



Outdoor Learning Training Network Wales Members and Training Providers

There are three types of membership in the Network:

Consultants – these usually come from organisations such as Agored Cymru and act as advisors on the development and review of Qualifications.

Consultant members currently are:

Dafydd Baker – Curriculum Development Manager, Agored Cymru

Sue Williams - Lead Specialist Advisor: Children, Education, Lifelong Learning & Skills, Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Secretary – NRW support the OLTNW and act as the secretariat

Current Officer: Karen Clarke

Observers – these members are those that may not yet be in a position to become a trainer but work in a similar area and have a professional interest.

Observer members currently are:

Tom Cockbill – Wild Elements

Anney Thornton Wood – Outdoor Learning Resources

Pippa Gallagher – Flintshire County Council

Kirsten Manley – Woodland Trust

Trainers – see list below

Training Providers

It is recommended that you use members of the Outdoor Learning Training Network Wales (OLTNW) to provide your training.

All the trainers listed below satisfy the requirements set out by the OLTNW and as such are delivering high quality, up to date training which is quality reviewed on a regular basis.

Contact the trainer or visit their website for further information on courses, locations and costs.

Trainers are listed by the areas that they are based in, but this does not mean that any courses they run are only located in these areas.

South East Wales Area - Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen

Organisation: Gwent Wildlife Trust:

Gwent Wildlife Trust is the leading conservation charity in South East Wales, working for the wildlife and people of our rich and varied landscape. For over 50 years, we have been protecting wildlife and working to educate, influence and empower people to understand and care about wildlife where they live.

Lead Trainers: Natalie Waller and Kathy Barclay

Natalie and Kathy both work for Gwent Wildlife Trust as wildlife educators but are associate trainers with Cambium Sustainable Ltd. Between them they have 23 years of outdoor learning experience and are both Level 4 Agored Cymru accredited Forest School Trainers.

What we offer:

- Outdoor learning at Level 1 (Young People)
- Outdoor Learning at Level 2 (Outdoor Learning Practitioner)
- Outdoor Learning at Level 3 (Outdoor Curriculum Coordinator)
- Assist at Forest School (Level 2)
- Forest School Leader (Level 3)
- We can also offer bespoke non-accredited outdoor learning courses for a whole school setting (CPD)

Find out more:

<https://www.gwentwildlife.org/teacher-training>

South Central Wales Area - Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff and Cardiff

Organisation: Beach Academy Wales

Lead Trainer: Emma Lamport

With a passion for the natural world and the coastal environment with a distinct, and specialist set of skills linked to the coast. Highly experienced delivering Environmental Education, Marine Education and Ocean Literacy, Outdoor Learning and STEM activities on, and about, the coast, educating, empowering and inspiring us to care for and conserve our salty environment and habitats. Qualified teacher and PcET in Outdoor Learning (16+), Beach Schools Practitioner, Marine Biologist, Marine Mammal Medic (BDMLR) and PADI Open Water diver.

What we offer:

- Coastal School Leader (Level 3)
- Credited top-up course for Forest School Leaders

For qualified Forest School Leaders wishing to lead Coastal School. This Agored Cymru top-up training course enables you to use what you already know, develop new skills and knowledge required to apply them to the coastal environment to plan, run and evaluate CS sessions for children. A 3-day (2+1) accredited Level 3 course.

Find out more:

www.beachacademywales.com

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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/beachacademywales/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/BeachAcadWales>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/beachacademywales/>

South West Wales Area - Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire

Organisation: Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot

Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot was set up in 2001 as a charity and company limited by guarantee aiming to provide Forest School opportunities for children and young people across the whole of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot. Our aims are to raise self-esteem and self-confidence and raise awareness and appreciation of the natural environment.

What we offer:

- Level 2 in Forest School and Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning
- Level 3 in Forest School, Outdoor Curriculum Co-Ordinator and Coastal School

Find out more:

www.forestschoolsnpt.org.uk

Organisation: Down to Earth

Down to Earth runs relationship centered and meaningful, outdoor experiences which have the potential to change people's lives. This is done through innovative and inclusive approaches such as creating remarkable buildings with natural materials, award-winning learning & well-being programmes and through adventure activities from our two hand-built centres on Gower.

