

**POE69 David Walker, Manager,**

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Ymateb gan David Walker, Manager, | Evidence from David Walker, Manager

Capacity of response: Organisation currently providing outdoor education

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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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It is a development milestone. It is often a young person's first experience of being away from parents overnight, learning who they are and learning new things together with their peers.

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

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Cost; Health or disability; Parents worrying; Children feeling anxious; Being young carers;

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

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Funding services properly. Ensuring that providers safeguard young people adequately and are subject to scrutiny via Governmental bodies. Promote the benefits to public and parents.

**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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Year 6 or 7

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

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2-3 nights

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

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All young people. Outdoor education is a leveller. However like most types of learning those who are socially excluded for any reason stand to benefit most.

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

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Yes

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

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