Unwrapping the Cotton Wool Kids

Outdoor Play and Learning in North Lanarkshire
Big Life Questions
Who Am I?
Who Are You?
Why Are We Here?
Why Go Outdoors?
Let's Be Time Travellers

- Think back to your childhood
- Where did you play?
- What did you play with?
- Where were the adults?
- How did you feel?
The Rights of the Child

The Responsibilities of Adults
Investment

Motivation
Long term investment to reap rewards for our youngest children
2004-7 NOF - Access, Fencing, Storage. 45 Settings-3,000 children. On-going funded programme.

2005 - Forest School Awareness Raising


2005-January Conference-Mindstretchers Palacerigg Country Park. (first of many!)

2005-Lets Get Out - 3 year Project. Resources, training and conferences. (Mindstretchers, Grounds for Learning)
Let's Get Out' Next Steps

- NLC Forest Kindergarten
- Outdoor Champions(5)
- Using Lanarkshire’s Industrial Heritage - Summerlee
- Risk Assessments
- Clothing for staff and children
- Using a Forest School approach to outings - DVD
They Don't Have Elephants in Fife!
STOP! Take a step back!

- Audit - Grounds for Learning
- Big Questions - Why?
  - Who says?
  - What does it look like?
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Where We Are

- Investment Settings - Access to Natural Environments.
- Outdoor specification for new settings.
- Benefit Risk Assessments
- Peer Support and Collaboration - CFE Group Education Scotland
- Outdoor Food Hygiene & First Aid
- Disseminate Research
- Outdoors Blog - “Lets Get Out”
- Teaching in Nature - SNH
- Forest Kindergarten Training - Forestry Commission
- Forest School Cluster FEI
- `More Than` Outdoor Shelters
- Bikeability Scotland
- Birth to Three Training - `babes in the wood?`
- Brilliance of a Boulder and Terrific Tree Trunks training.
- DVD `If You Go Down To The Woods`
If You Go Down to the Woods........
We can all continue the journey by......

Sustaining and developing partnerships based on mutual respect, shared goals and a commitment to increasing opportunities for children to embrace risk and challenge and become confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens and effective contributors.........and have fun!