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Bil arfaethedig – Bil Addysg Awyr Agored (Cymru) - Ymgynghoriad ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc | Proposed Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill – Children and young person’s consultation

Ymateb gan David Walker, Manager, | Evidence from David Walker, Manager

Capacity of response: Organisation currently providing outdoor education

Your opinion

What are the main good things for children about having an overnight outdoor education visit?

It is a development milestone. It is often a young person's first experience of being away from parents overnight, learning who they are and learning new things together with their peers.

What gets in the way of children taking part in overnight outdoor education visits?

Cost; Health or disability; Parents worrying; Children feeling anxious; Being young carers;

How can people make sure children have the best possible time at overnight outdoor education visits?

Funding services properly. Ensuring that providers safeguard young people adequately and are subject to scrutiny via Governmental bodies. Promote the benefits to public and parents.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is it for all children have the chance to do a free overnight outdoor education visits at some time?

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What is the best age or year to go

Year 6 or 7

How long should the trip be for?

2-3 nights

Which groups of children would get the most out of taking part in an overnight outdoor education visit, and why?

All young people. Outdoor education is a leveller. However like most types of learning those who are socially excluded for any reason stand to benefit most.

Should it be a law that children can go on at least one free overnight outdoor education visit?

Yes

Please tell us any other ideas that should be in the new law
