



# Outdoor Learning Providers Directory

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### Brought to you by the **Edinburgh Outdoor Learning Network**

The Edinburgh Outdoor Learning Network (EOLN) is an informal network open to all providers of Outdoor Learning in and around Edinburgh.

To support teachers and schools in the renewal phase, EOLN are offering a series of webinars for teachers in January & February 2021 and have put together this Directory of Outdoor Learning Providers.

[For webinar details contact [Claire.Jennings@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:Claire.Jennings@sustrans.org.uk)]

In anticipation of Edinburgh's move to below tier 3 (Scottish Health Protection Level 3), when providers can once again support schools with general Outdoor Learning, this directory signposts to many of the diverse and creative professional organisations that can support Outdoor Learning in and around Edinburgh.

Many of our providers have adapted their resources and training to offer online and virtual support; details of these can be found in the directory.

**You can find many providers on [The Outdoor Learning Map](http://www.outdoorlearningmap.com): [www.outdoorlearningmap.com](http://www.outdoorlearningmap.com)**

We hope this directory is a useful resource to support your school's outdoor learning activities. We would love to hear how you get on and encourage you to share your activities via the Outdoor Learning Map!

If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch: [Andrew.Bagnall@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Bagnall@edinburgh.gov.uk)



# Archaeology Scotland

## Who we are and what we do:

Archaeology Scotland are a leading educational charity. We offer learner groups support and information about what archaeology is and how it can be used in delivering learning activities. We have online resources and activity kits available for loan, as well as information bases for teachers and youth workers.

Our Heritage Hero Awards are a free and inclusive wider achievement award, designed to support history heritage and archaeology projects. They offer a focus, a framework and a reward for your heritage projects.

We run the Attainment through Archaeology programme – which uses hands-on archaeology activities to develop skills for learning life and work, as well as supporting health & wellbeing through outdoor learning.

## Our offer under Covid:

We have been running: Small group sessions with pupils who struggle with mainstream education, Online CPD sessions for teachers on archaeological learning and the Heritage Hero Awards and careers sessions and Introduction to Archaeology sessions for pupils. We have self-led resources to suit outdoor learning <https://archaeologyscotland.org.uk/learning/learning-resources/>.

## Where we work:

Our flexible team work nationwide at a location to suit you.

## Who we work with:

We work with all stages

## Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/exploring-edinburghs-heritage-and-recording-st-anthonys-chapel-7920>

## Contact Us:

Website	<a href="https://archaeologyscotland.org.uk/">https://archaeologyscotland.org.uk/</a>
Heritage Resources Portal	<a href="https://archaeologyscotland.org.uk/heritage-resources-portal/">https://archaeologyscotland.org.uk/heritage-resources-portal/</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/archaeology.scotland">https://www.facebook.com/archaeology.scotland</a>
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## Bridge 8 Hub

### Who we are and what we do:

Bridge 8 Hub is Scotland's first canal-based urban outdoor activity centre, located just 20 minutes from Edinburgh city centre. Housed in repurposed shipping containers on the Union Canal, we provide outdoor activities to a range of schools, youth groups, community groups and outdoor enthusiasts.

Our core principle is to ensure that anyone wishing to access the outdoors has the opportunity to do so.

### Our offer under Covid:

The Centre and all activities are run in accordance with the latest government and national governing bodies advice.

### Where we work:

We work predominantly from our base at Bridge 8 and can travel if there is a requirement.

### Who we work with:

We are an inclusive group and work with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/bridge-8-hub-5658>

### Contact Us:

Website:



(Website undergoing maintenance)

Facebook:



Twitter:



Email:



Telephone:





## Dragon Adventures

### Who we are and what we do:

Team building, problem solving, bushcraft, archery, orienteering and activity days for pupils of all ages and teaching staff. Specialist in onsite activities at your location using experienced instructors and aimed at the ages of your pupils. Provision of indoor archery from P1 up. We also offer certificated first aid for teachers and senior pupils while keeping classes busy with activities. First aid awareness sessions for younger pupils.

### Our offer under Covid:

All activities are offered outdoors in most weather conditions. Activities can also be offered indoors and adapted to current guidelines. We clean equipment between sessions, have duplicate sets of equipment, and use social distancing measures as appropriate.

