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IOL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 ONLINE

The Conference will encourage interaction between **outdoor learning practitioners** from around the world and be **inspiring and relevant** to practitioners.



Conference Theme

What is Outdoor Learning for?



21-22 NOVEMBER
2025



1pm-5.30pm (GMT) Day 1
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Arrivals & networking from 12pm on 21st and 8am on 22nd

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continents and
moving eastwards
over the two half days.

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Timetable

Friday 21 st November (time is GMT)				Africa, Antarctica, Americas, Asia & Europe			
12:00	Arrivals						
13:00	Welcome and Scene Setting						
13:10	Guest Speaker			Guest Speaker			
13:35	Workshop	Workshop		Workshop		Workshop	
14:20	Break						
14:35	Welcome back						
14:40	Guest Speaker			Guest Speaker			
15:00	Workshop	Workshop		Workshop		Workshop	
15:45	Break						
16:00	Welcome back						
16:05	Guest Speaker: LAND			Guest Speaker: OCEANS			
16:25	Plenary: What is Outdoor Learning for?						
16:45	Open Conference - Networking						
17:30	Conference close						
Saturday 22 nd November (time is GMT)				Asia, Australia, India, & Zealandia			
08:00	Arrivals						
09:00	Welcome and Scene Setting						
09:10	Guest Speaker			Guest Speaker			
09:35	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	
10:20	Break						
10:35	Welcome back						
10:40	Guest Speaker			Guest Speaker			
11:00	Workshop	Workshop		Workshop		Workshop	
11:45	Break						
12:00	Welcome back and Futures Forum						
12:25	Plenary: What is Outdoor Learning for?						
12:45	Open Conference - Networking						
13:30	Close						



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Speakers & Presenters



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Alain Kerjean



Arnaud Colliery

Bob Larcher
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The OREAS GroupDavid Watts
Director of Outdoor Learning
UKYouth

Dr Clare Dallat

Dr Dave Harvey
Outdoor Learning Guru
Dave Harvey Outdoor Learning

Dr Hellen Nkatha Muthomi



Dr Judith Blaine



Emilie Skogly



Geoff Green



Hawi James Ouma

Jim Whittaker
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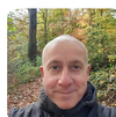
Khadijah Williams

Kirsty French
Director of Youth Development &
Outdoor Learning
Tall Ships Youth Trust

Manjul Prateeti

Marg Cosgriff
Senior Lecturer in Te Huataki
Waikato School of Health at Th...

Mark Williams

Michael Down
Lecturer at the University of
Notre Dame, Australia
University of Notre Dame,
AustraliaNalia Kiani
Aerospace Engineer, Banker,
Mountaineer, Boxer, Rock Climb...Nick Stubbs
Nature Coach for Adventurous
LeadersPat Maher
Professor at Nipissing University,
researcher, outdoor educator ...Peta Lawler
Outdoor Recreation and
Experiential EducatorPeter Kent
President of Outdoor Education
Australia
Outdoor Education AustraliaPeter White
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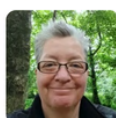
Rehna Yaseen

Robyn Fox
Lecturer at University of the
Sunshine Coast

Ruchika Banta



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Nature PremiumSin Yee
Nomad Adventure

Sydney Henry



Vinicius Zellmann

William Tsang
Nature Bathing HK

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Friday 21st. 13.10pm. ASIA. Naila Kiani. Naila will describe how she defied cultural norms through mountaineering.

Friday 21st. 13.10pm. AMERICAS. Pat Maher. A global perspective on outdoor learning.

Friday 21st. 14.40pm. AFRICA. Hellen Muthomi. The practice of Outdoor Adventure Education in Africa: The case of Kenya.

Friday 21st. 14.40pm. ANTARCTICA. Geoff Green, Founder of Students on Ice (SOI). Ecology and outdoor learning.

Friday 21st. 16.00pm. LAND; Rehna Yaseen, Ashton Youth Cub & Lindley Trust. Expedition to Mount Toubkal Ashton Group - Their journey and what they got out of it.

Friday 21st. 16.00pm. OCEANS; Tall Ships Youth Trust Fastnet race team 2025. Racing the Elements: The Fastnet Journey and the Spirit of Outdoor Learning'?



Saturday 22nd November (GMT)

Saturday 22nd 09.10am. NEW ZEALAND. Celia Hogan & Karatī Metcalfe. Partnering for Place: How Aotearoa New Zealand Embeds Indigenous Values in Outdoor Learning

Saturday 22nd 09.10am. AUSTRALIA. Peter Kent. Country as Teacher – An Emerging Trend in Outdoor Learning in Australia.

Saturday 22nd 10.35am. INDIA. Manjul Prateeti. Coming full circle: Revisiting roots, reimagining outdoor learning.

Saturday 22nd 10.35am. ASIA. Ai Chin Tan. Shaping Outdoor Education for Singapore's Unique Context.



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12.00pm	Arrivals
13.00pm	Scene Setting & Welcome
13.10pm	Guest Speakers – Naila Kiani OR Pat Maher
13.35pm	Workshops
14.20pm	Break
14.35pm	Guest Speakers – Helen Muthomi OR Geoff Green
15.00pm	Workshops
15.45pm	Break
16.00pm	Guest Speakers – LAND: Rehna Yaseen, Ashton Youth Cub & Lindley Trust, OR – OCEANS: Tall Ships Youth Trust Fastnet Race Team.
16.25pm	Plenary. What is Outdoor Learning for?
16.45pm	Open Conference Networking
17.30pm	Close

Friday 21st November (GMT) WORKSHOPS

Friday 21st. 13.35pm

EUROPE: Dr Dave Harvey. High Quality Outdoor Learning 2025.

