



Real World Learning

Effective Learning Approaches to Outdoor Learning

How do we learn about the world around us? Can we deliver better learning using the outdoors? How can science help to change behaviours towards a more sustainable world? These are just some of the questions that the Real World Learning Network is exploring.

Key Themes

Outdoor learning is widespread across Europe, taking the form of science through to sensory based learning. The conference will explore how to create successful outdoor learners. Through keynote speakers, workshops and forums we will explore:

- What is the relationship between real world learning and sustainable development?
- What is the role of science in sustainability?
- Which competencies are necessary for a sustainable future?
- How can we make a difference?

Who should attend?

This conference is for anyone involved in outdoor learning: education providers, teachers, centre managers, education decision makers.

How will the conference be organised?

Keynote speakers will share their thoughts.

Workshops will enable participants to test out new ideas and practical approaches.

Outdoor activities to try out new ideas.

Forums to debate the latest developments.

Exchange of ideas and creativity to inspire and inform...tell Europe what you are doing.

A European Conference by the Real World Learning Network in the Czech Republic

21st to 24th January 2013

Full funding available

Funding is available to attend the conference from the EU. Funding covers both the conference fee and accommodation. See below for more

Where?

The conference will take place at Sluňákov – the Olomouc Centre for Ecological Activities. The centre is located close to the historic city of Olomouc, an easy train journey from Prague.



The centre is custom build for outdoor learning, integrating sustainable technologies with extensive grounds.

What is the Real World Learning Network?

The Real World Learning Network is a consortium of outdoor learning providers across Europe. Our goal is to explore and share successful approaches to outdoor learning that increase action for sustainable development. We believe that outdoor learning offers one of the best approaches for young people to engage with the world around them, and provide a stimulating context to explore how we can all contribute to a more sustainable present and future.

Language

The conference will be in English, German and Czech.



Programme

Day 1 Arrive

Evening event – a welcome dinner and opportunities for participants to get to know each other.

Day 2

- 0900 Opening of the Conference
- 0930 Welcome by Slunakov Director Michal Bartos
- 1000 What is Real World Learning – an introduction to the project
- 1030 Getting to know each other
- 1100 Coffee break
- 1130 Keynote Speaker 1 – changing behaviour towards a sustainable future
- 1230 Q&A
- 1300 Lunch & guided tours of Slunakov
- 1430 Workshop 1 – developing competencies for sustainable change
- 1700 Plenary and review of the day
- 1900 Evening dinner
- 2000 Evening entertainment – an informal evening for participants to share their experience with some music, games and activities

Day 3

- 0900 Keynote Speaker 2 – science, sustainability and the big issues
- 1000 Q&A
- 1030 Coffee Break
- 1100 Workshop 2 – understanding fundamental concepts of science and sustainability through outdoor learning
- 1300 Lunch
- 1430 Share Zone – a chance for participants to share their ideas and resources
- 1530 Putting outdoor learning into practice – a range of practical workshops exploring different approaches to assessing outdoor science.
- 1900 Dinner
- 2000 Live Cimbalom music and dancing

Day 4

- 0900 Keynote Speaker 3 – changing the way we deliver outdoor science
- 1000 Workshop 3 – developing recommendations for the future
- 1130 Conference Evaluation and Planning for Future
- 1230 Plenary
- 1300 Lunch & Close.

Costs and Funding

The conference fee is €330, this includes all conference materials and a copy of the conference report. The accommodation fee is €245 and includes all meals and accommodation in twin rooms, local travel and local transfers.

Funding is available for EU citizens to attend the conference from Comenius. Funds cover both the conference fee and accommodation. The conference is registered on the EU training database and can be found at this link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=33340>

Alternatively search the database using the reference number UK-2013-1678-001 <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/>

You need to contact your National Agency to apply for funding. A list of National Agencies can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm. Some National Agencies require a letter confirming your place at the conference. We are very happy to send you a letter confirming this. Should you need any assistance in your application please email the conference secretary at global@field-studies-council.org.

You must apply before the 17th September 2012.

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