### Where we work:

In your school grounds or local greenspace

### Who we work with:

Primary, secondary, adults, community, special educational needs, volunteer groups

### Contact Us:

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## Dynamic Earth

### Who we are and what we do:

Dynamic Earth is an Earth and environmental science centre, offering an immersive visitor experience exploring the story of our planet. The Learning Service provides additional learning experiences for a wide variety of audiences. These include curriculum-linked workshops, an outdoor learning programme, a dedicated community learning scheme, and CLPL for teachers.

### Our offer under Covid:

We have a large selection of activities and reading materials available on the [Dynamic Earth Online](#) section of our website. Here you can find ideas for STEM-linked arts and crafts; at-home experiment ideas; short, educational video content; profiles of inspirational scientists and research teams; and outdoor STEM activities to try out.

Our full [outdoor learning programme](#) is still available with additional safety measures in place to make sure everyone is safe and comfortable. We are also happy to discuss our indoor activity offerings which we will assess on a case by case basis, so please do get in touch if this is something you would like to discuss.

### Where we work:

Our outdoor learning programme takes place in a variety of locations throughout Holyrood Park, where Dynamic Earth is situated. If you would like to discuss the possibility of us coming to your local greenspace or school grounds, please also get in touch to discuss this possibility.

### Who we work with:

All age groups

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/dynamic-earth-5263>

### Contact Us:

Website: <https://www.dynamicearth.co.uk/>

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Twitter: [@ourdynamicearth](#)

Instagram: [@dynamic\\_earth](#)

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## Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

### Who we are and what we do:

ELGT is an independent charity and social enterprise. Over the years we have developed a strong and robust foundation of vital relationships with communities, landowners, local authorities and other organisations.

We deliver sustainable, well-managed and accessible greenspace projects and are part of the Edinburgh Living Landscape initiative and help deliver the Central Scotland Green Network

We offer an inspiring and imaginative programme of environmental and community projects which work for the benefit of people, wildlife, landscape and heritage.

We have a comprehensive portfolio of professional environmental project development, management and fundraising services and we work hard to help ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy their natural environment.

### Our offer under Covid:

We are currently able to offer content and sessions online via ZOOM, Teams or similar. We are currently working with local communities in greenspaces adhering to the current restrictions in place via Scottish Government and will be able to deliver sessions for schools with the relevant risk assessments and following the guidelines as and when the restrictions on working with third parties is lifted.

### Where we work:

We will work with you in your school grounds / local greenspace.

### Who we work with:

Communities, schools of all age groups and children and adults with special needs.

### Contact Us:

Website: <http://www.elgt.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/greenspacetrust>

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Telephone: 0131 445 4025

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# Edinburgh Outdoor Woodland Learning Group (EOWL)

## Who we are and what we do:

The Edinburgh & Lothians Group was formed in 2005. The group was actively involved in supporting Edinburgh's Forest School pilot project 2006-2008 in partnership with Forestry Commission Scotland (now Forestry Scotland), The City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Natural Heritage (now NatureScot) and Careers Scotland.

## Edinburgh OWL Group currently aims to:

- Co-organise the annual, **Nature Play Conference** in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council
- Run regular CPD sessions for Teachers, Early Years Practitioners and Outdoor Learning Practitioners, sharing workshop ideas for its members.
- Build a pool of educational resources, equipment and tools for member use.
- Provide a network for its members and interested individuals and organisations to benefit from sharing ideas and best practice.
- Maintain links with neighbouring OWL groups, organisations and interested individuals.

## Our offer under Covid:

Please check our [EOWL facebook pages](#) for seasonal CPD sessions for regular updates. During Covid, we have designed and developed a range of **blended learning CPD opportunities** to keep us all learning and safe outdoors which will be delivered through a combination of online presentation, interactive activities and outdoor meetings.

We are a friendly group and always keen to hear from individuals / organisations whose aims are similar to the OWL constitution. We have a circulation of 250+ individuals and an active core of 12+, most of whom are Forest School Leaders (level 3) trained / undergoing training. Please get in touch if you want to know more.

## Where we work:

We provide CPD sessions for staff/practitioners and in your school/community grounds & local greenspace.

