

# IOL Midlands Region in conjunction with the Wrekin Trust Spirituality in Outdoor Learning?

Bishop's Wood Environmental Centre,  
Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs DY13 9SE.  
10.00 am – 4.00pm Saturday 20 March 2010.

**“Spirituality in Outdoor Learning”:** a workshop style approach to help practitioners get to grips with the “S” word.

The outdoors offers a powerful and special space to enable human beings to experience connection and personal learning. As a practitioner being confident to include spirituality in your work enhances this experience. This is an increasingly important ability to develop in the context of today's climate of local and global ecological, economic and political crises.

*“Spirituality is a state of connectedness to life.  
It is an experience of being, belonging and caring.  
It is sensitivity and compassion, joy and hope.  
It is the harmony between the innermost life and the outer life, or the life of the world and the life universal”.*

U Thant Secretary General of the United Nations 1961-1971.

We are connected to the Earth and to each other by every element in our environment.

This workshop aims to;

- Explore the importance and deeper connection with the spiritual nature of the natural environment.
- Increase practitioners personal understanding of the concept
- Help practitioners to have a wider variety of methods to work with spirituality
- Develop confidence of practitioners to raise spiritual awareness with different age groups in relation to National Curriculum for schools and youth work;
  - o to enable young people to develop their awareness of their self identity and being.
  - o to assist young people in the exploration and development of their spiritual self
- Give consideration to the establishment of a Special Interest Group (SIG) within the IOL.

This workshop is for teachers, youth workers, play leaders and others working with young people in the outdoor environment arranged by the West Midland Region of the Institute for Outdoor Learning in conjunction with the Wrekin Trust and open to both members and non-members alike.

Early booking is advisable as places are limited .  
*“Out of the confusion of a crumbling society, will emerge individuals who are touched by higher guidance. These will inevitably flow together with others of like inspiration, and a new quality of society will begin to form. This is the true adventure of our time”.*

Sir George Trevelyan. Founder of the Wrekin Trust\*

- The Wrekin Trust seeks to awaken and revitalise a spiritual dimension in society and to encourage a culture of healing and forgiveness, a culture of wisdom and a culture of harmony with Nature.  
[www.wrekintrust.org](http://www.wrekintrust.org)

The workshop is facilitated by leading practitioners working at national and international level in this particular area of interest. Resource materials and the latest practical guide in work with young people will be available.

Fee for the workshop includes lunch and refreshments  
£ 95.00 non members. £85.00 for IOL members.

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