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

Ymateb gan Hafod y Wern commuinty primary school, | Evidence from Hafod y Wern commuinty primary school,

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

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?

taking repsonsibility, self confidence, being outside, team building

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?

Don't know

What are the main barriers which you believe currently exist to children and young people accessing residential outdoor education experiences?

Financial constraints;

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

Our school has a large number of pupils entitled to FSM. This gives them an entitlement to a residential trip that the school can claim the money back. Pupils' whose parents work find the cost of a 3 day residential too expensive even when reduced via the school budget. Many pupils who are asked why they are not going on the trip , reply with, ' because my parents work and I 'm not FSM.. We can't afford it.'

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?

As above

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).

4 nights gives the pupils a chance to get over ny homesickness. Enables them to settle into a routine .

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?

Equity for all must take into account working parenst who are not entiteld to FSM