

## DEAR ALL!

*In cooperation with Outdoor and Woodland Learning Scotland and Slovenian forest kindergartens and schools, the Institute for Forest Pedagogics*

INVITES YOU TO A TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

## NATURE AND CHILDREN KNOW NO BOUNDS

**The seminar will be held within the framework of the Slovenian Network of Forest Kindergartens and Schools**

Pedagogical work in a forest, forest pedagogics, forest kindergartens, implementing the curriculum in natural environments are trends which have been gaining importance lately. Since 2012, Slovenian kindergartens and schools that have incorporated forest pedagogics into their programmes have been united in the Slovenian Network of Forest Kindergartens and Schools, which is led by the Institute for Forest Pedagogics. Currently, over 100 educational institutions from Slovenia and its neighbouring countries are united in the Network. The ways in which forest pedagogics has been incorporated into the regular programmes of Slovenian kindergartens and schools are diverse and unique, just as our forests and children are. Owing to its own development path, Slovenia is becoming a good practice example in the broader European area. This time, our knowledge and experience will be strengthened further by the Scottish experts Sally York and Bonnie Maggio, with outdoor learning being a key component of their Curriculum for Excellence. Over the last decade, the Scottish government and other national organisations have prepared a vision, strategies and many action plans that help teachers, children and adolescents to develop outdoor learning, especially in natural environments.

OWL Scotland is dedicated to increasing the use of Scotland's outdoor environments for learning. Learning outdoors, be in playgrounds, towns, cities, parks or our stunning natural environments, actively engages young people and connects their broader learning with the world around them. OWL Scotland is supported by Forestry Commission Scotland and evolved out of the Forest Education Initiative (FEI) which has run successfully for over 20 years.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUTDOOR AND WOODLAND LEARNING SCOTLAND AND FORESTRY COMMISSION SCOTLAND VISIT:**

<http://www.owlscotland.org/home/>

<http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SLOVENIAN NETWORK OF FOREST KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS VISIT:**

<http://www.gozdnivrtec.si/sl/>

<http://gozdna-pedagogika.si/>

The seminar will be practice-oriented with numerous presentations and workshops.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GUEST LECTURERS:

### **Mrs. SALLY YORK, Education Policy Advisor**

As a child being outside was an important part of her world and 'A' level fieldwork trips inspired her as one of the best ways of learning as it connected learning at school with what happened in the real world! A degree in Human Ecology followed by a PGCE in Environmental Science. She taught biology and general science at secondary level and gained Qualified Teacher Status. She left teaching in the classroom to work with The Conservation Volunteers schools programme in the Bath/Bristol area which provided practical skills to complement the teaching skills. She moved to the Field Studies Council at Epping Forest Conservation Centre (London) and over the next 7 years spent time at 2 other centres, Juniper Hall (North Downs) and Malham Tarn (Yorkshire Dales) as a biology/ geography field tutor teaching 8 – 80 year olds outside.

For the last 24 years she has worked for the Forestry Commission, initially covering GB on Education matters, including the development of the Forest Education Initiative and supporting the growth of Forest School. After Forestry Policy was devolved in 2003 she moved to Forestry Commission Scotland developing Forest School and Forest Kindergarten, expanding the work of Outdoor and Woodland Learning Scotland and working with partners (government, third sector and others) to encourage the wider use of woods, and local greenspace, for learning and play.

She lives near Edinburgh, with her husband, children, 2 cats with space for a wee dog.

### **Mrs. BONNIE MAGGIO, Outdoor & Woodland Learning Manager**

She has spent all of her working life involved with environmental education and training for outdoor learning. Her role with the Forestry Commission Scotland is that of Outdoor and Woodland Learning Scotland Manager. Her work involves organising and running training for practitioners, running networking opportunities, developing resources, and giving advice and support. Previously she was a National Advisor on Environmental Education with Scottish Natural Heritage for many years which was a similar role but covering all aspects of the environment.

She lives in a village in the countryside of Scotland in an area famous for its beautiful trees, woods and forests and enjoys getting out and about in nature on a regular basis through various activities including walking, cycling, swimming and fishing.

Title of seminar: **NATURE AND CHILDREN KNOW NO BOUNDS**

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No. of periods: 16

No. of participants: max. 50 participants

**Target group:** preschool teachers, primary school teachers, special education teachers, other professional staff (psychologists, social pedagogues, social workers), natural and legal entities engaged in nature activities for children.

