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Erasmus+
Key Action 1 – Mobility for School Staff
in-service training course
Taking Learning Outdoors!
Active Experiential Learning
11th -17th October 2014
Schilpario – Italy

CPD and IN-SERVICE opportunities for UK/EU teachers, headteachers, lecturers, educators, based in stunning location near Bergamo, Italy.

Why and How to....Take Learning Outdoors!

Erasmus+ is the NEW EU format (replacing Comenius/Grundtvig etc) As a result the application forms have JUST been published on 18th Feb with a closing date of 17th March.

Contact us at: info@adventurascotland.co.uk for further information/guidance on how to apply using this new process and/or see Erasmus+ site <http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk./key-action-1/mobility-for-school-staff>

One of the biggest changes is that an 'organisation' (school) must apply, NOT individuals.
The application process is thorough and time is short, however with only one deadline date/year we have had no option but to try and aim to fill a course by 17th March due to late publication of EU forms.

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For teachers in Scotland, see relevant information below from document on Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Education –

'Initial teacher education and continuing professional development have a key role in equipping the teachers and educators with the appropriate skills necessary to deliver high-quality outdoor learning. Increased understanding and knowledge of outdoor learning acquired during initial training and then further supported through CPD will strengthen the confidence of newly qualified teachers. CPD in areas such as designing and planning outdoor learning experiences, and managing and leading groups, will increase the confidence and skills of teachers and educators in taking children and young people outdoors. Representative local authority networks will help build capacity for further CPD opportunities in outdoor learning by sharing knowledge, agreeing strategies and disseminating information'

Testimonials from previous courses;

'The Taking Learning Outdoors course in Schilpario was fantastic. Packed full of relevant experiential and outdoor learning activities and tasks, with lots of group dynamics and team building exercises. Also, this was accompanied by stimulating and active evaluation and review techniques... All of which can be adapted and used in school. In addition; the setting was amazing; the hosts were genuinely brilliant people and most of all;- it was great fun! I can't recommend it highly enough! Big thanks to Irene, Ally and all course participants who helped make the week such a rich and memorable experience' **Peter Gibb, Aberdeen**

'The experience of 'Taking Learning Outdoors' was one that I will never forget. The course held in the hills above Schilpario involved lots of games and



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activities, some mental, some physical, which helped develop my sense of cooperation and teamwork. They also challenged me personally to move

out of my comfort zone and to take part in activities that I have never done before. Initially daunted by the bunkhouse style accommodation it quickly became part of the fun.

One of the best things about this type of course is meeting people from different parts of Europe. Gabriella and Giovanni's hospitality was second to none and all meals were delicious and home made by Gabriella.

Irene and Ally skilfully pack in a huge range of activities, all of which are thoroughly entertaining and fun'

Jane Young, Wales

'The TLO course was exciting, thrilling, though provoking and FUN!! If I'd known the content before I went, I may have thought the course wasn't for me, but I'm so glad I went. I faced fears, worked with great people and had the best time ever whilst learning new things!! I met some really special people and look forward to keeping in touch with them all!

Thanks again to Irene and Ally who are so passionate about experiential learning and the outdoors and made this course such a great success!'

Susan Parker

Taking a part in courses "Taking Learning Outdoors"- was the greatest learning experience in my life!

It was a good way to get to know people, enjoy a beautiful nature and get new knowledge and practical competences (new methods) about learning outdoors.

The different activities also challenged me personally to move out of my comfort zone, and to overcome some psychological difficulties. It was really nice feel!

Thanks, Irene and Ally, for so great organized courses, for support and inspiring me!

Kristine Zepere, Latvia

See link more testimonials;

<http://www.adventura-scotland.co.uk/testimonials/?pg=1>



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