

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

[Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored \(Cymru\) - Ymgynghoriad ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc](#) | [Proposed Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill – Children and young person’s consultation](#)

Ymateb gan Laura Fielding | Evidence from Laura Fielding

Capacity of response: Parent / Carer

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## **Your opinion**

### **What are the main good things for children about having an overnight outdoor education visit?**

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They get to spend more time in nature which is only a good thing. They will also gain increased confidence as they spend time away from home independently. It will also help to teach them about the environment for which they will be custodians of as they grow up - hopefully this increased awareness will lead to them making more sustainable life choices.

### **What gets in the way of children taking part in overnight outdoor education visits?**

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Children feeling anxious; Cost;

### **How can people make sure children have the best possible time at overnight outdoor education visits?**

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They would have to be fun, and preferably happen with their friends/classmates/teachers who they are close with and can trust/feel safe with.

### **On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is it for all children have the chance to do a free overnight outdoor education visits at some time?**

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### **What is the best age or year to go**

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I don't know to be honest. Too young risks them having a bad experience and not wanting to do anything like that again in the future.

### **How long should the trip be for?**

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Depends on the age of the child at the time of the trip. 1 or 2 nights in yr 6 perhaps?

### **Which groups of children would get the most out of taking part in an overnight outdoor education visit, and why?**

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Children who already don't spend much time outdoors or don't have the opportunity when at home.

### **Should it be a law that children can go on at least one free overnight outdoor education visit?**

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Maybe

### **Please tell us any other ideas that should be in the new law**

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The cost should factor in families with multiple children having to pay for each child every year. If the trips are free for all, maybe there should be the option for people to contribute towards cost if they feel they are able too.

I think this is a great initiative and hope to see more outdoor overnight trips occurring in all schools across Wales.