

EDITORIAL

You are reading the first issue of Outdoored.eu NEWS FLEET - symbolically after twenty years on the field of international teachers training. The whole project begun in November 1998 in Sweden by an introductory seminar focused on Outdoor learning involving partners from Germany, Sweden, Austria, Great Britain and the Czech Republic.



Since 2001 we run together with Kinda Lärcentrum (Sweden) more than 70 courses for over 1,600 teachers from 35 countries – not only from Europe, but also from Canada, the USA, Australia, Singapore or Pakistan. We do not celebrate only a 20 years with our traditional outdoor learning courses in Sweden, Portugal, Scotland and the Czech Republic - we decided to broad our program offer and from autumn 2019 you can join a range of new professional trainings on various topics which will be held in the center of Prague – one of the most beautiful historical cities in Europe.

Another new is a course Strategy and Management for School Development - focused on topics which are addressed directly to headmasters and school management staff - including crisis management, conflict management, strategic planning, various forms of communication, leadership etc. We believe it could be a base for future platform of European School Directors and open a space to support the changes in education in Europe.

We would like to thank you for all your support, and we are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Dr. Dusan Bartunek – CEO Outdoored.EU

NEWS FROM THE COURSES

We have already run two courses in 2019.

First course for principals and school management staff was held in January in Prague with the title Strategy and Management for School Development.

In March outdoor learning course Taking group out-of-doors was held in Portugal. All the participants were satisfied and most of all appreciate direct links to their practice and useful practical tips for their further work.

Another interesting fact is that our participants where not only from continental Europe but also from Canada and Reunion - even our bus driver of a special cabrio-bus in Portugal is from Cape Verde.

„Excelent course for school and preschool principals lead by Dusan Bartunek. A great opportunity to discuss various school management problems, to learn the methods of conflict resolution, possibility to meet with the directors of Czech schools. I felt very special during those 5 days in January. We also had an excellent cultural program. I truly recommend!“

**Ingrida from Latvia,
Czech Republic January 2019**

„A very inspiring course about leadership and outdoor education. I can highly recommend everyone to attend this course as it gives you so many things; practical tips on how to work with outdoor education and inspiration on how to be a group leader.“

**Emily from Sweden,
Portugal March 2019**



STORIES

Certificates – despite the routine

We run courses in Sweden, the Czech Republic and Portugal. We usually prepare certificates in advance in our office – where we have 3 piles of already printed paper certificates – one for each course. Then we just add the appropriate names of participants, round stamp and signatures.

However, last October at the course in Portugal this relatively routine procedure was completely disrupted by the fact that we took the right number of certificates to Portugal, but none of them was for this Portuguese course – we made the mistake and took the certificates from another pile in the office. Thus, the closing ceremony was without passing the certificates, which then they traveled by post throughout all Europe - firstly all together from the Czech Republic to Sweden to be signed by Britta and then back from Sweden to Dusan, and then finally to each participant to their countries. After a week, photos of the participants began to come, holding the certificates in their hand!



COMING SOON

Trainings close to nature:

- 19. - 24. 5. 2019 Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden
- 18.-23.8.2019 Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden
- 8. - 13.9.2019 New ways of learning, Czech Republic
- 14. - 19.10. 2019 Taking groups out-of-doors, Portugal

NEW Theo practical courses in Prague

- week full of interesting and practical workshops and seminars
- course venue in Prague city centre – one of the most beautiful historical towns in Europe
- experienced and professional lecturers and educators from practice
- international evening and cruise on Vltava river with final dinner as a part of the programme

7.-13.7. 2019 Strategy and management for school development, Prague, Czech Republic

3. - 9.11.2019 Stories in global education, Prague, Czech Republic

3. - 9.11. 2019 English for real life, Prague, Czech Republic

24.-29.11.2019 ICT as a useful tool for teachers, Prague, Czech Republic

24.-29.11.2019 Be the best teacher for all your pupils, Prague, Czech Republic

MOTTO

For the first News fleet issue we choose a motto which follows our courses since 2003. All the participants know our common:

„In MELONA you are never alone“

OUR OFFER

If you would like to refresh activities and games you experienced with us - you can find most of them and many others in the book **GAMES IN NATURE**.

Most of the games involve minimal material requirements have very simple rules, understandable for children - but their potential impact and effectiveness are truly global, as experiential educators around the world have learned in the past decade.

Games in Nature: An Innovative Approach to Outdoor and Environmental Activities for Young Children

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