

lindley educational trust newsletter



Newsletter November 2011

Welcome to the latest edition of our e-Newsletter, giving you a taste of what goes on at our Centres - Hollowford and Shining Cliff.

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If carefully planned and with the necessary training and resources - YES. Just over 3 years ago, working with staff from 2 local secondary schools we developed a year long project working with students with additional needs. Looking for funding proved extremely difficult but the Open Gate Trust came to our rescue and funded the project for a whole year. The project took place every Monday afternoon during term time, with a mix of activities taking place in school and outdoors.

With an emphasis on giving the students responsibility for planning, developing personal and life skills, the programme included all the usual outdoor activities plus environmental studies, a residential at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton, a theatre trip, a Chinese meal and visits to local places of interest.

The project was so successful that both schools wanted to continue but unfortunately we could not identify funding that would allow us to continue with the project.

The school staff embraced the project with enthusiasm and the expertise they gained in the first year meant that both schools, three years on are confidently leading the project themselves, developing the programme to meet their student's needs.

Without the initial support from Open Gate this could not have happened and in a funding climate where we need to ensure that projects are sustainable this one proves it can be done.

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To get you in the Christmas spirit here is just a taster of what will be on offer:

- Real Ale, cakes and condiments to blow your mind!
- Handmade textiles, jewellery and accessories
- Chopping boards, photos and table decorations
- Mulled wine, mince pies and refreshments
- Not forgetting the all important Christmas cards and gift wrap

We are thrilled to support Hope Valley College's Young Enterprise groups who will be selling a range of handmade gifts, jewellery and soap.

Open from 12.00 - 6.00pm. Follow the Christmas Trail along Hollowford Lane from the village.

Scottish Winter February 2012

11-16 Introduction to Winter Mountaineering inc Ski option

16-21 Winter Skills

21-26 Winter Climbing

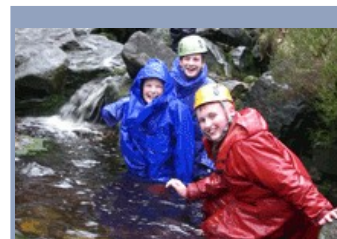
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Festival of Outdoor Learning

03-04 March 2012

Now in its 6th year. A Great CPD opportunity for outdoor professionals, teachers, youth workers and anyone with a general interest in the outdoors

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With funding support from the John Weston Fund the building has been recently developed to provide a light, practical indoor space in which to work. Making use of an existing building and adding solar powered lighting means we have kept the environmental impact to a minimum.

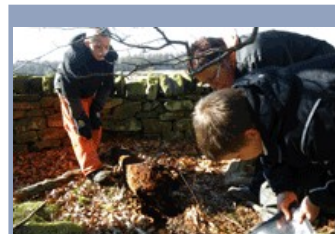
- A dry space to work
- Tables and benches
- Toilet
- Easily seats 20 people for briefings
- A secure place to leave bags and belongings whilst out in the woods
- Windows looking into the woodland allow observation of wildlife

To find out more or to make a booking please contact us via our Hollowford Centre;

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