



Bringing joy to all children through outdoor learning

We exist solely to provide amazing opportunities for all children, regardless of their ability or socio-economic background. It's our passion and here's our story...



The story of our children

Over **22,000** children visited in 2022, but every week children tell us they have never been into the woods!

Throughout the year, we have an average **7** schools and over **400** children on site every week.

We have **14** outdoor learning programmes which meet outcomes required by the National Curriculum.

We run **6** specialist events each year for families with disabled children.

We estimate that every day an average of **3-5 children that visit don't own a coat** that is warm enough for a day at the centre.



Our environmental story

Our mission is to inspire children to fall in love with the outdoors and we run programmes to help children understand how to protect the environment.

We have a range of **renewable energy systems** including ground and air source heat pumps and solar thermal.

We work with local Naturalists to **protect the environment** and teach children about sustainability.

In 2022 our fully accessible lodge provided **650** children with disabilities an opportunity to spend time safely in the outdoors.



Our Ilkley story

2,500 children and their parents from Ilkley enjoyed one of our public events in 2022.

Every child in Yr 7 at Ilkley Grammar School visits us in September.

Local events such as the Wharfedale Schools cross country relays, cycle-sportives, orienteering events, bee-keeping courses, and family fun days for refugee families brought over **1000** visitors to the centre last year.

Approximately **25** Wharfedale children each year learn with us through our volunteering opportunities and work placements.

Many local charities support us including Rotary, Round Table, Children's Charity Circle, but we need more!



Our charity story

We raise money to subsidise visits for disadvantaged children. Last year we awarded **£15,000** to schools enabling **1,500** children to enjoy a visit who would otherwise have missed out.

We became a fully independent charity in March 2022, after over 40 years as a Bradford Council run centre.

In 2022 over **200** corporate volunteer hours supported the maintenance of the site and the running of our events.

Nell Bank covers basic running costs through charging for visits. **Our fundraising work enables us to support disadvantaged children and develop our site and our offer to children.**



We can't do any of this without your help, here's what your money pays for...

£5 pays for

Hat and gloves to lend out to wear on our moor walks

£15 pays for

A day trip to the centre for a disadvantaged child

£50 pays for

A waterproof coat so a child can be dry and warm!

£100 pays for

A two night residential for a child who's may have never stayed away from home

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