

## OE-034- Individual

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Unigolyn | Evidence from Individual

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learning to educational experiences as an entitlement of rather than an enrichment to the curriculum, the Bill should help ensure, through universal provision, that no child misses out on this valuable experience that better prepares them for their future.

22) A summary of the initial estimated costs of the Bill was set out in the outline Explanatory Memorandum, published in August 2022.

### Proposed Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill Consultation: Response form

**(NB)** I am filling in a hard copy because the online process did not appear to work.

Name:

[Redacted Name]

E-mail:

[Redacted Email]

Are you submitting this response in a professional or personal capacity?:

personal capacity and as Town and County Councillor.

Professional capacity (including on behalf of an organisation)  Personal capacity

Are you responding on behalf of an Age: organisation?

Yes

No

I am under 13 years old

I am aged 13 to 17

I am aged 18 or over and wish my contribution to be anonymised

I am aged 18 or over and happy for my name to be published with my contribution

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

Yes

No

In what capacity are you responding?

Child / Young person

Parent / Carer

Other

My son is a Director of an Outdoor Adventure Company in the north of Wales - called Bearded Men Adventures.

If professional, or a provider of outdoor education, your role and the name of organisation for which you are responding:

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Consultation questions

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

- Very important
- Quite important
- Don't know

- Not very important
- Not at all important

2. What are the main benefits to children and young people from having a residential outdoor education experience? Please list your top three benefits:

Click or tap here to enter text. *Enjoyment, love of wild country, developing self confidence.*

3. 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
- No
- Don't know

4. 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
- No
- Don't know

5. What are the main barriers which you believe currently exist to children and young people accessing residential outdoor education experiences? (please tick all that apply)

- Financial constraints
- Health reasons
- Disabilities
- Additional Learning Needs
- Parental anxiety/uncertainty
- Child anxiety/uncertainty
- Other (Please state)
- None

*Availability of qualified teachers/instructors  
The outdoor education market needs building. Private investment.*

6. Equalities considerations:

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

Click or tap here to enter text. *Positive impact for all children and young people whatever their needs.*

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?

Click or tap here to enter text. *No research evidence to suggest negative impacts.*

7. 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)
- Younger (please state)
- Older (please state)
- Not at any age

*When ever it can be facilitated, my own three children enjoyed the outdoors from an early age.*

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

*I did a residential outdoor bond course for 28 days when I was 15 paid for by the "State".*

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

Click or tap here to enter text. *Further residential outdoor experiences should be encouraged by parents.*

9. 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
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Really welcome this legislative proposal, I hope it gets cross party support.*