

## POE28 Nuala Dunn, Freelance outdoor environmental arts educator

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored (Cymru) | Proposed Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan Nuala Dunn, Freelance outdoor environmental arts educator, | Evidence from Nuala Dunn, Freelance outdoor environmental arts educator,

Are you (your organisation) currently a provider of outdoor education?: Yes

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### Your opinion

How important is outdoor education to children and young people's overall education and development?

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Very important

What are the main benefits to children and young people from having a residential outdoor education experience?

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Opportunity, often the experience will widen horizons and allow possibilities to seed.

Learning about self in a new environment, how to work with others and self management in new situations

A sense of place and connection to the environment..

Should children and young people have a guaranteed opportunity to participate in a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years, if they wish to?

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Yes

Should an opportunity to participate in a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years, be free of charge on one occasion to pupils?

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Don't know

What are the main barriers which you believe currently exist to children and young people accessing residential outdoor education experiences?

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Financial constraints; Parental anxiety / uncertainty; Child anxiety / uncertainty;

Equality Considerations: Could the proposed Bill have any positive impacts on some children and young people in particular? If so, who and why?

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Equality of opportunity for those on lower incomes. Research also shows that many ethnic groups have less access to outdoor adventures..people with disabilities can be included and challenged and have the opportunity to adventure.

Equality Considerations: Could the proposed Bill have any negative impacts on some children and young people in particular. If so, who and why? What could this Bill do to mitigate any negative impacts?

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Ensure residential provision caters for non binary participants

What age do you believe is most suitable for children and young people to be offered an opportunity to undertake a residential outdoor education experience?

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Year 6 (age 10-11)

Is four nights/five days the best length for a residential outdoor experience?

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Yes

Please explain your answer and highlight any possible implications from having a standard approach of four night/five day experiences (whether positive or negative).

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A week long residential allows groups to gell and experience a range of activities whilst also providing opportunities for lower key interactions. There is time for young people to adjust to routines and become organised and self sufficient

Do you agree there is a need for legislation to ensure all children and young people are given an opportunity to access a residential outdoor education experience, at some stage during their school years?

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Agree

Is there anything else you would like to say about this proposal?

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I think outdoor residential experiences will be remembered for life ,often springboard moments for future life choices..they are valued by teachers greatly in terms of getting to know and understand Thier pupils.Let the finance back the evidence and give these experiences the value they deserve

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