

## POE30 Individual

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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

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

Ymateb gan Individual | Evidence from Individual

In what capacity are you responding: Parent / Carer

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### 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?

Connection with nature

Gaining independence

New experiences and activities

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?

Paternal anxiety / uncertainty; Financial constraints; Parents not being aware of existing opportunities;

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

Yes, particularly pupils who may not experience being in natural outdoors spaces with their families.

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?

Suitable activities should be provided for children with disabilities. Some children may not feel comfortable being on a residential trip, especially those with mental or physical health considerations. They should

always be able to opt out. There are potential cost issues. I'm not sure where the finances for this will come from. As a parent, I don't object to means tested contributions; I'm happy to pay for a residential trip for my child. However, the trip should be free for families on lower incomes.

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?

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Year 6 (age 10-11)

Is four nights/five days the best length for a residential outdoor experience?

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Don't know

Please explain your answer and highlight any possible implications from having a standard approach of four night/five day experiences (whether positive or negative).

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I don't object to this length of trip.

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?

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Agree

Is there anything else you would like to say about this proposal?

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