



Education & Learning through the outdoors

Our approach: taking learning into the outdoors, we offer a range of activities which combine personal development with practical, tangible skills in ESDGC.

Ancient skills/modern technology: our educational site demonstrates best practice in blending traditional eco-friendly building methods with the most up-to-date technological advances in renewable energy generation – and some lovely rare breed pigs!

'Disaffected' & 'disadvantaged' learners: we specialise in supporting 'hard to reach' learners through providing experiences which meet their needs and offering new opportunities

We can offer: vocational training in traditional building skills combined with adventurous activities, wilderness expeditions, growing and cooking fantastic food...

short or long term programmes, day long activities or residential

- OCN/Agored Cymru Approved Centre
- AALS licensed provider



learning: outdoor, experiential programmes exploring exciting and innovative approaches to Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) for all ages



Wilderness Therapy therapeutic use of the outdoors

Our approach: our Wilderness Therapy programmes are specially designed to combine outdoor learning, vocational skills and personal development with ongoing support from our experienced staff team...

Unprecedented access to therapeutic support: all day, every day... through innovative, informal approaches.

Professional and safe: our staff team are appropriately qualified in the use of the outdoors. We have CRB Enhanced disclosures and all our activities are risk assessed with Public Liability Insurance up to £5 million.

We can offer: long term, ongoing therapeutic programmes for young people or adults, group based or individual. Residential options are available, either on-site or off-site on bushcraft-based camping expeditions.



therapy: ground-breaking programmes in Wilderness Therapy, with experienced practitioners qualified in developmental and therapeutic use of the outdoors



Professional Training courses/residential/team building/CPD

High quality and unique: our experienced trainers will provide programmes designed to both inspire participants and equip them with the skills required by their own organisations

Experiential and outdoors: inspiring venue and approaches using the natural environment as both training space and teaching tool...

Broad range of training areas:

- ESDGC and the use of the outdoors, through informal approaches
- Working with 'hard to reach' groups
- Wilderness Therapy
- Traditional and natural building
- School grounds/play space design and construction using natural building
- Foundation Phase and Play using natural building

Residential training available – staying in yurts and tipi-tents

Corporate and team-building programmes available



training: inspiring and engaging programmes for trainers, teachers, community workers, educators and other professionals... using indoor and outdoor training spaces



Eco Building traditional/natural/sustainable methods

Personal development and vocational training: we work closely with our clients to ensure not only that our buildings are stunning and eco-friendly, but that the process of creating them transforms participants' understanding of learning.

Transformative consultation & construction: we push the boundaries to ensure it is the client group who designs and creates their own buildings, from beginning to end...

Ancient skills combined with cutting edge technology: our building methods marry the finest contemporary approaches with skills and knowledge acquired over centuries. The result is breathtaking designs and structures...

What we offer includes:

- Cob building (earth)
- Timber frame construction
- Dry stone walling
- Green woodwork
- Natural renders, plasters and paints
- Straw bale building



eco-building: buildings that tell stories... inspiring training, design and construction using traditional/natural building methods... for community groups, schools grounds and private commissions

Where to find us



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Renewable technologies: be happy knowing we produce more electricity than we use from our solar panels and feed our excess back into the grid... almost all of our hot water comes from the sun... and our wood burners keep us cosy with wind fallen and 'waste' wood...

Stunning cob buildings: gaudi-esque courtyard walls, earth oven/fireplace and sculptural seating areas.

Indoor/outdoor training spaces: oak tiled timber frame building or giant cathedral-like tipi-tent... our site will make your visit inspiring and unforgettable

Residential: Relax! Stay on site in one of our beautiful yurts or tipi-tents and enjoy an evening sunset with the fire pit warming your feet... wake to bird song, views over the sea and a solar hot water shower...

Our Site



About Us...

Down to Earth Project is a not-for-profit social enterprise. We aim to go beyond 'best practice' pushing the boundaries of innovation and creativity in education and personal development.

We are based on a beautiful four acre smallholding on the Gower Peninsular, with livestock and an organic garden, but are just minutes away from Swansea and some beautiful beaches.

Supporting Us...

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported our work and in particular our funders including:

- Big Lottery Fund
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- European Union Social Fund Objective I and III
- Countryside Council for Wales
- Tudor Trust
- Welsh Assembly Government

If you like our approach and would like to offer support, e.g. through donations, leaving a legacy, membership or volunteering, then please let us know.

Activities we can offer:

- Building with cob (earth)
- Timber frame construction
- Wilderness Therapy
- Green woodwork
- Site/Grounds consultation and design
- Rock climbing, abseiling & gorge walking
- Dry stone walling
- Team building
- Straw bale building
- Circus skills
- Woodland management
- Hedge laying
- Bushcraft & camping
- Cooking – indoors and outdoors
- Organic & biodynamic food growing
- Animal husbandry
- Art & craft
- Renewable technology workshops
- Beach activities
- ...and much more



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