



Forest Education Network – National Networking Day – England

As part of World Forestry Day. Friday 21st March 2014

Forestry Commission Wyre Forest Discovery Centre, near Kidderminster, Worcestershire

This event aims to provide a forum for exchange for those involved in woodland related learning in England, helping you explore and extend your activities, resources and connections.

Programme

09.30	Arrival, registration and coffee
10.00	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>An introduction to the day, contributors and participants.</p> <p>Chair, Dougal Driver Director of Strategic Projects Confor and Chief Executive Grown in Britain and Fiona Groves, FEN Coordinator</p>
10.15 to 12.15	Inspiring education in our woodlands
10.15	<p>Our wood culture – engaging future generations</p> <p>‘Grown in Britain’ is a movement that brings together everyone who values our forests, woods and trees and the products we can make from the wood they produce. This talk will consider the important role of education in connecting together the positive energy and feelings towards our woodlands and forests that many in our society share, to create a strong wood culture.</p> <p><i>Steve Fowkes, Advisor Business and Markets, Forestry Commission and the ‘Grown in Britain’ project team</i></p>
10.40	<p>Creativity and the new national curriculum?</p> <p>Jon Cree has been involved in environmental education and training for over 30 years and is currently the training coordinator and manager of the 11-19 programme at the renowned Bishops Wood Centre in Worcestershire. This talk considers the ways in which the impact of creative educational approaches used in outdoor settings can be linked more directly to the new national curriculum.</p> <p><i>Jon Cree, Training Coordinator, Bishops Wood Centre, Worcestershire County Council</i></p>
11.00	<p>What have you got – do you have exciting resources, projects or ideas to share?</p> <p>This is a short session for participants to take a few minutes to highlight resources or information they have brought along. The session begins with information about the Forestry Commission ‘Ranger in a Box’ scheme and the Royal Forestry Society ‘Teaching Trees’ Programme. The floor will then open to those who have booked a slot to highlight their own information or resources. This session will lead into a networking break where there is a chance to look at market place displays and information. <i>Please let the FEN Coordinator know in advance if you wish to present for a few minutes in this session or wish to bring anything along to the market place.</i></p>
11.30	Break
11.50	<p>The New Sylva and wood culture</p> <p><i>The New Sylva</i> is a major new book resource about trees and forestry in the 21st Century due to be published in 2014. Delegates will have a unique first glimpse of the book which brings the essence of John Evelyn's original and most celebrated work up to date. The Sylva Foundation is known for its work in reviving Britain's wood culture and has a number of projects that help others get involved in this. Also of interest for this day is ‘OneOak’, a three year project which directly engaged young people and the public in the full life story of one oak tree and every</p>

	aspect of sustainable woodland management. <i>Gabriel Hemery, Chief Executive, Sylva Foundation</i>
12.05	Forest Stewardship in the UK – what does it mean? The FSC tick-tree logo is increasingly found on forest products in our shopping trolley, from tissue paper to toilet seats, rolling pins to rolling papers - but what does FSC really mean? Find out more about how the Forest Stewardship Council's global vision is helping to meet the social, ecological, and economic rights and needs of the present and future generations. This presentation will focus on how we as educators can make more of the links to these themes and the FSC. <i>Sue Moss, Business Advisor, Forest Stewardship Council UK (FSC UK)</i>
12.30	Lunch break, a chance to walk out in the woods, network and look at the market place
13.45 -13.50	Introducing workshops There are 2 workshop sessions in the afternoon (each workshop running twice). Choose a first, second and reserve choice of workshop from the choices given on the attached page and using the link given.
13.50 – 14.50	Workshop session one Choice of six workshops – see choices attached
14.50 – 15.50	Workshop session two Choice of six workshops – see choices attached
15.50	Tea break
16.10	Plenary session
16.30	Day close

How to book your place if you have not done so

The cost of this event is £65.00 for payments in advance (£115.00 for payments received after the event) and covers the costs of administration, refreshments and contributors. **Book your place [here](#).**

Making workshop choices

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How to find Wyre Forest Discovery Centre

Wyre Forest Discovery Centre

Callow Hill, Kidderminster,

Worcestershire. DY14 9XQ

Link to [Wyre Forest Discovery Centre and directions](#)

The Forest Education Network (FEN) promotes the wide range of learning experiences in relation to trees, woods and forests, and is hosted by the [Council for Learning Outside the Classroom](#). More information about the FEN can be found at: www.lotc.org.uk/fen/

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Workshop session description	
1	Wood culture and the curriculum Explore the ways in which we can bring wood culture into Science and Geography at Key Stages 2 and 3 and try out some of the inspirational activities and resources produced by Sylva's OneOak project. <i>Jen Hurst, Education Associate, Sylva Foundation</i>
2	A fresh look at resources using technology There is a forest of resources out there and this workshop will explore those such as 'Forests for Future' and more using the Tree Trunk App and website. * Additional requirements - the use of social media will be included and access to a smart phone/tablet, joining the FEI facebook page and the 'tree trunk' app would be useful. <i>Sally York and Bonnie Maggio, Forestry Commission and FEI Scotland</i>
3	1500 woods and forests - everything you need to know about using the public forest estate for learning Find out how you can make use of a forest or woodland near you to teach, to learn or to run your education business; and how to get help with resources, downloads, and ranger-led activities. This workshop is relevant to environmental educators, teachers and those that help facilitate visits for all age groups. <i>Rachel Giles, National Learning Manager, Forestry Commission England</i>
4	Creative engagement – “where is the learning?” This participatory workshop will seek to explore ways in which robust learning evidence and outcomes can be linked to creative educational approaches used in outdoor settings. <i>Richard Irvine, Director, Outdoor Learning and Jon Cree, Training Manager, Bishops Wood Centre</i>
5	Careers and job roles in our woodlands This workshop will examine the diverse job roles in this sector, look at ways we can make more of our educational activities with schools and colleges and suggest routes to help guide teachers, careers advisors, further education tutors and sixth form teachers. <i>Phil Tanner, Education Officer, Royal Forestry Society and Fiona Groves, FEN Coordinator</i>
6	Managing woodlands for conservation and wildlife benefit An active look at how the forest is managed for wildlife and what needs to be considered in balancing this with other forest management activities. The workshop also includes a chance to take part in some wildlife detective activities for early years, Key Stage 1 and 2. <i>Phil Rudlin, Wildlife Ranger and Liz Bunney, Learning Manager, Forestry Commission Wyre</i>

***Please note that for workshop 2**, it would be useful to have access to a smartphone or tablet and to fully participate live you will also need to: 1. join FEI facebook page – see <http://www.foresteducation.org/> for details; 2. download a QR (quick response) code scanner app. and 3. download the 'tree trunk' app and sign in, see http://www.foresteducation.org/news/view/new_fei_tree_trunk_app/