

## POE77 Spike Green, Outdoor Instructor/Inspector

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Spike Green, Outdoor Instructor/Inspector, | Evidence from Spike Green, Outdoor Instructor/Inspector,

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?

Very important

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

The development of judgement and confidence. It is also important that children learn about risk in order to help them develop their judgement. In conjunction with this outdoor education offers the opportunity to learn in a new environment which can allow all children to flourish

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;Opportunity ;

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

Outdoor education offers the opportunity for all children to achieve(unlike mainstream sports)

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?

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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Not at any age

My answer is to say that any age is suitable to experience outdoor education

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

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Don't know

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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It depends on the child... 2-5 nights is ok

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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Strongly agree

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

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Great idea