

EDITORIAL

You have the second issue of Outdoored.Eu News Fleet in your hand. The main mission of this digital "fleet" is to be an information platform for former participants of our courses and at the same time an inspiration for our new future colleagues.

In the time before issuing this News Fleet a number of interesting facts have happened.



In addition to our activities in "the real world" where we provide our traditional training courses in Sweden, Portugal and the Czech Republic, we are also trying to be more active in „the virtual world“.

We try to be alive on social networks and disseminate information about our activities via social media. I would like to kindly ask you for your support – please share, like and follow-up us using "the key words" so that information about our courses would be available to everybody who is looking for quality educational programs. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

I am also pleased to inform you that we obtained accreditation from the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic for two of our programs implemented in the Czech Republic - course New ways of learning for teachers and course Strategy and management for school development designed for school management staff..

On behalf of the whole Outdoored.EU team, thank you for your favor and I am looking forward to meeting you again.

Dr. Dusan Bartunek – CEO Outdoored.EU

NEWS FROM THE COURSES

We run 2 sessions of the course Nature as a fantastic classroom in Sweden - in May and August and the course New ways of learning in the Czech Republic in September.

We meet during them with teachers from 16 different countries – including also participants from the USA, Australia or Reunion.



Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden – May 2019

„Dusan, Petra and Britta amazing facilitators who put you at ease the moment you arrive. One of the best courses I have ever attending in a stunning location. A great approach to learning that will leave you engaged and inspired I can't recommend highly enough. If you're unsure do this course you won't regret it. On this course there was 12 different nationalities amazing opportunity to learn from each other. Amazing, fantastic, brilliant.“

Ben Ozanne from Great Britain, Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden - August 2019

I really recommend this course to everyone. It is rewarding for both students and teachers. Don't be afraid to participate. The teachers make you feel right at home and inspire you with their know-how.

Anita Van Stichel from Belgium, Czech Republic - September 2019

We would like to use this space to ask you a favour. We live in time when all sorts of ads and information are all around and it is impossible to recognize what is true or not. And it is the same on the "Erasmus course market". It is not easy to choose the quality course which will fit your expectations.

As it is very difficult to don't be lost in this "information jungle", the only advertising which works and could help you to find what are you looking for is the personal recommendation or sharing experience and feedback by the participants themselves.

Very helpful tool for anybody looking for the training is SchoolEducationGateWay – course database. www.schooleducationgateway.eu

The advantage of this database is that it can only be enrolled by a registered teacher from a school or organization. Then you know that behind every feedback is a real person and a real experience.

So please if you could write your reference, comment or recommendation for the course you will help your colleagues – as they can choose according to personal experiences and feedbacks from real participants. Thank you in advance for this activity and hope to see you at another of our courses.



New ways of learning, Czech Republic – September 2019



Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden – August 2019

STORIES

Lost in nature – part I. Sweden

In the program at Swedish course Nature is fantastic classroom new activity is a five-kilometre walk through the wood and among the lakes near the Trollgater - the Troll Cave, which you all know well.

A planned way follows an officially marked orange route. We sent the whole group from the starting point and added information about where to turn right (on the marked route) - it is a completely unmistakable place. For sure our colleague Petra went with a little delay behind the group. Then Britta and Dusan moved to the troll cave and waited for the group.

With a small delay compared to the scheduled time of arrival we can see the whole group and Petra. We asked Petra: "How was the way?" to understand what was happened. And Petra started to tell, "I go through the woods to see the group that is somewhere in a front and can see all the clues about their movement. From the time I worked as a dog cynologist, I was taught to follow the path to see all sorts of signs. And suddenly the tracks disappeared from the marked path. So, I followed them and after about a kilometre I finally caught the group and returned them to their original direction". Basically, no one was following the path at all, everyone was chatting and walking one after another until they were completely out of the way.



Lost in nature – part II. Czech Republic

At the Czech course we included a similar novelty as in Sweden - a five-kilometre walk through forest. The path follows a blue tourist trail from a small village to the edge of a nature reserve. At the end of the route, Dusan and Britta made a fire and they prepared all the ingredients for cooking lunch on fire together.

The first of the four groups arrived about twenty minutes before the scheduled time. And it was also the only one that came in time and by the right way.

After 30 minutes of waiting Dusan went to look for the other three groups. After a long looking around, he saw a relatively large group of pedestrians on the horizon. So far, he was not able to tell who this is, because he did not want to believe the fact that our participants would walk on the main road with busy traffic. But he was wrong – those were our participants. As the group approached, we heard other voices from various directions from the forest and fields around us that also belonged to our participants. Within 45 minutes, we managed to put the whole group together and heard a variety of stories about how they got to the main road in a different way than they were shown on the map. But the common lunch prepares on a fire was excellent.



COMING SOON

Trainings close to nature:

14.–19.10.2019

Taking groups out-of-doors, Portugal

16.–21.3.2020

Taking groups out-of-doors, Portugal

19.–24.4.2020

New ways of learning, Czech Republic

17.–22.5.2020

Nature as a fantastic classroom for learning, Sweden



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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

12.–18.1.2020 Strategy and management for school development, Prague, Czech Republic

MOTTO

For the second issue of News Fleet, we chose a quote that belongs to a well-known Czech actor from the interwar period and it fits beautifully in the way how we understand education.

“In the school of life there are no holidays, days off and Sundays.” - Vlasta Burian

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**.

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