

Final Conference of Comenius project OUTLiNES

Conference on
Outdoor Learning
in Teacher Education

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Outdoor Learning in Elementary School –
from Grass root to Curriculum in Teacher Education

Monday 15th June 2009
9.00 – 17.00
Hotel Atletion
Aarhus, Denmark

The conference marks the end of a three year Comenius project where six European Countries have been involved and will present the main results of the project and the innovative course materials and methods that have been developed. Meet experts from Europe in discussions about how to integrate Outdoor Learning in Teacher Education curricula. Conference language is English and part of the conference takes place outdoors. Please see further information on the project on: www.outdooreducation.dk

Outdoor learning is not a permanent curricular component in basic training of elementary school teachers, despite the rich pedagogical potentials, and teachers acquire their outdoor learning competences through sporadic in-service training.

Most of the actual outdoor practise in the elementary school system tends to focus on environmental, personal, social and health aspects in pupils general education, and is limited to the school subjects related logically to the outdoor "room", such as natural science and sports (Nicol and Szczepanski, 2005).

The aims of the project have been:

- To increase teachers basic competences in outdoor learning methodology
- To expand the outdoor learning focus from environmental, personal, social and health perspectives toward curricular perspectives by introducing a subject-oriented methodology in teachers basic education
- To transfer the traditional teacher training practise from in-service training to systematic basic education

This has been achieved by developing two kinds of one-week courses and didactical manuals:

A Foundation Course and six Subject-oriented Courses in Outdoor Learning

The Project Coordinator is VIA University College, Denmark and Partners are:

Hedmark University College, Norway
Linköping University, Sweden
Charles University, the Czech Republic
Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy, Latvia
Tallinn University, Estonia
Estonian Society of School Forests, Estonia

Place of Conference
Hotel Atletion
Stadion Allé 70
8000 Aarhus C.
Denmark
<http://www.hotelatletion.dk>

Transport

By air
You can arrive at Aarhus or Billund airport. Both airports have an airport bus service to the centre of Aarhus. Please see further information on: www.aar.dk and www.billundlufthavn.dk

By train & bus
Please see further information on www.dsb.dk and www.midttrafik.dk

Atletion is situated app. 30 minutes walk from the centre of Aarhus. The following city busses have bus stop close to Atletion: 4, 8, 9, 10, 18 and 24.

Registration

Registration on-line at www.outdooreducation.dk,

Deadline for registration: the 27th May 2009

Conference fee is: 425 DDK / 57 Euro. This covers conference fee, lunch, coffee, and a CD rom with the project products.

Maximum 120 participants due to room size

Payment**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Deadline for payment is June 8, 2009**

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Poster presentation

During the conference there will be a poster presentation. If you wish to present a poster please mark this at the on line registration. Contact conference coordinator Annette Bang Rasmussen: anra@viauc.dk if you have any questions in this matter e.g. need of more space, special equipment.

Other questions?

Please contact conference secretary Annette Bang Rasmussen, anra@viauc.dk