sea
4th March 2016	(SCH15/446)	Time: 9:30pm - 4:00pm
19th May 2016	(SCH15/447)	Cost: £100 per person
		Includes: course materials and resources.
NB: All of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear including wellingtons/water shoes for getting wet. Participants will also need to bring a packed lunch and drinks.		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

Just GO.... Campfires – KCC Camp Fire Management Award (CFMA)

Audience: Primary, Secondary, Special Needs schools.

Course content:
The aim of the course is to provide participants with the skills required for building and supervising group camp fires, and understanding how fire can be used as tool for learning and development. The course will comprise of practical sessions covering the art of camp fire craft, the building, lighting, maintaining and management of different types of open fires.

Participants who complete this course are accredited with the Camp Fire Management Award; a Kent County Council accredited and recognised qualification when seeking employer’s approval for fire-based activities.

Please note: a current First Aid certificate will be required to validate this award.

- Learning outcomes:**
- To introduce the benefits of camp fire activities.
 - Choosing suitable locations. Safety considerations for different ages and abilities.
 - The fire circle – safety, structure and group management.
 - Choice and types of fires, and fire lighting skills.
 - Wood fuel choices and burning.
 - Campfire activities and group interaction.
 - Health and hygiene issues relating to simple camp fire cooking.
 - The environment, sustainability and conservation.

Course trainers:
This course is led by Claire Hobson and Scott Woolsgrove from EarthCraftUK. They are highly qualified and experienced Forest School and Bushcraft practitioners and trainers, working with Primary, Secondary and Special Needs Schools. Courses are based at their ancient woodland site near Mount Ephraim Gardens, Faversham.

KCC Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
11th December 2015	(SCH15/1550)	Venue: Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9TX
7th March 2016	(SCH 16/412)	Time: 9:30pm - 5:00pm
30th June 2016	(SCH16/413)	Cost: £120 person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources.
NB: This course will take place entirely outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Participants will also need to bring a packed lunch.		

Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

“The practical elements were excellent, loved the fire building! ... I will now happily carry out fire lighting and campfire cooking activities at school!”
Deal Parochial Primary School

Just Go.... Camping – the KCC Basic Camping Leaders Award (BCLA)

Audience: Primary, Secondary, Special Needs schools and Youth Work.

Course content:
The aim of the course is to provide participants with the basic skills required for leading and supervising groups camping on commercial, permanent and lowland rural campsites and in supervising the use of gas or methylated sprits camping stoves for camp cooking.

The very practical course will include sessions on – types of tent and tent pitching, group risk management, health and hygiene and safe use and management of camping stoves.

Course participants are accredited with the KCC Basic Camping Leaders Award; a Kent County Council accredited and recognised qualification that can used when seeking employer’s approval for camping and camping stove based activities. The remit of this award does not include camp fire management.

Please note: a current First Aid certificate will be required to validate this award.

- Learning outcomes:**

 - To introduce the benefits of Outdoor Learning and camping activities.
 - Setting up camp, locations and types of tents.
 - Planning for safety and risk management, and first aid provision.
 - Using camping stoves and camp cooking / catering.
 - Health and hygiene issues.
 - Other equipment issues (rucksacks, sleeping bags, mats, etc).
 - Programme planning and evening activities.
- KCC policies and e-Go and Local Authority Approval procedures.

Course trainer:
Niall Leyden - KCC Outdoor Education Adviser.

KCC Accredited Course

Dates	(Course Code)	Course Information
16th October 2015	(SCH15/1542)	Venue: The Swattenden Centre, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3PS
3rd March 2016	(SCH16/396)	Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm
26th May 2016	(SCH16/397)	Cost: £100 per person
		Includes: refreshments and course materials and resources.
NB: The majority of this course will take place outside and participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Participants will also need to bring food to cook on a Trangia camping stove for lunch (prizes for the best camp meal!).		