## Who we work with:

Please see above

## Contact Us:

Website: [https://www.owlscotland.org//local-groups/edinburgh\\_and\\_lothians](https://www.owlscotland.org//local-groups/edinburgh_and_lothians)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Outdoor-and-Woodland-Learning-Edinburgh-OWLS>

Twitter: [@eowlscotland](https://twitter.com/eowlscotland)

Telephone: Barbara (Chair) 07793 986 092

Email: [edinburghowlgroup@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghowlgroup@gmail.com)



## Who we are and what we do:

Friends of the Award (Fota) is a charity working to support the development of young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians through participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) and the Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS).

## Our offer under Covid:

We can supply JASS resources for young people aged 5-14 to schools and youth organisations, as an accessible way of accrediting wider achievement.

We can support disadvantaged young people to participate in the DofE through schools and youth organisations, thanks to funding from the City of Edinburgh Council. We can provide support in person or remotely as per the needs of each school / organisation.

As and when allowed, we will be able to deliver Expeditions and expedition training to groups and individuals involved in DofE, our expeditions are participant-focused, adapted to cater for all levels of needs, and we have a comprehensive stock of expedition kit.

We can provide comprehensive training for adults (staff and volunteers) who would like to get involved with DofE and JASS.

## Where we work:

We work with schools and youth organisations across the City, normally based from our office in southwest Edinburgh but currently home working.

## Who we work with:

JASS – P1 to S2. DofE from S3 up to age 24.

## Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/fota-jass-office-7070>

## Contact Us:

Website: [fota.org.uk](http://fota.org.uk) and [jassschools.org.uk](http://jassschools.org.uk)

Facebook: [@fotaedin](https://www.facebook.com/fotaedin)

Twitter: [@fotaedin](https://twitter.com/fotaedin)

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## The Green Team

### Who we are and what we do:

We offer a range of outdoor learning, environmental education, nature connection activities that encourage discovery, exploration, a deeper understanding of the natural world and fun in the outdoors. Sessions are delivered by our Education Officer, using an electric cargo bike to transport equipment to your school or specified location. We can deliver tailor made sessions and also support delivery of the following awards ; Eco-schools, JASS award, John Muir Award. We can offer guidance and support for health and wellbeing and nurture groups. We can offer a wide range of CPD training to staff, linking outdoor activities to the curriculum and build confidence to deliver outdoor learning in local parks and greenspaces. CPD training can include games and outdoor activities, art and woodland crafts, woodland skills, fire lighting.

### Our offer under Covid:

Weekly posting of outdoor activities on social media, monthly storytelling and linked outdoor activities available online. During COVID we work with small group sizes, socially distanced and encourage regular hand washing/ sanitising. We can offer CPD training to staff face to face in small groups or via Teams.

### Where we work:

We work with Edinburgh schools and can work in your school playground, local parks and green spaces, all walking distance from the school.

### Who we work with:

Nursery, primary schools, secondary schools, local community groups, families

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/saughton-park-6802>

### Contact Us:

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## Kids Gone Wild

### Who we are and what we do:

Kids Gone Wild is a family run business who offer a wide range of Outdoor Learning support for children aged 0-13. We specialize in working with schools to consult, enhance and deliver high quality Outdoor Learning programmes for their students. It is of paramount importance to us that Outdoor Learning is made as accessible as possible; so, we bring the experience to you, using school grounds and surrounding areas to deliver our courses. Whether it's working 1-2-1 or in a small group setting, a full school or class activity, Kids Gone Wild have experienced instructors ready to build relationships and assist you.

### Our offer under Covid:

Especially in our current climate, being outdoors and learning about the natural world we live in is more important than ever. Kids Gone Wild have socially distanced class plans which allow us to show continued support for children (depending on the current tier). If the guidance allows, we can help, get in touch to find out more.

### Where we work:

We bring the experience to you, using school grounds, surrounding areas and local greenspaces to deliver our courses.

### Who we work with:

We have experience in supporting children aged 0-13.

### Contact Us:

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## **I Bike**

### **Who we are and what we do:**

I Bike Edinburgh aims to create a culture of walking, cycling and scooting in schools across the city. By giving children and young people the skills and confidence to walk, scoot and cycle to school and beyond the programme promotes a safer, happier and healthier school community.

