

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan blue peris mountain centre, | Evidence from blue peris mountain centre,

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

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?

- 1- Resilience
- 2- Realising what you can achieve as an individual and life requires effort
- 3- Social skills outside of the school 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;Its not statutory, so teachers have to believe in the values in order for a trip to go ahead. Schools that have these staff often run visits, other schools oftern do not ;

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

It will make them go on a visit when they may not get the choice

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?

Possibly as its not going to suit all pupils, but neither does school and they have to go there for 10 years of their life. By using established centres then, their ability to work with young people has a proven track record.

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)

year 7-8-9-

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).

It allows pupils time to adjust and more importantly start to flourish and believe in what they can achieve

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?

Well done for the WA for progressing to this stage. The values to young people and society will be long lasting should the bill go through