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Ymateb gan Holly Brigham, Teacher, | Evidence from Holly Brigham, Teacher,

Are you (your organisation) currently a provider of outdoor education?: No

Your opinion

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

Very important

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

Exposure to challenge that is not centred on academia and classrooms

Inter and intra-personal growth

Engagement with nature, weather and 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?

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?

Yes

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

Financial constraints;Patental 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?

Those from low income families. If it was partly funded they would have an opportunity not normally afforded to them. If all students are given the opportunity it will encourage centres to provide for all abilities and health restrictions

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?

No, but the providers and centres need to be fit to the children's needs, whatever they might be.

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?

Older (please state below)

12+

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

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).

Parents and children (especially since Covid pandemic) might not be used to such time away. However, this amount of time will help to provide opportunities for independence and consolidated learning.

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?

Strongly agree

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

I think the majority of schools offer this already. I would like to see the ones that don't being supported to provide this opportunity. That will in turn improve provision and not create an inequality between different demographics.

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