



**outdoor learning**  
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# out and about learning

A National Professional Conference in Leading  
Learning for Curriculum for Excellence Outdoors

**Thursday 15 September 2011**

Banqueting Hall, Council Offices,  
Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA



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**ff** Learning outdoors can be the educational context which encourages children and young people to make connections experientially, leading to deeper understanding within and between curriculum areas and meeting learner needs. Outdoor learning, used in a range of ways, will enrich the curriculum and make learning fun, meaningful and relevant for children and young people.

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## Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning



First hand, multi-sensory outdoor experiences can enrich learning, empower the imagination, stimulate thinking and nourish deep and connected understanding. Alongside these opportunities, working with children and young people outside the classroom often presents educators with operational and organisational challenges as well as the need to increase their professional knowledge, confidence and skills in leading learning outdoors.

This national professional conference will help us to consider some of the ways that we can support learning outdoors through the curriculum, the ethos and life of the school and in partnership with our community. It will focus on how we can lead learning for children, young people and for our colleagues as we develop our practice, pedagogy and professionalism within the context of Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning.

professional development ^ skills and contexts ^ living links ^ national and international perspectives



### Biography

#### David Cameron

David Cameron is an independent consultant undertaking a range of major projects and reviews and supporting national developments, particularly Curriculum for Excellence, and delivering training across the UK. He recently reviewed arrangements for devolved School Management for the Scottish Government.

He was Director of Children's Services in Stirling Council until August 2008. Prior to that, he was head of education in East Lothian in Scotland from February 2001 – June 2005. He was President of the Association of Directors of Education Scotland and has been involved with a range of national groups. David worked as a teacher and a senior manager in schools for several years and has wide experience in all areas of education.

He chaired 'Outdoor Connections', the national review of outdoor education and has remained committed to its development as a member of the Learning through Landscapes Board and a keen supporter of Grounds for Learning.



### Biography

#### Ollie Bray

Ollie is National Adviser for Learning and Technology Futures at Learning and Teaching Scotland. He speaks to global audiences on creativity and innovation in education. He has been a school leader, head of department and is an award winning teacher. His current interests include social media in schools, computer games in education, mobile technologies, school design, outdoor learning and 21st century school leadership. He blogs at: [www.olliebray.com](http://www.olliebray.com) and tweets at: [www.twitter.com/olliebray](https://www.twitter.com/olliebray)



### Biography

#### Juliet Robertson

Juliet's interest in working with children outdoors began back in 1986 with a gap year during an Environmental Science degree. As a primary school teacher, Juliet continued to do outdoor stuff with children such as regular visits to local woodlands, running a Watch Nature club with a local ranger and making lots of mistakes developing school grounds. From 1998 to 2007, Juliet was a head teacher of three different schools, ranging in size from 6 to 270 pupils. After this, she decided to do everything she didn't have the time to do as a head teacher. This included undertaking a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship to look at Outdoor Technologies in 2008 and becoming an education consultant with an interest in learning and playing outdoors. She presently works for Creative Star Learning Company and can be found blogging at <http://creativestarlearning.blogspot.com/>

# Programme: out and about learning



Conference Chair

**John Edgar, Quality Improvement Officer, South Lanarkshire Council**

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<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	Registration and coffee
<b>09.30 – 09.40</b>	Music Young people from South Lanarkshire
<b>09.40 – 09.45</b>	Welcome and introduction Larry Forde, Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
<b>09.45 – 10.20</b>	Outdoor learning – too late to stop now! David Cameron
<b>10.20 – 10.40</b>	Gathering questions and comments Juliet Robertson
<b>10.40 – 11.00</b>	Coffee and networking
<b>11.00 – 12.30</b>	Venturing out and about in South Lanarkshire Schools Presentations
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	Interactive tasks Juliet Robertson
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	Lunch and marketplace
<b>14.00 – 14.30</b>	Technology and outdoor learning Ollie Bray
<b>14.30 – 15.15</b>	Encouraging others to get out and about Juliet Robertson
<b>15.15 – 15.45</b>	From small steps to international adventures Ollie Bray
<b>15.45 – 16.00</b>	The way forward John Edgar, Quality Improvement Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

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