



2017 Education Conference

School improvement through outdoor learning and sustainability

March 17th 2017: Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre 09.00 – 15.45

This annual conference is organised by the *Devon Education for Sustainability Working Group* in collaboration with *Natural Devon*. It provides educators in all schools and settings and at all stages of learning with an invaluable opportunity to:

- Understand how outdoor learning across the curriculum can improve the engagement, achievement and wellbeing of children and young people as well as enabling them to feel more hopeful about the future;
- Appreciate the motivational power of learning about and for the environment through sustainability;
- Clarify how to embed outdoor learning and sustainability strategically across their school or setting and assess its impact on children and young people;
- Leave with inspiration, resources and support to be a more effective educator in outdoor learning and sustainability

This will be a very practical and interactive day which will meet the needs of educators new to outdoor learning and sustainability as well as those with more experience. The programme will consist of workshops (inside and out), symposiums, *TeachMeet* sessions, seminars and presentations. There will be an emphasis on providing opportunities for networking and learning from the good practice of colleagues. There will also be a large exhibition of outdoor learning and sustainability providers currently working with schools and settings across the south west region from which colleagues can seek advice and practical support.

The cost of the whole day including refreshments and lunch is just **£90 plus VAT.** Places are limited and **early booking is advisable** using the attached form. We look forward to meeting and working with you on the day.

**Natural Devon: Devon Local Nature Partnership
Devon Education for Sustainability Conference March 17th 2017
School Improvement through Outdoor Learning and Sustainability
Draft Programme**

Timing	Event
From 08.30	Registration, Refreshments, Networking in refectory
09.00 – 09.15	<i>Welcome, organisation of the day and housekeeping</i> David Weatherly , Devon Local Nature Partnership Lead for Priority Theme of Outdoor Learning and Chair of the Devon Education for Sustainability Working Group (DESWG) Refectory
09.15 - 10.00	Nicky Bailey , Community Projects Officer, South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Refectory/Outside/Hall
10.00 - 10.50	Workshops Session 1
10.50 - 11.20	Exhibition
11.20 - 11.35	Refreshments
11.35 - 12.25	Workshops Session 2
12.25 – 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 14.05	Teach Meet/World Café sessions
14.10 - 15.00	Workshops Session 3
15.00 - 15.30	Reflection café , Postcards and Prize Draw in Refectory - Depart

BOOKING FORM

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Name of school/setting

Name of delegate/s

Contact Email

Please let us know of any specific needs of delegates e.g. access or diet:

Course fee £90 plus VAT

Includes refreshments throughout the day and lunch

Please return booking form either electronically to:

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*or by post to: 14 The Moorings
Victoria Road
Exmouth
EX8 1DY*

Name and postal/email address for invoice:

Please return this booking form as soon as possible to secure a place and no later than March 3rd 2017