**Seminar goals:**

- presenting Slovenian good practice examples and their experiences;
- presenting the Scottish approach to outdoor learning from a Forestry Commission perspective ;
- presenting domestic and foreign practical approaches to working with children in natural environments;
- making learning simple, practical, emotional, unexpected, real, creative and innovative;
- promoting the concept of forest schools and kindergartens and expanding the concept of the Slovenian Network of Forest Kindergartens and Schools.

**Lecturers and topics:** the seminar programme is given in the table below.

**Registration deadline:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018 or as long as places are available.

**Time:** 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Place:**

On 28<sup>th</sup> August the seminar will be held in the hall of the local community in **Zgornja Bela 67** (Municipality of Preddvor).

On 29<sup>th</sup> August in **Preddvor**, at Lake Črnava (Hotel Alma, former Hotel Bor).

The seminar will be a combination of lectures and field sessions in a forest (most of it will take place in a forest), **so suitable clothing and shoes are required. Registration is only possible for both days of the seminar; foreign guests will be present on both days of the seminar.**

**Participation fee: 230 EUR for both days. For members of the Slovenian Network of Forest Kindergartens and Schools, the fee is 200 EUR. The participation fee includes a warm meals, snacks and beverages.** Natural entities pay the participation fee 14 days before the start of the seminar; in the case of public institutes, an issued order form will suffice and they will be sent an invoice after the seminar has concluded. Wire the participation fee to the following account:

**CA: SI56 10100-0047877546** open with Banka Koper; BIC of the recipient's bank: **BAKO SI 2X**; Purpose code: **GDSV**, reference number **00 08-2018**

**Participants will be issued seminar completion certificates.**

**General terms and conditions: Attendance can be cancelled no later than 14 days before the start of the seminar. If attendance is not cancelled on time or if you fail to attend the seminar despite having registered for it, you pay a 30% participation fee.**

Seminar 1<sup>st</sup> day: NATURE AND CHILDREN KNOW NO BOUNDS

Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018; Zgornja Bela		
Time	Title of lecture, workshop	Lecturer
9:00 – 9:20	WELCOME ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF GUEST LECTURERS	mag. Natalija Györek Institute for Forest Pedagogics Sally York and Bonnie Maggio Forestry Commission Scotland
09:20 – 10:00	LEARNING WITH NATURE	mag. Natalija Györek Institute for Forest Pedagogics
10:00 – 10:40	Lunch and socialising break	
10:40 – 14:45	FOREST GAMES	Mateja Mušič Preschool teacher at the Čriček Kindergarten at the Preddvor Primary School
10:40 – 14:45	SCHOOL'S FOREST ADVENTURES	Lučka Drganc Class teacher and a BA in Social Pedagogy at the Šmartno v Tuhinju Primary School
10:40 – 14:45	ART OF MATHEMATICS IN NATURE	Klavdija Klinar Class teacher at the Tone Čufar Jesenice Primary School
10:40 – 14:45	FOREST DETECTIVES	Nataša Šefer Class teacher at the Simon Jenko Kranj Primary School
10:40 – 14:45	LET'S FEEL THE FOREST WITH ALL THE SENSES	Nina Primožič Class teacher at the Simon Jenko Kranj Primary School
14:45 – 15:30	END OF DAY 1	Institute for Forest Pedagogics mag. Natalija Györek



Seminar 2<sup>nd</sup> day: NATURE AND CHILDREN KNOW NO BOUNDS

Date: 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2018; Preddvor		
Time	Title of lecture, workshop	Lecturer
9:00 – 09:30	PRESENTATION OF FORESTRY COMMISSION SCOTLAND AND OUTDOOR AND WOODLAND LEARNING SCOTLAND	Sally York and Bonnie Maggio Forestry Commission Scotland
09:30 – 10:00	REVIEW OF OUTDOOR LEARNING RESOURCES	Sally York and Bonnie Maggio Forestry Commission Scotland
10.00 – 10:45	Break and Networking	
10.45 -12.30	GARDENING FOR BIODIVERSITY FOR EARLY YEARS	Bonnie Maggio Forestry Commission Scotland
10:45 – 12:30	NUMERACY IN FORESTRY	Sally York Forestry Commission Scotland
12:30 – 13:15	Break and networking	
13:15 – 14:45	SOILS	Sally York Forestry Commission Scotland
13:15 – 14:45	ARCHAEOLOGY	Bonnie Maggio Forestry Commission Scotland
15:00 – 15:30	WRAP-UP, DISCUSSION, EVALUATION	mag. Natalija Györek Institute for Forest Pedagogics