

International Outdoor Learning Conference

Lessons from Near & Far : Research & Policy

Friday 3rd July 2015 ~ 10am~4.45pm

University of East London, Stratford,
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Programme:

9.30am

Registration and coffee in Stratford Campus main reception

10am

Introduction: Making connections – Sue Waite, Plymouth Institute of Education

10.05am

Opening Address: Defining the Issues

Session 1: Comparing responses: How do different countries achieve benefits using research and policy?

10.25am

School-based learning in Natural Environments: Lessons for policy and research from the Natural Connections Demonstration Project in England. – Dr Rowena Passy and Ian Blackwell (Plymouth Institute of Education)

10.40am

Outdoor Learning in Singapore: what students may miss. – Dr Susanna Ho, Ministry of Education, Singapore

11.10am

Why Denmark is Investing in Outdoor Learning Karen Barford ~ VIA University *Nørre Nissum*, Denmark, Dr Peter Bentsen, Steno Health Promotion Centre, Denmark

11.40am

Tea / Coffee break

Session 2: Examples of UK Research / Policy Interface Interaction

12pm	Uncertainty, agency, authenticity: Learning in Natural Environments and purposeful real life learning for resilient youth. Dr Simon Beames, Edinburgh University
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12.30am	The impact of residential experiences on pupils' health and learning. Dr Chris Loynes, Cumbria University
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Session 3: Reflections from the Floor

1pm	Panel discussion & questions. Professor Karen Malone will sum up themes emerging from morning session and set up afternoon sessions.
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1.30pm	Lunch break, exhibition area, networking
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Session 4: Peer reviewed presentations

2.30pm	Selected from an open call, with facilitated discussion on the theme: Informing research, policy and practice for children learning in natural environments
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Session 5: Bringing it all together

4.10pm	Finding pathways to impact – Professor Karen Malone. Plenary session: bringing together key lessons emerging from the conference about how policy and research might be better linked to support delivery and add value to practice in this area.
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4.40pm	End, tea, networking
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Book your place:

Early bird rate (before 11th May) £65, standard rate £80

To book click here: www.tinyurl.com/near-farbooking

For more information including directions, accommodation & details regarding the open call for papers and exhibition opportunities visit the conference web page:

www.lessonsfromnearfar.wordpress.com

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