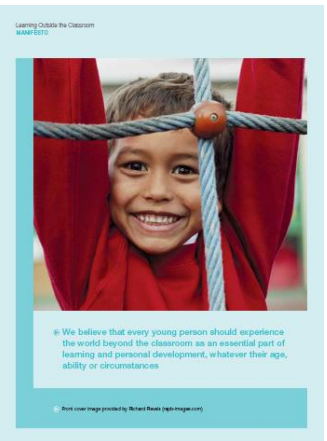
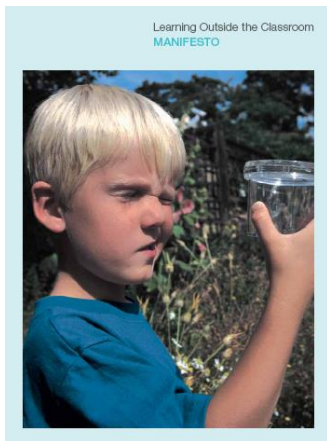




The Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom – an overview

Beth Gardner, Chief Executive
 2nd Nature & Sports Euro'Meet
 Liptovsky Mikulas (Slovakia)
 October 4th 2013





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What is Learning Outside the Classroom?

“The use of places other than the classroom for teaching & learning”





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Where does LOtC happen?

- School grounds
- Local community
- Further afield
- Residential stays
- Expeditions overseas





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Why is LOtC a good thing?

LOtC improves:

- Attainment
- Achievement
- Standards
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Personal development
- Relationships





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Ofsted supports LOtC

“When planned and implemented well, learning outside the classroom contributed significantly to raising standards & improving pupils’ personal, social & emotional development.”

*Learning outside the classroom: How far should you go?
Ofsted Report (October 2008)*





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Barriers to LOtC?

- Risk?
- Red tape & bureaucracy?
- Cost?
- Lack of confidence?
- Lack of support?

= Cotton wool culture





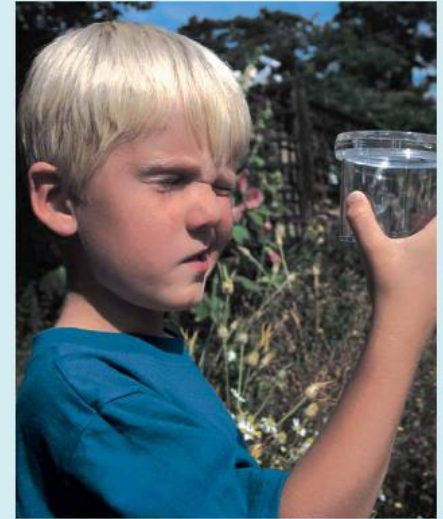
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The LOtC Manifesto

Launched in 2006 to:

“ensure all young people experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of growing up”

Learning Outside the Classroom
MANIFESTO





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“We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances”

LOtC Manifesto 2006

What is CLOtC?



14 actions from Manifesto ...

Leading to:

**Frequent, continuous &
progressive LOfC
For ALL young people**

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Learning outside the classroom changes lives...

The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom is the national voice for learning outside the classroom. We believe that every young person (0-19yrs) should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances. [Read more about us.](#)

Whether you are an education practitioner, headteacher, governor or organisation that provides LOtC experiences, this website offers a large range of resources developed with the support of many experts in the field learning outside the classroom. The site is designed to support anyone working with young people aged 0-19 provide high-quality educational experiences.

Paul Rose, presenter, explorer and naturalist, endorses LOtC.

"I shone at three things in school - trips away from school, sports and metalwork. Those classrooms were not for me: overheated, incomprehensible and dull lessons. I was so bored. Then, when I was fourteen, my geography teacher took us outside of the classroom and all the horrors that it held for me..." Read more from our [LOtC Champions.](#)

Paul Rose
Presenter, explorer, naturalist



Paul Rose - "LOtC changes lives"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/03/2012
[Lindley festival of outdoor learning](#)
- 06/03/2012
[Learning Outside the Classroom and Leading Environmental Activities](#)
- 09/03/2012
[Planning an LOtC curriculum \(CPD\) - West Midlands](#)

[View All Events](#)

LATEST CLOtC NEWSLETTER

- [CLOtC Newsletter - January 2012](#)
- [CLOtC Members' Newsletter - Issue 2](#)

TWITTER FEEDS

LOtC Quality Badge – www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk

- ✓ Good quality education
- ✓ Effective risk management

So ... Less red tape & paperwork!





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The LOtC Quality Badge – a bluffer’s guide!