The Edinburgh I Bike Officer works with schools to provide a programme of classroom and outdoor sessions aimed at increasing the number of students travelling actively to school each day as well as embedding active travel to support with outdoor learning through accessing local green spaces and areas.

### **Our offer under Covid:**

I Bike is currently working with a limited number of schools to provide health and wellbeing opportunities within the playground and around their local area. These include playground cycle and scoot skills sessions as well as some class walks and bike rides.

As well as this I Bike can help to support schools remotely, providing a range of activities and information as well as support for schools to self-deliver activities and loaning of equipment such as bikes and scooters.

These activities have all been adapted to adhere to current government Covid19 guidance, including physical distancing and advanced cleaning protocols for shared equipment.

I Bike could also help you to facilitate class trips actively. Whether that be walking, scooting or cycling- Kerr could support your school to visit other outdoor learning organisations or places of interest safely and actively.

### **Where we work:**

We will work with you in your playground and local greenspace/area.

### **Who we work with:**

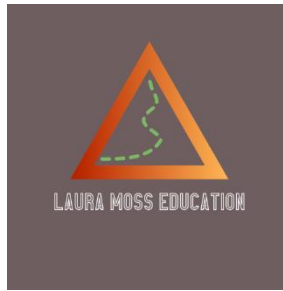
All year groups

### **Contact Us:**

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## Laura Moss Education

### Who we are and what we do:

I am an experienced outdoor and sustainability educator - offering bespoke CLPL for teachers, early years professionals, youth workers and others working with children.

### Our offer under Covid:

Currently offering online sessions via Zoom / Teams or I can work with you in school grounds if and when current guidance permits.

### Where we work:

Working in your school grounds or local greenspace

### Who we work with:

Anyone working with children and young people

### Contact Us:

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## Love Outdoor Learning

### Who we are and what we do:

Love Outdoor Learning are leading the way in curriculum based outdoor learning. Our aim is to help you take your everyday curriculum and teach it in new and exciting ways to help motivate learners and in turn, help to close the attainment gap. We offer CLPL for educators, on-site learning sessions, and our education portal has online training, lesson ideas and more.

### Our offer under Covid:

Working within Covid guidelines, we are able to provide both online and face to face support for schools. Our [membership portal](#) is a low cost, high value support for schools. It provides training videos, lesson ideas across the curriculum and regular calls with our team to support your school.

In addition to this, we have also offered a [free training and lesson ideas](#) programme to schools returning in January. Our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages are also constantly updated with ideas. We have also offered schools free 15minute support Zoom calls to provide ideas, training and more. These can be booked [here](#).

### Where we work:

Outdoor learning can, and should be undertaken anywhere, whether that is a great green space, beach or a concrete jungle and we are here to support you in this. We can also work with you via Zoom or our online portal.

### Who we work with:

Nursery, primary schools, secondary schools, local community groups, families. We also have experience of working with children with a wide range of ASN

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/curriculum-based-outdoor-learning-4189>

### Contact Us:

Website: <https://loveoutdoorlearning.com/>

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## Who we are and what we do:

MY Adventure specialises in **Outdoor Activities**. We are an **adventure** tourism and **outdoor** education provider based in **Edinburgh**. All our instructors are highly trained in the outdoors and with working with young people. The experiences that we provide take clients into some of the most exquisite, **incredible**, and extreme **environments** the UK has to offer.

We specialise in **Duke of Edinburgh**, **canyoning**, **coasteering**, **mountain biking**, **hill walking** and **Canoeing**. and deliver these adventurous experiences across **Scotland** and the **North of England**.

## Where we work:

MY Adventure use the great outdoor use the great outdoors for our adventures. This can be locally to fit with your school group or further afield to fit with the activities. We are flexible depending on the need and activity that has been chosen.

## Who we work with:

From 8 years to adults. This does all depend on the activities we are delivering.

## Contact Us:

Website: <https://myadventure.org.uk/>

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Website: <https://myadventure.org.uk/groups/schools>

Telephone: 0131 629 3065

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## Primal Bushcraft & Survival

### Who we are and what we do:

Team Primal are passionate about the outdoors and bushcraft & survival training. We take great pride in delivering awesome and memorable experiences. Whether it's learning the basics or more advanced techniques we love to teach all abilities.

