



Lifelong Learning Programme



## Values and Competency Based Outdoor Learning for Sustainability

EU Comenius Course  
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**How can learning outside the classroom change our way of learning and acting towards a sustainable future?**



***What do we value in life? What will the future look like? How much depends on us? What are the models that provide hope for a sustainable future?***

We cannot predict the future, it is uncertain, but we know that it depends on us and how we can prepare young people for new challenges. We need to ask ourselves and younger generations what sort of future we would like to live in and how this future can be made reality. It challenges us how we meet our needs and put into action our values.

The main objective for this course is to stimulate reflection, discussion and innovation toward values and competency based learning for a sustainable future. Through practical hands-on activities we will explore and reflect on our values as a basis for teaching and learning in the outdoors. We will share and evaluate current best practices that support and develop core values and competencies for sustainability. We will explore how these competencies are connected to green careers. As a result, you will leave with new ideas for the implementation and delivery of values and competency based outdoor learning.

This course is for all teachers and people involved in delivering school education. Values and sustainability have a strong connection with all science subjects, Geography, Business and Economics. The course will be relevant for both Primary and Secondary education.

The course will build on the successful Real World Learning Network, and also share a range of approaches to outdoor learning. The course will take place at the The Draper's Field Centre (Rhyd-y-creuau) situated close to the village of Betws-Y-Coed in the foothills of the Snowdonia National Park.

The course will use learning outside the classroom as a key starting point. Research and experience has shown that approaches based on first-hand experience not only motivate learning and improve attainment but also provide ideal jumping off points to investigate wider issues. Field trips will be augmented with visits to education projects and workshops.

The course is part of the European Real World Learning Network. To find out more and join our network please visit [www.rwlnetwork.org](http://www.rwlnetwork.org).



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## Funding

The cost of the course is €665. Full board accommodation is €510.

There is funding available from the EU to cover the full costs of your participation. You will need to contact your National Agency and they will inform you how to apply for funding. Please use the following link to find your National Agency.

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/national\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/national_en.htm)

More information about the training event can be found on the link below.

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=37590>

Alternatively you can search the database by using the title or reference number (UK-2014-2014-001) of the course <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/search.cfm>.

The deadline to apply for a Training Conference is 17 September 2013 – results expected by 17 November 2013

## Who can apply?

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

## Language

The course will be in English

## Some useful information to help you apply:

- ✚ Contact your National Agency to obtain information on the grant application procedures and check the deadline for submission of your application.
- ✚ Check with us that there are places still available and ask us to send you a letter confirming your place on the course.
- ✚ The application form requires you to give the Session ID number – this is SESSION ID: 55868
- ✚ Send your application form to your National Agency following the defined application procedure
- ✚ Your National Agency will inform you if you have been awarded a grant normally 7-10 weeks after the application deadline.
- ✚ Please inform us ([global@field-studies-council.org](mailto:global@field-studies-council.org)) if you require support in applying for funding or have any questions.

Travel information – The nearest airport will be Birmingham and Manchester. From the airport you will need to get a train to Betws-y-Coed. A shuttle service from the train station to the Field Centre will be available.

## About the HSEE and Field Studies Council.

To find out more about the FSC please visit [www.field-studies-council.org](http://www.field-studies-council.org)

To find out more about the Hungarian Society for Environmental Education visit

[http://mkne.hu/index\\_english.php](http://mkne.hu/index_english.php)

To find out more about Rhyd-y-creuau Field Centre please visit <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/rhydycreuau.aspx>

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### Day 1

09.00 - Introduction to the course

11.00 - Introduce the course, its objectives, methods, structure and outcomes.

12.30 - Walk to Betws-Y-Coed for lunch

14.00 - Explore the area through aspects of natural history (e.g. geology/glaciology/literature) and sustainability issues (social, environmental & economic), setting the scene for 'Real World Learning outdoors.

17.00 - Reflections on the day

### Day 2

09.00 - Communal participant led activity

09.30 - Participant posters - sharing working practice from across Europe

11.00 - Exploring values. How do they relate to education through outdoor learning?

14.30 - Personal nature walk for reflection

15.30 – Exploring values continued - values development for sustainability at organisational and community level

16.45 – Reflections on the day

### Day 3

09.00 - Communal participant led activity

09.30 - Introducing the work of the Real World Learning Network

10.30 - Workshop exploring green career competencies and outdoor learning

13.00 - Educational visits to inspire green career thinking

15.30 - Exploring outdoor education activities that promote values and competencies toward sustainability through food

17.00 – Reflections on the day

### Day 4

09.00 - Communal participant led activity

09.30 - Using water as a theme for learning - Exploring and reflecting on outdoor learning activities based around water

12.00 - Developing the best practice in outdoor learning activities to support values and competencies for sustainability

16.00 - Group discussion about different approaches and their place in values and competency learning in the outdoors

17.00 - Reflections on the day

### Day 5

09.00 - Communal participant led activity

09.30 - Measuring the success of your outdoor learning delivery

10.30 - Planning for the future - how to incorporate values and competency based outdoor learning into professional practice

11.30 - Closing discussion & course evaluation

12.30 - Certificates and close

\* Lunch will be provided every day between 13:00 and 14:00

\*\* Coffee and tea breaks will be provided every day at 10:30 and at 16:30

\*\*\* Ad-hoc breaks will take place based on activities throughout the course