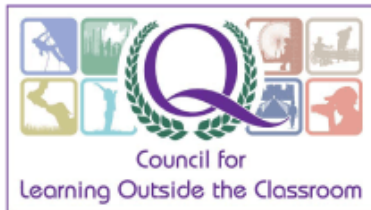
- ❑ It measures quality
- ❑ It is for users
- ❑ Providers must meet quality standards
- ❑ Users know that they will get quality learning experiences
- ❑ There is just ONE accreditation across ALL sectors
- ❑ It is really cheap for most providers to get the accreditation





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LOtC Quality Badge website (www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk)



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Welcome to the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge website

The Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge provides for the first time a national accreditation combining the essential elements of provision - learning and safety - into one easily recognisable and trusted Quality Badge for all types of Learning Outside the Classroom provider organisations.

Widespread consultation with those involved with children and young people's services revealed the need for a common scheme which could provide an assurance as to the quality of the educational experiences on offer.



Real World Learning



**To explore and share successful approaches to
Real World Learning through the outdoor
classroom that leads to action for sustainable
development.**

LOtC Mark



LOtC Mark (Gold)



LOtC Mark (Silver)



LOtC Mark (Bronze)

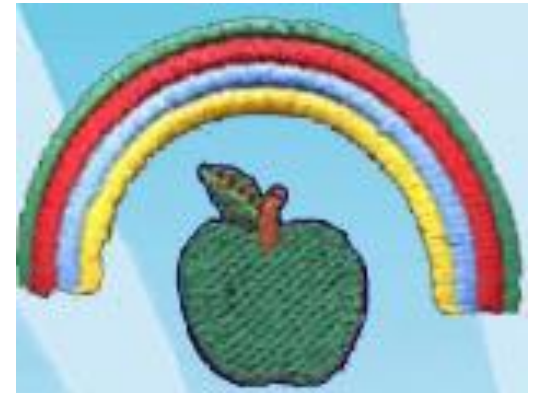
- Framework to support schools in developing their LOtC offer
- 3 levels – Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Guidance to help schools to progress through the levels
- www.lotc.org.uk/lotc-accreditations



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Real life examples - Valley Road Primary School

‘Significantly below significantly below’





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Valley Road - The Charter of Entitlement

Specifies:

- Visits
- Visitors
- Other LOfC opportunities





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Real life examples – Macmillan Academy

“LOtC makes a difference; adventure and challenge inspires, it is learning that really works and lasts a lifetime.”

David Exeter, Director of Outdoor Learning





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Real life examples – Ethelred Nursery School

“We had limited space but realised that an outdoor nursery setting would improve the learning experiences of the children, bringing the world to life and inspiring them as well as helping improve their physical health.”

Glenda King, Headteacher





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Real life examples – Rushey Mead School

Canoeing & aerial trekking at Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre to inspire descriptive writing

23 / 26 boys (88%) thought that LOtC helped to improve their writing

Self esteem also increased





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How you can help deliver the Manifesto aims ...



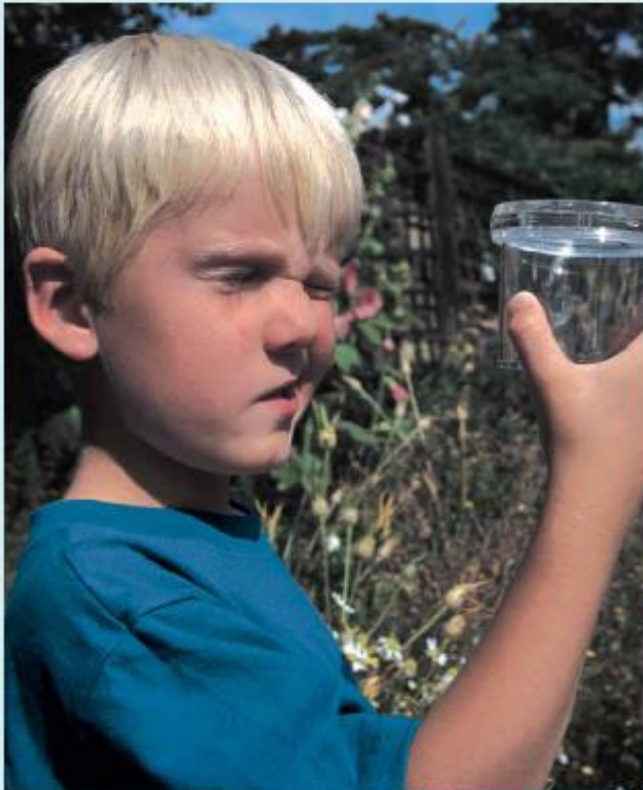
- Advocate benefits of LOtC
- Promote importance of integrating LOtC into the curriculum
- Ensure it forms part of your strategic plans
- Become a signatory of the Manifesto or make a pledge
- Join CLOtC today to help us make a difference to young people



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