

# 2024 SCHOOLS OUTDOOR LEARNING CONFERENCE

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Grasmere P4C Credit - Jonathan Smith Grasmere School

An inspiring day of workshops, keynotes and networking for Early Years providers, Primary schools and SEND/Alternative provision settings.

Learn from and connect with expert outdoor learning providers and other schools.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH 2024**

**9 AM TO 4 PM**

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# Programme

Time	Description	Location
09:00	Arrival/Registration	Sentamu Building Foyer
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Inspiring Confidence in Outdoor Learning</b> Jen Ager, Dave Harvey, Gina Parker (Mullarkey)	Sentamu Lecture Theatre
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Workshop 1</b>	
11:00 - 11:30	Tea/Coffee break and opportunity to visit the Conference Market Place	Sentamu Building Foyer
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Workshop 2</b>	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and opportunity to visit the Conference Market Place	Sentamu Building Foyer
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Workshop 3</b>	
14:45 - 15:00	Tea/Coffee break and opportunity to visit the Conference Market Place	Sentamu Building Foyer
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Daring to innovate: utilising the power of assessment for outdoor learning</b> Deborah Lambert	Sentamu Lecture Theatre
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Plenary and Conference Close</b>	Sentamu Lecture Theatre

## Keynote

### Daring to innovate: utilising the power of assessment for outdoor learning

Assessment in schools is a vital task that helps draw a picture of a child's academic progress over time. Assessment helps to inform curriculum and lesson planning and creates a basis for next steps in learning and development.

With changes to curriculum policy and the emphasis being placed on recording learning, schools need to provide evidence that they know not just what curriculum content is planned, but why it is included, whether the curriculum is being implemented effectively and the impact the curriculum is having on pupils' knowledge and understanding.

In this keynote, in the context of key learning from the conference day, we will consider the role of assessment within an outdoor learning pedagogy.

#### **Presenter:**

#### **Deborah Lambert**

Deborah Lambert is co-author of Bloomsbury's 'Sustainability and Climate Change Curriculum Outdoors at KS2' and the 'National Curriculum Outdoors – a complete scheme of work' series of books.

Deborah was a network leader for North Cornwall as part of the Natural Connections demonstration project (2012-16), which was delivered and evaluated by the University of Plymouth. More recently she successfully led the Erasmus+ 'Natural Schooling; innovating the curriculum to improve pupil outcomes' project, which concluded in 2023.

She has worked as a class teacher of EYFS–KS2 in over 30 primary schools, Special Schools at KS1-4 and as a lecturer in Further Education and Higher Education and currently works with schools, supporting them in their outdoor learning journey through staff training and curriculum workshops with children.

## Session 1 workshop choices (10.00-11.00)

Workshop	Presenters
<p><b>Increasing biodiversity on your school site (even if you only have concrete!)</b></p>	<p>Jennifer Lobo, RHS and National Education Nature Park</p>
<p><b>SEND and SEMH in the Outdoors</b></p>	<p>Andrew Smith, Sandgate School, and Dan Webber, Newbridge House Pupil Referral Unit</p>
<p><b>Embedding sustainability, environment, place and hope through the Morecambe Bay Curriculum</b></p>	<p>Beth Garrett, Lancaster University</p>
<p><b>Steering your school on its outdoor learning journey</b></p>	<p>Laura Goad and Geoff Norman, Cumbria Development Education Centre</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Learning in your School Grounds linked to the curriculum</b></p>	<p>Steve Moizer, Learning through Landscapes</p>
<p><b>Rivers: flowing throughout your school curriculum</b></p>	<p>Tania Crockett, Eden Rivers Trust</p>
<p><b>Nature Connectedness – Introduction to the pathways</b></p>	<p>Claire Harris, Natural England</p>

## Session 2 workshop choices (11.30 - 12.30)

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>Increasing biodiversity on your school site (even if you only have concrete!)</b>	Jennifer Lobo, RHS and National Education Nature Park
<b>How to get the most out of farm trips/visits</b>	Alison Cross and Jane Armstrong, The Ernest Cook Trust
<b>Who's looking after who? Inspiring nature connection, understanding and care for the natural environment through the primary curriculum</b>	Ruth Suddaby, Lake District National Park Learning and Engagement Team
<b>Branching out, the impact of Forest School on primary school children with autism</b>	Rachel Macdonald, Edsential
<b>Embedding a culture of outdoor learning into the primary curriculum</b>	Amy Harvey, Leanne Day and Jill Carruthers, High Hesket CE School
<b>Thinking with Nature: pairing a philosophical approach with outdoor learning</b>	Rosie Wilson, SAPERE

## Session 3 workshop choices (1.30-3.30)

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>Taking the Curriculum Outdoors</b>	Anita Foster, School Grounds North East
<b>Connecting Everything (when you're working with nothing)</b>	Jamie Normington, Cumbria Wildlife Trust
<b>Making playtimes more meaningful and the benefits of outdoor play</b>	Emma Littlewood, Grayrigg CE Primary School
<b>Steering your school on its outdoor learning journey</b>	Laura Goad and Geoff Norman, Cumbria Development Education Centre
<b>Outdoor Learning in your School Grounds linked to the curriculum</b>	Steve Moizer, Learning through Landscapes
<b>Keeping the dream alive: strategies to maintain the momentum</b>	Dave Harvey. Dave Harvey Outdoor Learning