

The Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning and Field Studies PPG

- Previously the Field Studies PPG.
- We have broadened our scope to include all Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning (CBOL).

What is CBOL?

Best delivered outdoors

e.g.:

- Biology and Geography field work.
- Physical education-field sports



Best delivered indoors

e.g.:

- Chemistry experiments.
- Computer science-programming



Could be delivered indoors **or** outdoors

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Aims

- To provide one point of contact for IOL members on all aspects of Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning and fieldwork.
- To disseminate good practice in Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning and fieldwork.
- To provide support for IOL members who are non-specialists who are undertaking Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning and fieldwork.
- To promote the benefits of Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning and fieldwork to higher authorities, e.g. exam boards.

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Next steps:

- Currently reviewing our Terms of Reference.
- Relaunch PPG page on IOL website
- Relaunch our facebook group
- Autumn/winter 2024 – Virtual meeting of full membership
- 7th November – Webinar: Starting out with curriculum based outdoor learning. How to use outdoor learning to teach curriculum content
- 2025 – Horizons article
- Sometime in the future...CBOL and FS conference

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CBOL & Field Studies Group

About the Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning & Field Studies Specialist Sector Group

The Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning & Field Studies Sector Specialist Group is made up of members who are engaged in, or have an interest in delivering study led programmes in Field Studies or Environmental Education. Many members are based at residential centres, but we also have members who organise day visits either at private venues or work in partnership with other organisations. Both Fieldwork and Environmental Education are long established 'branches' of outdoor learning and members have a wealth of experience to share.

Aims; Our main aims are to be the specialist voice of Field Studies and Environmental Education; to ensure this voice is not lost. To share good practice among organisations and practitioners and aid the personal/ professional development of all those working in Field Studies and Environmental Education. To promote Field Studies and Environmental Education both regionally and nationally, using all the contacts and resources at our disposal.

<https://www.outdoor-learning.org/community/sector-specialist-groups/cbol-field-studies-group.html>

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Join the group (free for IOL members!).

Encourage others to join the group.

Book a place on the webinar to learn more.

[Starting out with curriculum based outdoor learning. How to use outdoor learning to teach curriculum content \(outdoor-learning.org\)](https://www.outdoor-learning.org)