

The Right to be Heard

Weaving children's voices into planning

With Richard Louv and Claire Warden

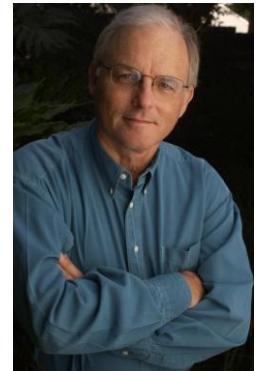
Mindstretchers International One Day Conference and Optional Research & Poster Session with Site Visit on Day Two

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June 2010

Crieff Hydro Hotel, Perthshire

Children have a right to have their opinions' and ideas heard. It is very evident that they want to be outside. This conference will share a variety of established and emerging consultative strategies and documentation from around the world with a focus on Children's connection and understanding of Nature.

Richard Louv is a journalist and author of seven books about the connections between family, nature and community. His most recent book, "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder" (Algonquin), has stimulated an international conversation about the relationship between children and nature. Louv is also the chairman and co-founder of the Children & Nature Network. (www.childrenandnature.org), an organization helping build the movement to connect today's children and future generations to the natural world. Louv coined the term Nature-Deficit Disorder® which has become the defining phrase of this important issue. Louv served as an advisor both to the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World award program and to the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. He is on the board of directors of eco America and a member of the Citistates Group. He has appeared before the Domestic Policy Council in the White House as well as at major governmental and professional conferences, nationally and internationally. He is working on his eighth book, about the restorative power of nature.



Claire Warden is an educational consultant who has developed a unique approach to experiential learning. She founded Mindstretchers in 1996. The company includes a project approach called 'The Living Classroom' which explores sensorial and experiential learning in challenging outdoor spaces across Scotland, and also publishes related resources and materials. In 2007 and 2008, Claire set up Whistlebrae Nature Kindergarten and Auchlone Nature Kindergarten in Perth and Kinross, Scotland where children spend up to 90% time outside developing skills and confidence in the natural world. Claire is the European education co-ordinator for the leadership group of consultants that make up the World Nature Collaborative, and she has authored several books relating to early years methodology, including *The Potential of a Puddle*, *Talking and Thinking Floorbooks*, *The Right to Be Me and Nurture through Nature*, as well as forthcoming titles *Nature Kindergartens* and *Journeys into Nature*.

The first day will promote networking and will share research and thinking about children's right to learn in an outdoor environment which in turn encourages healthy harmonious children.

Day two will focus on research and includes poster session designed to share Children's voices and their ideas connected to Nature around the world. This session will be facilitated by Naama Zoran, developmental Psychologist and Educational Systems Consultant from Israel. Participants are invited to send a proposal that outlines the key points that they would like to share in a 20 minute presentation.

In the afternoon there is a site visit to Auchlone's new innovative Nature Kinder Kitchen. This outdoor kitchen provides the focal point for the sustainability programmes that run through the Nature Kindergartens. Children grow, prepare, and cook their own food at a number of sites such as the Round House, The Geodome and Tipi. Experience the sense of community in cooking and eating supper together. There will also be an opportunity to see the indoor centre.

Day three is an option for those that wish to take this opportunity whilst in Scotland to work with Claire with the team. This ½ day will start at 9.30am at Fowlis Wester Training Centre and will work with participants on creative hands-on workshops.

Who Attends

Practitioners working in Environmental Education and programmes such as Forest Schools, Health Officials, Landscape Designers, Outdoor Play consultants, Lecturers in Further Education, Policy makers,

Conference Registration - "The Right to be Heard"

Tuesday 8th June 2010 – Crieff Hydro Hotel - £160.00

Wednesday 9th June 2010 – Research and Poster Session - £160.00

8th and 9th June 2010 – Attend both dates - £300.00

Optional Extra: Thursday 10th June 2010 – Creative Workshops - £ 55.00

Conference prices are per delegate plus vat.

To register: Bookings can be made online at www.mindstretchers.co.uk/events or please complete this booking form and return to: Sabine Mackenzie, Mindstretchers, The Warehouse, Rossie Place, AUCHTERARDER, PH3 1AJ, Scotland, UK.

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Your Name _____

Your Organization _____

Your Address _____

Your City/State/Province/Country _____

Your Phone # _____ Your FAX # _____

Your e-mail address (print carefully!) _____

The accommodation is extra and is set in the grounds of Crieff Hydro Hotel, Crieff

We can offer to book on your behalf a room in the hotel at £115.00 bed and breakfast per night (single, twin or double room) or we have secured a number of three star and four star self catering chalets that have 2 or 3 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and dining areas, they are set in a small village area in the wooded grounds of the hotel. All hotel amenities are available to attendees. Each chalet will be set up with a breakfast food hamper courtesy of Mindstretchers Ltd. The cost for this is £30 per person per night sharing a room or £60.00 per night for a single room in a four star chalet and in a three star chalet the cost is £22.00 per person per night sharing a room or £44.00 per night for a single room.

The rooms and chalets are available for arrival on Monday 7th June, Tuesday 8th June and Wednesday 9th June 2010. Please note that they are on a first come first serve basis so early booking is recommended.

Please advise if you wish us to book this on your behalf and then we will forward an accommodation form to you.

Accommodation booking form required

Payment details:

Credit Card Number _____

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Name printed on card _____

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Thank you for registering! A confirmation will be sent to you via e-mail (or fax). If you have any questions about your registration, contact the Sabine Mackenzie at sabine@mindstretchers.co.uk or +44 (0) 1674 664409 (Monday's and Wednesday's)

*Cancellation Policy -Notice of cancellation must be confirmed via email to sabine@mindstretchers.co.uk. Should you cancel your reservation prior to 8th May 2010 your registration fee will be refunded, less a 10% service fee.