

POE119 Celtic Deep Conservation

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Celtic Deep Conservation, | Evidence from Celtic Deep Conservation,

Are you (your organisation) currently a provider of outdoor education?: Yes

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?

- Physical and mental health wellbeing
- Equal opportunity to be exposed to outdoor activities
- Developing interest in the natural world

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;Health reasons;Additional Learning Needs;Paternal anxiety / uncertainty;Child anxiety / uncertainty;religious, social, access/transport, parental time constraints, young carers ;

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

Less affluent regions by providing opportunities to take part in outdoor education.

People with additional support need to gain access to activities.

Under-represented groups (ethnic, religious etc.) who don't feel activities are inclusive of them.

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?

Could cause anxiety in individuals who struggle with mental/physical health considerations, play important family roles e.g. carers. Proper consideration needs to be given to support these individuals to making them feel comfortable with it.

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?

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).

Fits with the school week, long enough to develop skills and confidence, convenient for parents and teaching staff

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?

Levels the playing field by giving all young people and children a chance to experience outdoor education. As the world becomes more and more online it is important to develop outdoor skills.

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