### Our offer under Covid:

We are adhering to the Scottish Government guidelines and operating as normal, broken down into smaller groups whilst following a strict COVID risk assessment with stringent H&S and cleaning/ equipment quarantine procedures in place.

### Where we work:

We will work with you in your school grounds, local greenspace and we also have a base at Duncarron Medieval Village, Carronvalley Forest, FK6 5JL.

### Who we work with:

Any group – including early years, primary, secondary, community, learning disabilities.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/bushcraft-survival-skills-4363>

### Contact Us:

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## Rowanbank Environmental Arts & Education

### Who we are and what we do:

Rowanbank is an Environmental Arts & Education social enterprise, that creates magical outdoor experiences. We produce innovative events, workshops and performances that inspire and delight audiences throughout Scotland. We are committed to working with children without easy access to the arts and green space, inspiring them to use their local environment for outdoor learning, play and creativity.

Rowanbank combines science with the arts to bring people together to experience, enjoy, connect with and care for their natural environment. We engage children in an imaginative and inclusive way, helping them to experience the natural magic of their local outdoor environment. We set up and run forest schools; we train teachers and other educators in creative approaches to outdoor learning in concrete playgrounds; we facilitate interactive, informative and fun climate change and renewable energy workshops.

### Our offer under Covid:

Our work is now 100% outside and all our risk assessments have been updated to include in depth COVID-19 safety measures. Our 'Creative Approaches to Outdoor Learning' teacher training sessions have been adapted to enable us to maintain social distance at all times and wear masks if appropriate.

### Where we work:

We work throughout Scotland, but our lovely Out of The Blue studio is in Leith, Edinburgh.

### Who we work with:

We work with all ages.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/rowanbank-environmental-arts-education-4399>

### Contact Us:

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Royal  
Botanic Garden  
Edinburgh

## Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

### Who we are and what we do:

RBGE provides cross-curricular outdoor learning and STEM topics with a particular focus on plant science, biodiversity, climate change, sustainability, gardening and other areas of CfE such as literacy, maths, and health and wellbeing. We welcome all learners from 3 – 18 and beyond with our suite of teacher CLPL workshops and vocational professional training for adults. We also work with community groups and run a full programme of events and exhibitions for families and the public.

### Our offer under Covid:

Check our website for updates on our current offer <https://www.rbge.org.uk>

Meanwhile, enter as a guest to see our free online courses for children (Marley's School of Garden Magic) and adults <https://www.rbge.org.uk/learn/online-courses/>

### Where we work:

We usually deliver on-site; online; in schools; in the community.

### Who we work with:

Early years; primary; secondary; learners with ASN; teachers; higher education; adult learners; community groups; families

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/explore-the-wonderful-world-of-plants-at-the-botanics-4929>

### Contact Us:

Website: <https://www.rbge.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thebotanics/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TheBotanics>

Blog: <https://stories.rbge.org.uk>

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## RSPB Scotland

### Who we are and what we do:

The RSPB is the largest nature conservation charity in the UK. Our work is diverse and comes in many forms - from species recovery and large-scale conservation, to policy-influencing and inspiring change or action. Nature is in big trouble, but we believe we can change that by working together with young people, families and communities to inspire everyone to make nature, and its conservation, a fundamental part of their lives. Inspiring young people to discover and connect with nature is at the heart of what we do.

### Our offer under Covid:

The Wild Challenge award is a specially developed suite of activities for schools to engage children with nature and provide practical learning opportunities. Supporting school-based learning, there are 24 activities to choose from, each helping children to connect with and learn about nature. There are bronze, silver and gold awards to achieve depending on how many activities you do. You can work through the award levels as quickly or as slowly as you like.

### Where we work:

Wild Challenge is all online and there is something to do whatever your needs, location and weather! As soon as restrictions allow, we can support you further when our schools outreach and reserve visits resume again.

