



FOREST SCHOOL  
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# the Forest School Association invites you to their 1st National 2-day Conference

**'Winning hearts and minds through Forest School'**

at Derwent Hill OEC, Keswick, Cumbria

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th October 2013 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### ■ Tim Gill, patron of FSA

Tim Gill is one of the UK's leading thinkers on childhood, and an effective advocate for positive change in children's everyday lives. For over 15 years his writing, research, consultancy projects and other work has focused on the changing nature of childhood, children's play and free time, and their evolving relationships with the people and places around them.

### ■ Dr Margot Sunderland

Author of many books including *'What every parent should know'*. Dr Sunderland is concerned to ensure that parents, teachers and mental health professionals alike, are offered the most up-to-date psychological and brain science research on how children and young people can be enabled to thrive.

- Practical workshops
- Discussion forums
- Networking opportunities
- Research seminar
- Trade stands
- FSA AGM (Saturday lunchtime)

■ Meet the FSA executive board and help shape future policy of FSA

■ Weekend rate (excluding accommodation) Includes lunch on both days and big fire BBQ on Saturday evening  
£170 members. £195 non-members. £49 F/T Students and Unwaged

■ Day rate £110 members. £135 non-members. £49 F/T Students and Unwaged

■ Accommodation is available in dormitories or camping

## WORKSHOPS

- Citizen Science: ways to collect evidence of outcomes
- Babes in the Woods & their families: Working with under 3's and their families in the natural environment
- Theories that underpin Forest School, outdoor play and the natural elements
- How to work with Forest School to develop community through mentoring and the art of questioning
- Forest School in a big primary school: The perspective and challenges of A Teaching Assistant
- Preparing for Moderation and Standardisation: A workshop for Forest School trainers or those considering becoming a trainer
- Soundscapes, songs and creativity at Forest School
- There's no I in TEAM: The challenges of embedding Forest School within a Local Authority - how do we effectively support local Forest School provision?
- A hole lot of fun! - Using hand tools to support learners' ideas'
- Using technologies in the great outdoors: opportunities and barriers

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## WORKSHOPS

### ■ Citizen Science: ways to collect evidence of outcomes

Sue Waite (University of Plymouth) & Sara Knight (Anglia Ruskin University). Both Sue and Sara are experienced lecturers, researchers and published authors in their field of Early Years and specifically using the natural environment.

### ■ Babes in the Woods & their families: Working with under 3's and their families in the natural environment.

Jenny Creese, Manager of Connecting Naturally Project, Earthtrust, Oxfordshire.

### ■ Theories that underpin Forest School, outdoor play and the natural elements

Lily Horseman, Independent Forest School practitioner and trainer

### ■ How to work with Forest School to develop community through mentoring and the art of questioning

Chris Holland, Independent outdoor practitioner, story teller and author

### ■ Forest School in a big primary school: The perspective and challenges of A Teaching Assistant

Helen Fairest, Oldbury Park Primary School, Worcestershire

### ■ Preparing for Moderation and Standardisation: A workshop for Forest School trainers or those considering becoming a trainer

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Linda MacDonnell, OCNWM

### ■ Soundscapes, songs and creativity at Forest School

Catherine Pestano, community musician and social worker

### ■ There's no 'I' in TEAM: The challenges of embedding Forest School within a Local Authority

Sam Harman, Forest School coordinator for Sandwell, a metropolitan borough in the West **Midland**

### ■ 'A hole lot of fun! - Using hand tools to support learners' ideas'

Louise Ambrose and Martin Smith, FSTC leaders and trainers

### ■ Using technologies in the great outdoors: opportunities and barriers

Ian Tindal, Programme Leader, Anglia Ruskin University

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## PROGRAMME

### Saturday 12th October 2013

- 9.15 Registration and refreshments
- 9.45 Welcome, housekeeping and introduction  
The remainder of the morning is split into two large groups;
- 10.00 A) **"One year on, thoughts for the role FS has in the wider world of play and society"**  
**Keynote speech:** Tim Gill, one of UK's leading thinkers on childhood and FSA patron  
B) **"Values, Actions and Politics"**  
Three presentations with three angles on Forest School  
Mel McCree, Richard Irvine & Vicki Stewart
- 11.00 Comfort Break
- 11.30 A) **"Values, Actions and Politics"**  
B) **"One year on, thoughts for the role FS has in the wider world of play and society"**
- 12.30 FSA First Annual General Meeting
- 13.00 LUNCH
- 13.45 Workshops
- 15.00 Comfort Break
- 15.20 Workshops continue
- 16.30 Plenary
- 17.00 Depart or convene to get ready for the evening

Evening BBQ for weekend delegates followed by songs, stories and entertainment around the campfire.

