

Outdoor Education courses: a new way of teaching and learning

Course overview

Outdoor Education is on the rise in Europe and beyond and there is an emerging trend of integrating outdoor learning activities in formal education and bringing the outdoors inside. Not only does **Outdoor Education help students become in tune with their surroundings** and gain an appreciation for the natural world, it also plays an important part in bringing what they learn in the classroom into real life through application and observation and highly contribute to their personal and social development

Our Outdoor Education courses are designed to provide teachers and other education staff with the basic skills and tools to lead a range of group exercises and challenges, problem solving games, experiential activities in the nature, on school sites, in local parks as well as in urban settings.

Courses planned

2023

29/01/2023 (Tenerife)	-	04/02/2023
07/05/2023 (Palermo)	-	13/05/2023
14/05/2023 (Bologna)	-	20/05/2023
02/07/2023 (Bologna)	-	08/07/2023
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(Tenerife)
01/10/2023 - 07/10/2023
(Bologna)
08/10/2023 - 14/10/2023
(Palermo)
12/11/2023 - 18/11/2023
(Tenerife)
19/11/2023 - 25/11/2023
(Bologna)

2024

21/01/2024 - 27/01/2024
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07/04/2024 - 13/04/2024
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05/05/2024 - 11/05/2024
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17/11/2024 - 23/11/2024
(Tenerife)

Learning outcomes

Our **outdoor education courses for teachers** aim to provide participants with tools, ideas and best practices as well as practical experience and first-hand knowledge on how to integrate outdoor education in formal education.

The general aim of these courses is to foster excellence and innovation in education by equipping teachers and education staff with the **basic knowledge and skills to integrate outdoor education** activities in their education programmes.

Thanks to this teacher training course the participants will:

- Get acquainted the key elements and growing trends related to outdoor education and teaching outside the classroom;
- Learn and discuss the principles and the cultural aspects of outdoor education;

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approaches;

- Get to know and experiment practical activities and group games that could be used and integrated in a real course;
- Learn how to use outdoor education for personal, social and relational development (e.g. self.confidence, team building, leadership...);
- Exchange best practices and **share experiences about outdoor education with teachers and education staff** coming throughout Europe;
- Network with individuals and organizations working in the education field in Europe through everyday cooperation and team-building activities.

please mind that if there are at least 8 participants interested we may organize an additional session ad-hoc for your school.

Target audience

This course is addressed to teachers, trainers, educational counsellors, career counsellors, school psychologists, headmasters, school management and administrative staff working in primary schools, secondary schools, vocational schools, training centres, adult education schools, higher education, kindergarten and NGOs.

Please mind that the course may include teachers from **different school levels.**

If you are teachers, directors, managers, educators and other staff of preschool and childhood institutions with pupils aged 0 - 6 years old, please consider

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Language

The course is held in **English**. For groups with at least 8 participants, we can organize an ad-hoc session in a different language.

Please write an email to info@erasmuslearningacademy.eu to get more information about it.

Past participants say...

"This was a course that really gave me good ideas to use when I come home to my school. The ideas are adaptable to many subjects and can easily be used without too much preparation ahead."

- Åsa Flatland, Norway



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Standard daily programme

Please find below the standard indicative daily programme that will be personalized on participants needs and professional profiles.

Our standard program comprises 7 days of course, of which the first one is dedicated to networking, preparation and cultural immersion and the last one to follow up, specific needs and cultural activities. Please note that we always do our best to accommodate the specific needs of our participants in a flexible way, including but not limited to budget restrictions and travel arrangement. Participants can choose to arrive 1 day before the start of the course and/or leave one day after the end of it in order to enjoy a deeper cultural immersion. Upon specific request we can organize longer or shorter versions of this course.

Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants arrival - Orientation and information about the venue and the city - Networking activities - Walking tour in the venue's city
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course introduction - Teambuilding activities - Needs and expectations evaluation - Key principles and benefits about outdoor education and outdoor learning - The value of outdoor education for personal, social and relational development
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out in the nature - Philosophy, theory, and practices of experiential education and environmental education

Pre-registration

** Indicates required field*

Contact Person Name *

Organization/school name *

Country *

Email address *

Phone Number

Will you apply for Erasmus+ funding? *

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Real cases experiences and reflections on current teaching practices and styles - Cultural activities in the venue's city
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to design, plan and deliver outdoor education activities - Site & risk assessment and health & safety issues of taking students into nature - Practical work: designing and planning outdoor educational activities - Optional cultural visit outside the venue's city (Florence, Cefalù, El Teide...)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching in the nature - Practical work: delivering outdoor educational activities in the nature - Debriefing, feedback and best practice sharing about environmental education
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching outdoor in urban settings: outside the classroom there isn't only nature - Experiencing group exercises and challenges, problem solving games, experiential activities in Bologna - Creating your own outdoor teaching style - Farewell dinner
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Space for discussion of future cooperation and planning follow up activities - Course roundup and final evaluation - Validation of learning outcomes and certification ceremony - Additional training session tailored to specific needs (optional) - Optional cultural activities or additional guided visit in another major city - Participants departure

Select your preferred dates

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If you've selected "Other" please specify:

How many participants from your organization will join the training course? *

Did your institution get Erasmus+ accreditation? *

I don't know ▼

How did you hear about this course?

Don't know/don't want to ▼

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Other relevant facts about our Outdoor Education courses

Methodology	Costs and Erasmus+ Funding	Certification and Validation of learning outcomes
<p>We tailor the working methods based upon participants' needs, attitudes and professional profiles in order to ensure high productivity, effectiveness and transferability into practice.</p> <p>The standard methodology is highly practical and participative with hands-on approach that comprises real-job examples, case studies examination and simulations. We embrace collaboratively working methods that foster mutual learning and cooperation among participants. Our focus is on learning in an interactive and international environment knowledge applicable to the real contexts and/or in the classroom. The pedagogical methods that we use are based upon experiential training, group and peer activities, learning-by-doing and best practices' exchange. They include visits with local schools and institutions allowing the participants to better understand the local education system as well as exchange ideas and contacts.</p> <p>Morning Wrap-up and brief daily evaluations are foreseen to ensure quality of education and to adapt the learning programme to participants' needs better tailoring the education.</p> <p>We organize optional social, networking and cultural activities in order to give participants the opportunity to know Italy as well as</p>		

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This course allows participants to get to know, experiment and practice the most relevant innovative teaching methods - such as Project-Based Learning, Non-Formal Education, Contextual Learning, Outdoor Education - discussing and sharing best practices and experience with fellow European teachers and education staff.

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Applying non-formal methods in school and adult education

Learn more about the growing trend towards valuing non-formal and informal learning, practice and master concrete non-formal activities, working methods and tools that you'll be able to use the day after the course in your classroom

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The course explores three key challenges related to the implementation of PBL: how to establish effective collaboration among students, how to facilitate student-driven activities, and finally how to assess PBL in the classroom.

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Creativity for the future: promoting Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving in the classroom

Raise your confidence and broaden your knowledge in adopting different techniques and methods of encouraging your students to become more creative and develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills to effectively prepare them to be manager and directors of their own future.

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Get acquainted the key elements and growing trends related to outdoor education and teaching outside the classroom. A special edition of our standard course on Outdoor Education, this course focuses on adventure education and trekking and provides teachers and other education staff with skills to perform experiential activities in the nature during a trekking.

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Green skills for education

Learn the best tools and methods to talk about environmental awareness and promote sustainable actions in the classroom. Develop students' forward-looking skills and enable them to face the real-world challenges of today and tomorrow, modeling in their minds a clearer view of what ancestors they want to be.

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