### Who we work with:

Wild Challenge is open to all ages and abilities. Mainly designed for primary aged school pupils, it can easily be adapted for Home Educators, pupils with Special Educational Needs and Early Years. It is also a great initiative to get families and communities involved in children's outdoor learning.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/rspb-s-wild-challenge-9301>

### Contact Us:

Website: [www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/rspbScotland](https://www.facebook.com/rspbScotland)

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THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CHARITY



## Royal Zoological Society of Scotland

### Who we are and what we do:

From nursery to tertiary and beyond encompassing both formal and informal learning, the team create and deliver unique experiences for learners and daily visitors, encouraging excitement and exploration through interactive learning programmes and interpretation.

We know that things have changed so we are too, while we're developing our offerings please get in touch with any questions about how we can support you [education@rzss.org.uk](mailto:education@rzss.org.uk)

### Our offer under Covid:

Discover our new learning packages and mix and match virtual sessions on a range of topics that, combined with a self-led visit, create the perfect blend of learning for your class.

Once you've chosen your combination, if you have a self-led visit and a virtual tour, you'll get £1 off per pupil if you book a self-led visit! You can also book your self-led visit anytime during the year and for any date until July 2021.

After booking, you'll also receive a link to tailor-made, interactive resources that you can use with your class before and after your sessions and visit.

### Where we work:

Visit us virtually through Zoom, Google Meet or Teams and you can also choose self-led site visits for both Edinburgh Zoo and Highland Wildlife Park.

### Who we work with:

We work with all ages, needs and groups!

### Contact Us:

Website: <https://www.rzss.org.uk/rzss-education/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/discovery.learning.944/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RZSSlearning>

Email: [education@rzss.org.uk](mailto:education@rzss.org.uk)



## Scottish Orienteering

### Who we are and what we do:

Scottish Orienteering (SOA) is the governing body for the sport of orienteering in Scotland and they are responsible for the governance, development and promotion of orienteering. Orienteering is a fantastic outdoor activity which can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages and abilities and Scottish Orienteering have developed a wide range of resources to support the delivery of orienteering.

### Our offer under Covid:

Scottish orienteering has a wide range of resources available through their website, including the Let's Get Started resources developed for teachers during Lockdown. Scottish Orienteering also offers an Introducing Orienteering (IntrO) course for anyone interested in introducing orienteering to young people. The course is an enjoyable, active learning experience and also provides a full set of further resources that can be used immediately for a series of progressive sessions.

On the course you will learn how to introduce the basic skills of orienteering through indoor and outdoor activities, and how to bring a variety of subjects to life through the medium of orienteering. As well as offering the incentive for significant physical activity, orienteering offers some important life skills and links with many areas of the curriculum. Courses are currently available in a range of formats including on-line or blended delivery.

Scottish Orienteering can also help to facilitate links with local orienteering clubs.

### Where we work:

Courses can be delivered in a variety of environments

### Who we work with:

SOA will work with teachers interested in including orienteering in the curriculum at primary or secondary level, as well as with community organisations.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

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## Scottish Wildlife Trust

### Who we are and what we do:

The Scottish Wildlife Trust is Scotland's leading conservation charity. Our vision is for a connected network of healthy, resilient ecosystems supporting Scotland's wildlife and people. Connecting people with nature is a key part of this. Schools can arrange educational visits to our Visitor Centres, with our project partners, and through our People and Wildlife team. The Trust also has a network of volunteer led children's nature clubs, called Wildlife Watch Groups, which are located across Scotland.

### Our offer under Covid:

Our online resources continue to support educators, parents and group leaders. Activity ideas can be found in our online [Learning Zone](#), and educational videos suitable for adult and young learners, are available on the [Take A Closer Look](#) page of the website. A full range of videos can also be found on the Trust's [YouTube channel](#).

Wildlife Watch Groups are making a phased return in areas in level 2 and below, in line with government guidelines. Some are operating successfully via Zoom. In addition, the Trust's People and Wildlife Team are able to offer free, virtual workshops on a range of topics to both primary and secondary schools.

### Where we work:

Visit us at: Falls of Clyde, New Lanark; Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre, Grangemouth; Loch of the Lowes, Dunkeld; and Montrose Basin, Montrose. Please be aware that Covid restrictions may affect individual centres' opening times differently. We are able to offer our virtual workshops across Scotland, and when restrictions permit, face to face visits to schools across Scotland will resume.