### Sunday 13th October 2013

The morning will be split into two large groups;

- 9.30 A) **"Winning hearts and minds through Forest School."** **Keynote speech:** Keynote speech: Dr Margot Sunderland. A presentation outlining some of the latest research on brain development in children and young people that can win their hearts and help them thrive!  
B) **"Responding to the challenges-suggestions for action"** - a structured workshop session to explore ways forward for Forest School. Facilitated by Mel, Richard & Vicki and FSA Directors
- 10.30 Comfort Break
- 11.00 A) **"Responding to the challenges-suggestions for action"**  
B) **"Winning hearts and minds through Forest School"**
- 12.00 LUNCH
- 13.30 Opportunities to meet and network with your local FSA group or discuss how to form a local group in your area with Gareth Davies, FSA Development Officer
- 14.30 Plenary & evaluation with an end of conference participatory song with Catherine Pestano
- 14.45 Depart

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# BOOKING FORM

Please complete with your full details and your booking requirement.

Accommodation at the venue is limited so we cannot guarantee to be able accommodate everyone. However, a search for accommodation on the internet for the Keswick area will list many B&Bs, Guest Houses and Hotels as well as campsites. **PLEASE TICK BELOW TO BOOK**

Single day bookings include lunch. Full Conference booking Includes lunch on both days and big fire BBQ on Saturday evening. All accommodation bookings include breakfast.

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| Your full name:                        |  |
| Your full address:                     |  |
| Your phone no.                         |  |
| Your email address (vital for updates) |  |

**I WOULD LIKE TO BOOK FOR:**

| <b>CONFERENCE</b>                         | FSA Member                              | Tick<br>✓ | Non member FSA | Tick<br>✓ | Full time students & unwaged | Tick<br>✓ |
|---|---|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Full Conference: Sat 12th & Sun 13th      | £170*                                   |           | £195           |           | £99                          |           |
| Saturday 12th Conference only             | £110*                                   |           | £135           |           | £49                          |           |
| Sunday 13th Conference only               | £110*                                   |           | £135           |           | £49                          |           |
| <b>ACCOMMODATION</b>                      |   |           |                |           |                              |           |
| Superior Twin Friday 11th & Saturday 12th | £88                                     |           | £88            |           | £88                          |           |
| Superior Twin Saturday 12th               | £44                                     |           | £44            |           | £44                          |           |
| Saturday 12th night camping               | £16.50                                  |           | £16.50         |           | £16.50                       |           |
| Friday 11th & Saturday 12th night camping | £33.00                                  |           | £33.00         |           | £33.00                       |           |
| Dormitory bunk beds Friday night          | £27.60                                  |           | £27.60         |           | £27.60                       |           |
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| <b>TOTAL TO PAY</b> £_____                | * using Coupon Code via the FSA website |           |                |           |                              |           |
| <b>PLEASE PAY BY CHEQUE OR BACS*</b>      |   |           |                |           |                              |           |
| <b>By cheque - enclosed Y / N</b>         |   |           |                |           |                              |           |
| <b>By BACS* (within 7 days) Y / N</b>     |   |           |                |           |                              |           |

\* To pay by BACS you MUST reference your payment. Please use first name initial/.surname/CONF (e.g J.BLOGGS/CONF)  
 BANK DETAILS: Cooperative Bank. Sort Code 08-92-99 Account No. 65593138. CHEQUES payable to **Forest School Association**.

**Send the booking form/cheque to:**  
**FSA, Warwick Mill Business Centre, Warwick Bridge, Carlisle, Cumbria. CA4 8RR**