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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Dafydd Griffiths | Evidence from Dafydd Griffiths

Capacity of response: Parent and Grandparent

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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?

Skills – e.g. map reading, sailing, climbing, etc

Self-confidence

Communication

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; Parental anxiety / uncertainty; 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?

Some learners will be able to display talents what would not be obvious in a formal classroom setting in school, e.g. physical skills, communication, persistence, etc.

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?

Na

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?

Older (please state below)

At the end of KS3

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).

No comment

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?

Disagree

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

I know from experience of having the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities when I was in school over 50 years ago has had a positive influence on me. It's sad that financial constraints and academic pressures in the curriculum have reduced the opportunities for teachers to offer this type of education. I still use the skills I was introduced to and have introduced them to my children as they didn't have experiences of this kind in their schools.