### Who we work with:

The Trust's engagement work ranges across ages, and both formal and informal education. We work with many community groups and would encourage you to get in touch.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/people-and-wildlife-scottish-wildlife-trust-648>

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## Water of Leith Conservation Trust

### Who we are and what we do:

We look after the Water of Leith river which stretches from the Pentland Hills to the mouth of the river at Leith. We deliver an outdoor education programme for schools, as well as group visits for Scouts, adults with special needs and higher education.

Our programmes focus on the ecology of the river and woodlands, the water cycle, sustainability and climate change, as well as the human heritage of the built environment. While most of our programmes are based at our Centre in south west Edinburgh, we also deliver an outreach programme in schools from November to April.

### Our offer under Covid:

All our programmes to be 95% outdoors. Programmes are condensed to run 9:30 am to 1 pm with the option of our courtyard or a woodland tarped picnic area for classes to eat lunch. Equipment is shared only in bubbles or thoroughly cleaned between users. All equipment including, wellies and waterproofs, is left for 72 hours between users. Lunch storage and toilets are available at the Centre.

### Where we work:

Visit us at the Water of Leith Conservation Trust Visitor Centre or we are happy to come to your school to explore the river near you. We are also able to meet schools at locations along the Braid Burn.

### Who we work with:

Our programmes cater for nursery, primary, secondary field studies (biology, environmental studies and geography) and special needs schools.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/lead-teacher-water-of-leith-visitors-centre>

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## Wildside Nature

### Who we are and what we do:

Wildside Nature offer environmental education sessions for learners of all age from pre-school to secondary school pupils to discover all about the natural world. We use our background as zoologists who have worked on a wide variety of projects and species in Scotland and around the world to design and deliver fun, interactive, educational, and inspiring workshops covering a wide range of environmental topics. We are always happy to work with teachers to design bespoke sessions to fit in with whatever environmental topics you are covering with your classes. Our unique workshops have proven to be very popular with learners, teachers, and parents alike.

### Our offer under Covid:

Wildside Nature can offer online training to teachers to allow them to deliver various outdoor aspects of our workshops. We can present online to learners on our careers as zoologists, including assisting in the beaver reintroduction to Scotland to working for the British Antarctic Survey. We can also link up your learners with those carrying out current research on a wide variety of environmental projects around the world! Wildside Nature regularly upload various activities and information onto our social media for teachers, learners, and parents. Once permitted we can fully deliver our sessions in the outdoor environment and have put extensive and enhanced cleaning in place between workshops to minimise any risk. We ensure that we follow latest Scottish Government and local guidance and advice.

### Where we work:

We deliver in any outdoor space available from school grounds to local greenspaces throughout Scotland.

### Who we work with:

We can work with any age group and have previously run sessions with all learners from pre-school to secondary. We are also always happy to deliver sessions with community groups, and again this can be for of any age or section of society.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/wildside-nature-hq-847>

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## Youth Vision

### Who we are and what we do:

Youth Vision is a registered charity that listens and responds to the needs of vulnerable young people aged 9-24. The young people at the heart of Youth Vision, from disadvantaged backgrounds and communities, are struggling with or are excluded from formal education and are not engaged in training or employment. We provide a range of nature-based projects that aim to develop the confidence and self-esteem necessary to support them in a healthy transition to adulthood. We are based in a renovated 18<sup>th</sup> Century farm steading with 2 acres of land at the base of the Pentland Hills just outside of Edinburgh. We run the steading and grounds in a traditional manner with no running water or electricity providing the young people with the challenges needed to become active citizens in the community.

### Our offer under Covid:

We have and continue to support our young people with regular phone calls, counselling sessions and activity packs during lockdown. Meeting in a local greenspace Wester Hailes Quarry park for our Saturday wilderness group, with a slow return to our base at the Pentland hills. Currently keeping numbers low and working outside. Continuing to provide support, face to face as well as on-line.

### Where we work:

We have a base on the outskirts of the Pentland Hills in Balerno and can run days from our base adapting activities to suit groups. We also can deliver activities to schools and groups, using playground or local greenspace.

### Who we work with:

9yrs -24yrs. We provide a variety of age and stage related groups.

### Visit us on the Outdoor Learning Map:

<https://www.outdoorlearningmap.com/listings/outdoor-fun-and-rural-skills-overnight-camping-for-small-groups-8436>

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