

Linking to the Outdoors

National Sustainable Schools Conference Workshops

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Organisation/School:	Learning through Landscapes
Conference:	Bristol, 14 th July 2009
Name of workshop:	Sustaining School Grounds Projects
Workshop description:	
<p>This workshop aims to inspire and support existing and new projects that schools are doing in their school grounds. It will share lessons learnt from Learning through Landscapes research which has taken place over a twenty year period.</p> <p>Learning Through Landscapes are the national school Grounds Charity and are supported by case studies from their diverse membership base of schools, early years settings and school grounds professionals. This is complimented by a staff that come from both education and landscape design backgrounds.</p> <p>This workshop will be led by Ruth Staples-Rolfe, a qualified teacher with over 12 years experience of teaching and managing education activities outdoors.</p>	
Conference themes which the workshop covered:	
Using the outdoors – whole school approach	
Workshop audience:	
Those with an interest in increasing the use of the school grounds.	
Workshop format:	
A mixture of inspirational case-studies, participative discussions and presentations.	
Workshop outputs:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whole site vision 2. Involvement at every level – celebrate and have fun 3. Cunning – know the audience you want to talk to and what motivates them e.g. Cream cakes, beer or football! 	
Related Resources:	
Workshop presentation http://www.ltl.org.uk/schools_and_settings/	
Related Web Resources:	

Several organisations offer specialist advice and support for using the outdoors to offer sustainable development learning:

- Forest Schools: www.foresteducation.org.uk
- Eden Project <http://www.edenproject.com/schools-and-colleges/index.php>
- Learning Outside the Classroom: <http://www.lotc.org.uk/>