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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

[Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored \(Cymru\)](#) | [Proposed Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill](#)

Ymateb gan Individual | Evidence from Individual

In what capacity are you responding: Citizen

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?

Community, strength and worth as individuals and groups, challenge, strength in failure & success - resilience. Endurance, creating aspirations/sense of adventure. Learning to live alongside others.

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;

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Those from communities where aspiration is low, and social deprivation can 'blinker' the opportunities of youth.

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?

I can't see why, the outdoors is there for all. Sometimes creativity/adaptions are necessary but all a part of the initiative that is often used to achieve things in the outdoors. For example in Wales we have some heroes in this field. Martyn Ashton - former British and World champion mountain biker who is now

paralyzed and wheelchair bound and leading the way in adaptive mountain biking. Anything is possible with the will to achieve.

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)

Teens probably around 14 pre-GCSE so they can create vision for their future, and before they might become disengaged in society/education

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).

Long enough to settle in/find independence in a strange environment, and see their own growth by the end of the time - engaging young people in evaluation of their time is key.

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?

I think this is important as a means to creating youth who have a vision for their future and what they may be able to achieve. In turn this will assist communities.

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