Book this course - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

“Very practical and well explained ... giving more access for young people on trips and activities to give them better life experiences”
Canterbury High School

Outdoor Leadership Awards

Climbing, Hill and Mountain Walking –

Mountain Training UK administers leadership awards for climbing, hill/mountain walking and mountaineering in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.mountain-training.org

KCC’s Kent Mountain Centre (KMC) in Llanberis, North Wales, runs Single Pitch Award (SPA) rock climbing and Mountain Leader (ML) hill walking courses: www.thekmc.co.uk

Sailing, Windsurfing and Powerboating –

The Royal Yachting Society (RYA) administers leadership awards for sailing, windsurfing and powerboating in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.rya.org.uk

KCC’s Bewl Water Outdoor Centre runs Dinghy Sailing Instructor, windsurfing and powerboating skills courses in Kent: www.bewlwater.org

Canoeing and Kayaking –

The British Canoe Union (BCU) administers leadership awards for canoeing and kayaking in the UK. Contact Canoe England (BMC region) for details, course information and dates: www.canoe-england.org.uk/coaching

KCC’s Bewl Water Outdoor Centre run canoe and kayak skills courses in Kent: www.bewlwater.org

Orienteering -

British Orienteering (previously called British Orienteering Federation - BOF) administers leadership awards for Orienteering in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/teaching

Cycling and Mountain Biking –

British Cycling administers leadership awards for Cycle Coaching in the UK. Contact British Cycling for details and course information and dates: www.britishcycling.org.uk/coaching

Archery -

Archery GB (previously called Grand National Archery Society - GNAS) administers leadership awards for Archery in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.archerygb.org/coach

Angling -

The Angling Trust administers leadership awards for Angling in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.anglingtrust.net

Forest School -

The Forest School Association (FSA) administers leadership awards for Forest School in the UK. Contact for details, course information and dates: www.forestschoollassociation.org



Bespoke Courses and INSET Training

As well as the range of courses in the brochure, we also work directly with schools and youth groups to develop training courses tailored to their specific needs e.g. for INSET days.

Activities can be developed and adapted to suit training for staff or young people, or a combination of both, to help develop all aspects of Learning Outside the Classroom e.g. a staff INSET/CPD backed up with a ‘mentored’ first session with a group of young people, to help staff feel completely confident in the planning and delivery of any outdoor activity.
Examples of Outdoor Learning activities that are easy and exciting to develop individually or as part of a wider programme of activities or curriculum development:

- Team building, communication, leadership and problem-solving skills and activities
- Camping, survival and bush craft skills.
- Navigation, map work and orienteering.
- Journey planning.
- Risk assessment and management (for staff and young people).
- Self confidence, self esteem and engagement in learning using alternative activities and ideas linked to the curriculum.
- Improved use of school grounds and local area resources for both mainstream curriculum and alternative curriculum activities.
- Skills development in sailing, canoeing, climbing and expeditions.

Booking a place on a course -

To book a place on any of these courses please visit the CPD course booking system - www.kentcpdonline.org.uk

You can either book through your own school or establishment’s profile (see your CPD leader for details), create a new profile if your school or establishment is not listed or create a personal profile if you are not booking through a school or other establishment.

Places for courses are registered on a first-come, first-served basis. If the event that the Outdoor Education Training Service cancel a course, we will endeavour to give participants a minimum of 14 working days notice to delegates booked on the course.
For more information on how to book or any booking issues contact Kent CPD online on with 03000 418 000 or email kentcpdonline@kent.gov.uk.

