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Ymateb gan Y Bartneriaeth Awyr Agored / The Outdoor Partnership, | Evidence from Y Bartneriaeth Awyr Agored / The Outdoor Partnership,

Are you (your organisation) currently a provider of outdoor education?: No

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?

Exposing young people to the natural environment they have on their door step for life-long engagement (long term economic, social and health benefits). They will be our Ambassadors of the future (e.g. environmental champions, community volunteers)

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; Disabilities; Additional Learning Needs; Parental anxiety / uncertainty; Child anxiety / uncertainty; lack of knowledge and confidence of head teachers and teaching staff;

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

for those who live in poverty and live in areas of deprivation / inactive youngsters / it will have a positive impact on all

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?

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)

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

Don't know

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

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

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

Fully supportive of the proposal. It's also important to remember and bear in mind the importance of ensuring/providing progression / exit pathways for children and young people following their week long residential experience. It's important that children, young people and their family and friends have access to community-based outdoor activity provision for life-long engagement in the outdoors for health, social and economic benefits. Has this been considered as part of the consultation?

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