

# Using the Outdoors

## National Sustainable Schools Conference Workshops

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<b>Conference:</b>	Leeds, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2009
<b>Name of workshop:</b>	<b>Linking the outdoors to Sustainable Schools</b>
<b>Workshop description:</b>	
<p>School grounds offer a fantastic opportunity to engage children and young people in hands on activity in a meaningful, practical and exciting way. Outdoor spaces can be used to support delivery of the school curriculum, promote physical and emotional health and to engage the school and wider community real life sustainable development. This workshop aims to inspire and encourage teachers who want to begin with developing their school grounds as a route to improving the sustainability of their school.</p>	
<b>Conference themes which the workshop covered:</b>	
Using the outdoors – linking to curriculum and ESD	
<b>Workshop audience:</b>	
School teachers (mainly primary) who would like to develop their school grounds.	
<b>Workshop format:</b>	
Initial presentation, outdoor walkabout, observation and discussion, and action planning.	
<b>Workshop outputs:</b>	
<b>Related Resources:</b>	
<a href="http://www.skeltongrange.org.uk">www.skeltongrange.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.btcv.org.uk">www.btcv.org.uk</a>	
<b>Related Web Resources:</b>	
<p>Several organisations offer specialist advice and support for using the outdoors to offer sustainable development learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Schools: <a href="http://www.foresteducation.org.uk">www.foresteducation.org.uk</a></li> <li>• Eden Project <a href="http://edenproject.com/schools-and-colleges/index.php">edenproject.com/schools-and-colleges/index.php</a></li> <li>• Learning Outside the Classroom: <a href="http://www.lotc.org.uk/">www.lotc.org.uk/</a></li> </ul>	