Cancellation charges –

Cancellation time prior to course start date	Cancellation charge to participant
More than 30 days	No Charge
29 -15 days	50% of the course fee
14 - 0 days (including non-attendance)	100% of the course fee




Outdoor Learning Service and Support Packages – Academy, Free and Independent Schools


Our Service Packages provide –

- ✓ High quality professional advice, guidance and support for developing and managing Outdoor Learning, Educational Visits and Adventurous Activities.
- ✓ Access to Advisers who are qualified and experienced teachers and senior outdoor practitioners, with a wealth of knowledge across a wide range of activity disciplines.
- ✓ High quality, up to date and nationally recognised advice, guidance and good practice as members of the national Outdoor Education Advisors Panel (OEAP) network.
- ✓ Direct support for Educational Visits Coordinators (EVCs), Visit Leaders when planning educational visits and outdoor learning activities e.g. with adventurous activities, overseas visits, cultural and language exchanges, expeditions, etc.
- ✓ Direct support for Heads and Governors developing policies and procedures, and in the event of incidents or accidents.
- ✓ Assurances for Headteachers and school staff that adventurous activity and educational visits risk assessments and risk management strategies are safe and appropriate.
- ✓ Experience of checking and approving thousands of educational visits over many years – from on-site and local activities to overseas expeditions and language exchanges. Access to a comprehensive Vetted Provider Database of individually checked educational providers of adventurous activities and residential accommodation, using nationally recognised standards.
- ✓ Monitoring and approval of educational visits, including 24-7 access to our Educational Visits system and visit management tools to support EVCs in school.
- ✓ Specific Educational Visits advice and guidance on:
 - Schools legal, duty of care and 'loco parentis' responsibilities.
 - Good practice group management strategies.
 - First Aid and management of medical needs.
 - Linking Outdoor Learning activities to the Curriculum.
 - Inclusion and adaptation of activities for special needs.
- ✓ Long-standing evidence of supporting schools with educational visits and Outdoor Learning by having established working relationship with more than 550 Kent schools for over 10 years, advising on a wide range of visit and activities. This includes prior knowledge of your schools own historical visits (before conversion to an academy) making it easier for your staff to seek advice and make decisions.
- ✓ High quality CPD and INSET training and curriculum support for developing Outdoor Learning activities to support pupil development at school and further afield.

Service and Support Packages – details and fees

Packages 2015-16

Package A: Visit Approval and Monitoring. 
This is carried out using our on-line system and includes checking all aspects of visits submitted on time against regulations, guidance and best practice. Telephone and written advice and guidance. Access to the current full list of vetted Providers. Vetting of up to 3 new Providers per year.

Package B: Visit Approval and Monitoring. 
This is carried out using our on-line system and includes checking all aspects of visits submitted on time against regulations, guidance and best practice. Telephone and written advice and guidance. Access to the current full list of vetted Providers.

Fees 2015-16: Primary Schools

Package B	£1.75 per pupil per annum (Total on school roll)
Package C	£ 1.50 per pupil per annum (Total on school roll)
Package D	£ 1.00 per pupil per annum (maximum fee of £300.00)
Package E	as per Consultancy (£ 80.00 per hour or part of).

Additional Services 2015-16:

- Training – costs as per the Outdoor Learning Services brochure
- Vetting of new Providers - £150.00 per provider
- Assessing and advising on school needs in terms of managing Educational Visits - £320.00 (site meeting + report)

Package C:
Access to the current full list of vetted providers plus telephone and written advice and access to on-line advice.

Package D:
Access to telephone and written information from our current full list of vetted Providers.

Package E:
'As and When' advice and guidance/consultancy. Please note that this service does not include approving educational visits or providing information from our current full list of vetted Providers.

Fees 2015-16: Secondary Schools

Package A	£2.50 per pupil per annum (Total on school roll)
Package B	£2.25 per pupil per annum (Total on school roll)
Package C	£ 2.00 per pupil per annum (Total on school roll)
Package D	£ 1.00 per pupil per annum (maximum fee of £300.00)
Package E	as per Consultancy (£ 80.00 per hour or part of).

- Audit/review of Education Visit Policy - £ 250.00 (site meeting + report)
- Advice on developing school grounds/facilities for Learning Outside the Classroom - £250.00 (site meeting + report)
- Consultancy (Senior Adviser) - £80.00 per hour; £375.00 per day

Please contact the Outdoor Education Unit for further information on Service and Support Packages or to tailor services to your schools specific needs –

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