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The role of Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is the practice of being in the natural world, while developing knowledge, skills and understanding. The benefits to the participants are improved wellbeing and mental health; and improved academic, social and transferable skills. This outdoor experience results in personal learning and reflection about ourselves and the world around us. Overall this produces a positive experience, additional understanding of our local environment, and a greater respect for nature.

Outdoor activities and National Curriculum lessons to do in school grounds or local green space

Outdoor Learning lesson plans.

All resources from the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Outdoor Learning project, plus a searchable document containing free resources from external providers:

<https://www.pendlehillproject.com/resources-teachers>

Health and Safety, Outdoor Learning guidance and kit list.

Risk Assessments from the Pendle Hill Outdoor Learning sessions, some helpful guidance about taking your class outdoors and a list of kit you might want to download or buy:

<https://www.pendlehillproject.com/resources-teachers>

Outdoor Learning training suggestions

ITC Level 3 Award in Learning Beyond the Classroom—<https://www.itcfirst.org.uk/qualifications/itc-level-3-award-in-learning-beyond-the-classroom/113.htm>

Online Training for Outdoor Learning and Play—<https://www.ltl.org.uk/outdoor-learning-training/online-training/>

Outdoor Learning Training—<https://www.ltl.org.uk/outdoor-learning-training/>

Bespoke training and consultation—<https://www.lotc.org.uk/news-and-events/clotc-events-training/bespoke-training-and-consultation/>

Growing Teachers—<https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/growing-teachers>

Forest School Activities Online Training—<https://www.theoutdoorteacher.com/p/forest-school-outdoor-learning-online-training>

Forest School Activities - Free Mini Course | The Outdoor Teacher Ltd—<https://www.theoutdoorteacher.com/p/forest-school-activities-free-mini-course>

Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders—<https://forestschoollassociation.org/how-to-choose-a-fs-trainer/>

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Funding opportunities for Outdoor Learning, outdoor space creation and purchasing wildlife resources for schools:

The Ernest Cook Trust: <https://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

The Ernest Cook Trust was founded as an educational trust in 1952. They offer grants to allow every person to know the feeling of being utterly captivated and intrigued by nature. The Outdoor Essentials grant stream gives £500 to schools for items such as wellies and waterproofs, travel to Outdoor Learning locations, and equipment to improve school grounds. Check the website to see when the next grant is open.

Learning Outside the Classroom: <https://www.lotc.org.uk/category/funding/>

Institute for Outdoor Learning: <https://www.outdoor-learning.org/Good-Practice/Develop-your-Organisation/Sources-of-Funding>

Learning though Landscapes: <https://www.ltl.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/>

RHS campaign for school Gardening: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/Fundraising-for-your-School-Garden>

Groundwork: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Veolia Environmental Trust: <https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

Social Farms and Gardens: <https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/resources/financial-support-funding-and-grants>

Woodland Trust free trees: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities>

Tree Council free fruit trees: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/what-we-do/schools-and-education/orchards-for-schools/>

The Conservation Volunteers free trees: <https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/i-dig-trees/>

Tree appeal free trees: <https://www.treeappeal.com/>

Arts Council: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

Biffa Award: <https://www.biffa-award.org/>

Co-op Local Community Fund: <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

Grow Wild: <https://growwild.kew.org/apply-grant>

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