



About the Trust

The Glastonbury Trust is a locally based educational charity founded in 1995. Our work is in the fields of Outdoor Learning and Spirituality, with a special focus on emotional well-being.

We have supported Forest School and Outdoor Learning in central Somerset for a number of years and are helping a number of local schools to develop their Outdoor Learning strategies. We promote the involvement of the children themselves in the building and maintenance of outdoor spaces, to help them reconnect with nature and the landscape.

Our Trainers – Gwyneth Harwood is a Primary School teacher with 15 years experience. She has worked extensively in the fields of Forest School and Traveller Education and works with a number of children's charities in developing outdoor activities for children. She was our classroom practitioner in delivering our 'Spirituality and Emotional Well-Being' courses to children in six local primary schools.

Chris Trwoga is a Secondary School teacher with 30 years experience in several schools. He has developed many new courses in the areas of Religious Studies and Spirituality. He has extensive outdoor learning experience and is a qualified Mountain Leader. He is supporting a number of local schools in developing their outdoor learning provision.

Our New Website is launched in June 2009 and contains freely accessible literature to support Outdoor Learning, Emotional Well-Being and Spirituality both in schools and the wider community. Our focus with the new website is to promote community cohesion and life-long learning. We plan to provide free access to a range of materials to support Outdoor Learning at all key stages, including lesson materials.

Comments from Trainees about our courses

"Very interesting and informative day. Lots of practical ideas, info and ways forward. Thank you."

"The whole day was lovely – the inspiration I wanted and hoped for. Lovely to meet and talk to people who have similar passions for outdoors and children's experiencing the outdoors."

"Wonderful day – exceeded all expectations. Thank you very much!"

"The course has been really useful and has raised points for our school. Looking forward to more outdoor learning opportunities at school."

"A great chance to meet people passionate about outdoor learning."



"Really good to be able to spend time with people who share the importance of learning outdoors. Brilliant day, good to meet people and share ideas. It also reinforced our own good practice. Good pace & some listening & doing. Well done!"

"A very interesting day. Lots of ideas to take back into school. Can't wait to get started!"

(drawn from our evaluation forms from a variety of central Somerset schools)

"Since we entered the era of universal education' in the 1870s, we have developed a model of teaching and learning based around boxes. The classroom is a box. The subject is a box. Knowledge comes out of boxes. We even like to take things out of their natural context – animal, vegetable, mineral and keep them in boxes. Children often don't make the connections."

Professional Development Opportunities
for Teachers

Expanding Outdoor Learning Cost-Effectively

The Learning Outside the
Classroom MANIFESTO

Full Day, Half-Day
and Twilight Courses
delivered in your school

"Quality training at a competitive price."



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Expanding Outdoor Learning Cost - Effectively

A Day of Training and Practical Experiences for those interested in the contribution Outdoor Learning can make to the learning experience and emotional well-being of children and young people.

The Glastonbury Trust offers Full Day, Half Day and Twilight sessions to schools interested in building their Outdoor Learning provision. We have several years of experience supporting schools, particularly with regard to designing school gardens and expanding use of school grounds. Our courses deal with the key planning areas, from carrying out an environmental audit and generic risk assessments to the planning of individual lesson activities.

All the sessions have a practical dimension and those attending training will need to have clothing suitable for carrying out some outdoor activities.

Our training aims : -

- Explore the benefits of outdoor learning for all children, including those with specific learning needs.
- Provide tools to enable individual teachers to build outdoor learning into their every day teaching strategies.
- Develop skills in identifying hazards and managing risk.
- Develop skills in auditing school grounds and the local area for outdoor learning potential.
- Making School Grounds fit for the Purpose – Exploring low cost ways of adapting outdoor spaces to suit a variety of learning activities.

“Movement facilitates the ability of a child to work in its preferred pattern of learning.”

“Children learn better in the environment that suits the learning activity.”

The Cost (academic year 2009 - 2011) & course content

The Whole Day Package (£400)

- Why Outdoor Learning? Outdoor Learning and Learning Styles.
- Planning outdoor learning activities to meet your curriculum needs.
- Practical Sessions - auditing provision, planning an activity, identifying hazards and managing risk.
- Wellies & Waterproofs - managing the nitty-gritty of outdoor learning.
- Doing Forest School in your own school grounds - some ideas & guidance.
- Creating a school garden that facilitates learning and play.

Half-Day Training (£200)

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- Doing Forest School in your own school grounds - some ideas & guidance.

(or a different combination of elements from the Whole Day Package by negotiation)

Twilight (1½ hours £100)

The Twilight has a focus on practical training and can be any one of the following: -

- Planning an activity, auditing the school environment, identifying hazards and managing risk.
- Doing Forest School in your own school grounds - some ideas & guidance, plus a practical session.
- Identifying hazards and managing risk - getting the attitude right.

(Or other elements we offer by negotiation.)

Our training is supported by information packs and by our new website (launch date June 2009).

“It’s about getting kids out of the box.”

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Please contact us for a no-commitment enquiry about further information & availability

I am interested in your offer of training.

I am interested in the: -
FULL DAY / HALF DAY / TWILIGHT TRAINING

Possible Training Dates are

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Name

Position

School/ Institution

Address

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Telephone No

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Please send me an application form and further information.

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