

Environmental Education Resource Library

A list of useful resources for environmental education activities as suggested by delegates at the OPAL Environmental Education Conference, Friday 10th February 2012.

Websites

Association of Polelathe Turners and Greenwood Workers - www.bodgers.org.uk

BBC Breathing Places - www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces/

Bee Scene - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk/beescene/ - organised by PlantLife, Bee Scene asks you to visit a local natural space between April and August 2012 and let them know how many of the 15 Bee Scene wildflowers you can find.

Cape Farewell - www.capefarewell.com/home

Center for Ecoliteracy - www.ecoliteracy.org/

Creative Star Learning blog - creativestarning.blogspot.com/

Derbyshire Forest Schools - www.forestschools.wordpress.com - information and ideas for forest schools in Derbyshire.

Derbyshire Mammal Group - www.derbyshiremammalgroup.com

Encyclopaedia of Life - eol.org/

Forest Education Initiative - www.foresteducation.org/ - the Forest Education Initiative (FEI) aims to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products.

Froglife - www.froglife.org

Funding Central – <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx> - free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. The site provides access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

Geocaching - www.geocaching.com

Geography Learning Net - www.geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk/

Girl Guiding UK – www.girlguiding.org.uk/home.aspx

Groundwork - www.groundwork.org.uk

Groundwork (Derby and Derbyshire) - www.pastonyourdoorstep.info/ - Education packs available



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iSpot - www.ispot.org.uk/ - Learn more about wildlife, share your interest with a friendly community and get help identifying what you have seen.

Learning Through Landscapes - www.ltl.org.uk/ - This site is for anyone who shares our passion for creating stimulating outdoor learning and play experiences for children and young people.

Manchester Environmental Education Network - www.meen.org.uk/DirectoryItem.php?ID=8 - As Creeping Toad, Gordon MacLellan provides training courses, workshops and public events. Helping people explore their relationship with nature through creativity. See also <http://creepingtoad.blogspot.com/>

National Insect Week - nationalinsectweek.co.uk/ - The next National Insect Week will run in 2012, from 25 June to 1 July

Nature Detectives - www.naturedetectives.org.uk/

NHBS - www.nhbs.com/

Offwell Woodland and Wildlife Trust - www.countrysideinfo.co.uk/

Peoples Trust for Endangered Species - www.ptes.org/

Pond Conservation Trust - www.pondconservation.org.uk/ - Pond Conservation is the national charity dedicated to protecting the wildlife of our freshwaters: ponds, rivers, streams and lakes.

Science and Plants for Schools - www.saps.org.uk

Sharing Nature Worldwide - <http://www.sharingnature.com/index.php>

The Institute for Earth Education - www.eartheducation.org.uk/

Wild Over Waterways - wow4water.net – themed packs for actual locations e.g. Trent Lock, Nottingham

Wild Things Ecological Education Collective - www.wildthings.org.uk/

Wildlife Watch - www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/

Wildworks - www.wildworks.org.uk/

Woodland Trust - www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/Pages/default.aspx

Books

Chris Lubkemann - ***The Little Book of Whittling***. ISBN-10: 1565232747 ISBN-13: 978-1565232747

Fiona Danks and Jo Schofield - ***Go Wild! 101 Things To Do Outdoors Before You Grow Up***. ISBN-13: 978-0711229396

Jon Warnes - ***Living Willow Sculpture*** ISBN-10: 0855328347 ISBN-13: 978-0855328344

Joseph Cornell - ***Sharing Nature With Children***. ISBN-10: 1883220734 ISBN-13: 978-1883220730

Joseph Cornell - ***Sharing Nature With Children 2***. ISBN-10: 1883220874 ISBN-13: 978-1883220877

Nick Baker – ***Nick Baker's Bug Book***. ISBN-10: 1847735223 ISBN-13: 978-1847735225

Nick Baker – ***Nick Baker's Bug Zoo***. ISBN-10: 1405370920 ISBN-13: 978-1405370929

Other resources

Field Studies Council Identification Guides - www.field-studies-council.org/publications/identification-charts.aspx

Fun in a Box - www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-7BBFUX - Fun In A Box is aimed at schools, youth and community groups. The boxes, based in Nottinghamshire, contain all you need to lead a range of countryside based activities (Forestry Commission resource)

Local County Museums – may loan national history resources

OPAL Survey packs

Scrap stores - www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/Uk%20Directory%20of%20Scrapstore.htm

The Big Tree Plant - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/bigtreeplant/> - The Big Tree Plant is a campaign to encourage people and communities to plant more trees in England's towns, cities and neighbourhoods.