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[Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored \(Cymru\)](#) | [Proposed Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

Ymateb gan Tony Godbert | Evidence from Tony Godbert

In what capacity are you responding: Grandparent

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?

Education

Health and wellbeing

special memories, I always remember the fun and experience we had as school children going on these trips, looking back these are special memories and my job roles to date have been guided by these educational trips. These residential trips give young people the chance to experience the Outdoors, who otherwise would possibly be deprived of the opportunity.

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; 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?

These experiences bring children and young people together, forming new friendships, working together as teams, helping one another, understanding different individual needs, putting away their phones and getting away from social media, being outside in the fresh air for a large percentage of the day, sitting down eating meals together, playing games together in an evening, going to bed exhausted due to full on fun and educational days.

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?

In my opinion there is no negatives, we need this Bill passing so children and young people can have these experiences, we need positivity for our future generations especially after the uncertainty over the last few years due to the pandemic.

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?

Year 6 (age 10-11)

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).

They need the time to settle in and enjoy the experience, after the first day they start to relax and understand that there is more to life than phones, playstations, television etc and the Outdoors is special and the different habitats, nature and animals are special, they learn to respect the outdoors, they learn the damage that actions we do has on the wildlife and the Environment, we all have changes to make over the coming years to reverse Climate Change and this is what Outdoor education teaches children and young people, we cant miss this opportunity to re educate.

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?

There are many Children and Young people whos families can simply not afford to pay for their children to experience outdoor education, does this mean they should miss out? how can we change the behaviour of deprived children if they are not given the chance?

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