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[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 Pembrokeshire County Council, | Evidence from Pembrokeshire County Council,

Capacity of response: Organisation currently providing outdoor education

Your opinion

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

Children and Young People experience overnight outdoor educational visits is vital to continued personal and social development and is in-line with the 5 way ways to wellbeing; giving individuals the opportunity to take notice, to connect, to be active, to learn and to give. The impact that both 'green time' and 'blue time' have on some of our Country's hardest to reach Young People is noticeable after even a short residential/outdoor activity session. As a Youth Service, we offer DofE award and The Outreach and Community Teams offer activities ranging from weekend residential to places such as Outward Bound Trust, Fishing, Bushcraft, hill walking and much much more. Living in a National Park, we often find that children and Young People who reside here, often have had no interaction or contact with the park and its wild spaces, even with it being on their doorstep. It gives Young People the freedom to explore, play and learn in a safe and organised manner. Last year, during my time as a Lead Worker for Ukrainian Resettlement, I took a group of Ukrainian Young People on a coastering trip facilitated by an outdoor pursuit company, which allowed those Young People to meet with their peers and enjoy free time engaged in an activity that was totally alien and unheard of to them. They absolutely loved it.

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

Cost; Children feeling anxious;

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

proper planning, communication and organisation.

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?

10

What is the best age or year to go

25-Nov

How long should the trip be for?

2 days and 3 nights is optimum.

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

hardest to reach disengaged young people. we have seen this have a direct correlation to them engaging in support services and moving from NEET to seeking ETE.

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

Yes

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

Facilitation by Youth Services for best impact, Young Person Centred, meaningful engagement.