



Group Constitution

Aims



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Outdoor & Woodland Learning Scotland Objectives

1. Provide first-hand outdoor learning opportunities

Increase use of the natural environment as a means of understanding and appreciating it.
Increase use of the natural environment as a place for learning.

2. Increase environmental understanding and awareness

Increase opportunities to learn about the importance of natural environments (such as woodlands, wetlands, meadows and mountains) for conservation of the environment, for the landscape, and for biodiversity.

Increase understanding of industries that depend upon the natural environment (e.g. forestry, timber processing)

3. Sustainable Development

Increase opportunities for people to learn about the links between natural resources and the benefits (social, economic and environmental) of sustainable use, both locally and globally.

4. Emotional and Physical Well Being

Increase opportunities for individuals and communities to improve their emotional and physical well-being through a range of educational, training and learning experiences in and about the natural environment.

OWLS supports the development of local OWL group activities by offering support for any constituted OWL group.

1. The group shall be called Glasgow Outdoor & Woodland Learning Group
2. The group will cover the following geographical area
Greater Glasgow
3. All activities will be in support of the OWLS aim and will be in accord with the objectives of OWLS and its supporting organisations.
4. To fulfil this aim:
 - (a) Activities, in furtherance of the aim and objectives or for the benefit of the group, shall be undertaken from time to time as members' see fit.
 - (b) Money shall be raised when necessary for carrying out the aim and objectives of the group; funds raised shall be applied for those aims as the members' see fit. The group will act in accordance with OWLS funding governance.
5. Membership shall be open to any individual or organisation interested in taking an active part in the work of the group. A list of members of the group will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act.
6. The group shall hold regular meetings to discuss its policy and administration. All members shall be entitled to attend and these meetings will be publicised in advance. The group shall also hold an annual meeting. A quorum for a meeting will be 6 members.
7. Such officers shall be appointed to form a Steering Group as are required to conduct the administration of the group. These include a chairperson, treasurer and secretary. These officers shall be in charge of the day-to-day running of the group, but shall be answerable to meetings of members.
8. A bank account in the name of the group is to be held, with a minimum of 2 authorising members. Accounts shall be kept by the treasurer, and submitted to an annual audit and approved at the annual members meeting. Copies will be provided to the OWLS manager on request. When conducting activities involving the public, vulnerable individuals and children, the network group will comply with the Scottish legal framework and act in accordance with safe working practices.
9. The network group acknowledges that OWLS is entitled to require that the group ceases to be a constituted OWL group where the group persistently or wilfully acts in contravention to the provisions of the constitution, or otherwise brings OWLS into disrepute. It will be at the absolute discretion of OWLS whether in the circumstances it is appropriate to require immediate termination of the group. If the group shall, by general consent of its members, cease to exist, all assets shall pass to Outdoor & Woodland Learning Scotland.
10. The group undertakes that it will not represent itself as anything other than a local OWLS group furthering the aims and objectives of OWLS and in particular not to pass itself off as OWLS or pledge the credit of OWLS.
11. The group will not make any changes to the constitution without the agreement of OWLS.

Signed Thomas Cooper Date 8/7/14
(Group Chairperson)

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EILIDH MALCOLM (SHARED CHAIR)

