

OUTDOOR LEARNING

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS



GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT



TRAINING



LESSON PLANS

A NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SPECIALISING IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Empowering Access to Outdoor Education

Field Studies Ireland empowers teachers and educators to bring learning outdoors, for the education, development and wellbeing of children.

We exist as a Social Enterprise to support you.

From staff training to lesson plans, and grounds development to mentoring, we provide the help you need to facilitate purposeful learning outdoors.





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Support learning beyond the classroom with bespoke development strategies for your outdoor spaces.

Following a primary consultation,
Field Studies Ireland will assess your
grounds and identify ways to
enhance your outdoor spaces,
providing staff and students with a
stimulating learning environment.

We'll create a development strategy that includes a mapped plan and vision for each area, detailing the associated actions required to carry out this strategy.





PLAN

We will supply you with a map that highlights areas for development within your grounds



VISION

We will create a shared vision for each new area of development, outlining its new purpose and application



ACTION

We will create actions to help you to turn these spaces into their new purpose.







OUTDOOR EDUCATION

STAFF TRAINING

We provide certified training that inspires staff to support learning outdoors, through hands-on professional development training specific to your outdoor space.

Examples of training topics:

- Bringing the Curriculum Outdoors
- The World Around Us
- Teaching Outdoor Science
- Nature Wellbeing
- Biodiversity Training
- Teaching Nature Skills (cutting tools, fire, playscapes, shelter)
- Staff Mentoring
- Nature-Based Interventions

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BioBlitz

A Site-Specific Biodiversity Survey to Empower Place-Based Education









A BioBlitz is a teaching aid used to support place-based learning, encouraging children to connect with local nature and establish a sense of place with their natural surroundings.



This begins with a survey of your grounds, identifying the most common species present, typically including: trees, bugs, plants, birds, mammals, etc. We then present the data in a digital report, to empower teachers in their outdoor lessons.



LESSON PLANS

We provide outdoor lesson plans that complement the curriculum and support existing teaching themes.



Generic Lesson Plans

We have created a suite of 28 outdoor lesson plans which directly link to your curriculum.

These are seen as a quick win, and will provide a tangible resource to empower teachers to take learning outside the classroom.



Bespoke Lesson Plans

We design these specifically for your school, in line with existing themes and clear curriculum links for each primary class.

We meet with teachers to understand their teaching plans, and create outdoor lessons that align with these themes.



DID YOU KNOW?



92% of educators feel that outdoor education is 'extremely valuable'

2%

Only 2% of teachers believe they receive adequate training in outdoor teaching practices

96%

96% of teachers feel they would benefit from professional outdoor education training

88%

88% would benefit from outdoor education resources









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