

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Louise Tully | Evidence from Louise Tully

In what capacity are you responding: Relative of child

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?

Self esteem, overcoming challenge, learning strategies to deal with adversity, being part of a team, success for children who don't excel in school, learning about the wider environment, learning life skills, being away from home, a break from family to know they can be independent, discovering a love of outdoor activities which can lead to a healthy life style. Plus lots more!

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;Disabilities;Patental anxiety / uncertainty;Child anxiety / uncertainty;Additional Learning Needs;Health reasons;

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

It will benefit all children as it recognises the importance of residential outdoor experiences

it will particularly benefit children from poorer backgrounds.

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?

No

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).

It is long enough to have time to develop assuming a good outdoor instructor is leading the group experience. It is long enough to try different roles at a centre. It is long enough to have three full days of activities. enough

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?