What we offer:

- A range of accredited units and qualifications in outdoor activity skills.
- A range of Entry Level and Level 1
- Learning in the Outdoors – Level 1 and Level 2
- Wellbeing in Nature – Level 3

Find out more:

www.downtoearthproject.org.uk

info@downtoearthproject.org.uk

Mid Wales Area - Ceredigion and Powys

Organisation: Cambium Sustainable Ltd

Cambium Sustainable Ltd based in Talgarth, South Powys, delivers high quality training in Learning in Natural Environments that empower people to enrich their lives through engaging with their local outdoor areas. All our various outdoor learning and forest school courses are pathways to success for all sorts of people from youngsters still at school through to those wishing to further their professional development.

Established in 2000, we have worked with thousands of individuals and educational professionals.

Cambium Sustainable Ltd was one of the first Forest School training organisations established in the UK and has over 20 years' experience working in the field of Outdoor Education.

Lead Trainer: Sam Goddard

Cambium Sustainable Ltd also has a network of Associate Trainers across the UK some of which are listed in this directory.

What we offer:

- Level 1 as introductory course and for young people
- Level 2 in Forest School and Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning
- Level 3 in Forest School, Outdoor Curriculum Co-Ordinator and Coastal School
- Level 4 – Forest School and Outdoor Learning Trainer

Find out more: www.cambiumsustainable.co.uk

Organisation: RAY Ceredigion

RAY Ceredigion is a registered charity covering the county of Ceredigion based in the coastal harbour town of Aberaeron with excellent training facilities.

Lead Trainer: Gill Byrne**What we offer:**

- Assist at Forest School (Levels 2)
- Forest School Leader (Level 3)
- Coastal School Level 3 (available as a stand-alone or top up Unit)
- Awards in Outdoor Learning

Find out more:

www.rayceredigion.org.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/RAYCeredig>

Email - gill.byrne@btconnect.com

North Wales Area

Organisation - North Wales Outdoor Learning Ltd

North Wales Outdoor Learning LTD delivers high quality bespoke and general accredited courses across the whole of North Wales and borders.

We are an Awarding Body Centre with Agored Cymru, ensuring quality standards are maintained and checked.

Based in beautiful North Wales, we have access to several sites to suit the practical elements of each course or can deliver at your own site if preferred. We can offer ideas and resources for seasonal activities, as well helping you to ensure that Outdoor Learning is embedded within your setting and is a strong contributing factor to developing the four purposes and delivering across all 6 Areas of Learning and Experience.

Lead trainers:

Carolyn Burkey and Polly Snape have 20+ years' experience in teaching, outdoor education and Forest School.

What we offer:

- Level 1 Introductory course or for young people 14-19 age
- Level 2 Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning Practitioner
- Level 2 Award in Outdoor Play Practitioner
- Level 2 Award in Assisting Forest School
- Level 2 Award in Assisting Coastal School
- Level 3 Certificate in Coordinating and Outdoor Curriculum

- Level 3 Certificate in Leading Forest School
- Level 3 Certificate in Leading Coastal School
- Related CPD

Find out more:

Email: info@northwalesoutdoorlearning.co.uk

Mobile: 07799833876

Website: www.northwalesoutdoorlearning.co.uk

North East Wales Area - Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham

Organisation: Canolfan Crefftau'r Goedwig - Woodland Skills Centre

The Woodland Skills Centre is run by a Social Enterprise Company operating from a 50-acre woodland site in the heart of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB. It has an arboretum, heritage orchard, wildflower meadows, apiary, vineyard, medicinal herb garden, tree nursery, allotments, polytunnels and workshops. The Centre runs a wide-ranging programme of courses in traditional crafts, countryside management, bushcraft, horticulture, art, craft and mindfulness. We run events for schools, children and families and a programme of outdoor live music, drama and poetry. We have a Social Prescribing programme with long-running contracts with Social Services, Education and other commissioning bodies. The Centre has strong links with many other organisations such as Coed Lleol, the National Botanic Garden of Wales, North Wales Wildlife Trust and the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust.

What we offer:

- The Centre runs a wide range of courses in traditional crafts.
- Certificated courses in Woodland and Countryside Management
- Learning in the Outdoors
- Mindfulness
- First Aid
- Wellbeing in Nature Practitioner.

Find out more:

<https://woodlandskillscentre.uk> enquiries@woodlandskillscentre.co.uk

Telephone - 01745 710626

Please note there are other providers delivering accredited and non-accredited courses and units in Wales who are not members of the **Outdoor Learning Training Network** and we are therefore unable to vouch for the quality of teaching, delivery and support.