EUROPE: Alain Kerjean, Bob Larcher & Arnaud Collery. The creation of the French Experiential Institute.

AFRICA: Judy Blaine. Incorporating the African ethic of UKAMA into Outdoor Education to facilitate interconnectedness to self, others and the environment.

AFRICA: Hawi James Ouma & Kevin Ochieng. The Healing Power of Chasing the Sun: Guiding Boys to Roaring Courage through Outdoor Learning in Kenya.

Friday 21st. 15.00pm

AMERICA/CANADA: Colin Harris. Outdoor Learning: An Overview of Challenges and Successes from Canada.

AMERICA/JAMAICA: Sydney Henry & Khadijah Williams. Psychosocial support for marginalised rural youth through outdoor learning and social agriculture.

SOUTH AMERICA: Vinicius Zeilmann. The Brazilian scenario on surfing instructors' work and development.

EUROPE: Calum Wright. Fresh Air Teaching.



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Saturday 22nd November Workshops and Speakers

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08.00am	Arrivals
09.00am	Scene Setting & Welcome
09.10am	Guest Speakers – Celia Hogan & Karatī Metcalfe OR Peter Kent
09.35am	Workshops
10.20am	Network and Break
10.35am	Guest Speakers – Manjul Prateeti & Tarun Chandna OR Al Chin Tan
11.00am	Workshops
11.45am	Network and Break
12.00pm	Young People's Forum. Futures in outdoor learning
12.25pm	Plenary – What is Outdoor Learning for?
12.45pm	Open Conference Networking
13.30pm	Close

Saturday 22nd November (GMT) WORKSHOPS

Saturday 22nd – 09.35am

NEW ZEALAND: Chris North & Marg Cosgriff. The impact of Health & Safety Legislation in Outdoor Learning opportunities in Schools.

AUSTRALIA: Mike Down & Emilis Skoglys. Friluftslæring Beyond Borders: International implications of a Norwegian nature-based Pedagogy.

AUSTRALIA: Robyn Fox & Sam Price-Rees. Climate Change and outdoor learning.

AUSTRALIA: Pete Lawler. Periods are Wild.

AUSTRALIA: David Marsden. Regulation and Outdoor Learning Guideline development.

UK/AUSTRALIA: Peter White & Clare Dallatt. Sharing and developing safety knowledge in the outdoors: exploring perspectives and actions.

Saturday 22nd – 11.00am

AFRICA: Ruchika Banta. Leadership and management – in the outdoors.

HONG KONG: William Tsang – Nature Bathing HK. A Whole-School Approach to Nature Play: Transforming Childhood in Hong Kong Urban Setting.

MALAYSIA: Chan Yuen Li & Sin Yee. From Empire to Empowerment: Decolonizing and Reclaiming Outdoor Education.

GLOBAL: Dr Sara Collins. Making the case for Outdoor Learning Government funding.



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08 About the Conference and hints



Taking place over **Global Outdoor Learning Day 2025**.

Theme: What is Outdoor Learning for?



Themed according to continents, the Conference will move eastwards following the sun, over the two half days. **Timings are GMT.**



Your ticket will allow you to log in to the Conference online and **manage your own profile** and experience moving from session to session as well as choose to network with other delegates.



The Conference will bring speakers, presenters and attendees together online in the Zoom Conference platform. It will feature an **interactive lobby** that closely resembles the lobby of an in-person event where you and other attendees can chat, network and join sessions.



It is **ESSENTIAL** that you to log in to the link for the conference in advance so that you can set up your profile, bookmark sessions etc and be ready to participate and network.



It would be a good idea to log in to the conference on a tab in your main browser then **open a new tab** to move around the sessions or for networking.



We found these useful videos with guidance for joining and participating in a Zoom Conference. The **Zoom Channel on YouTube** has videos you might find it helpful to view before the event, such as these:

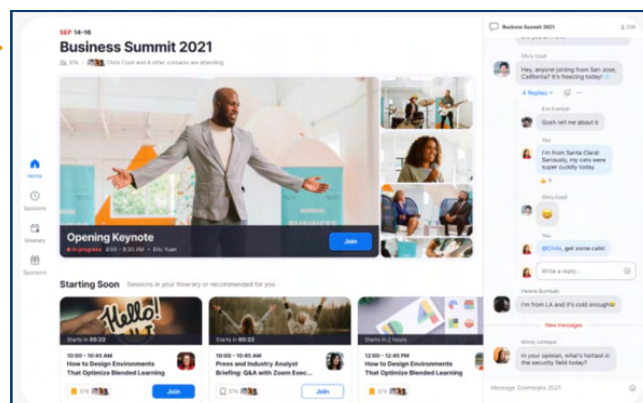
- **Joining a Zoom Meeting** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAMDxH_H-Cs
- **Using Breakout Rooms During a Meeting** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q_4O44yj0



See the **'How to' Guide** that we will send to you with your IOL booking confirmation. Members of the IOL team will be on-hand if you need help during the Conference.



Here is an example of what your screen display will be at the Conference.



There is a Conference Playlist



Follow the Conference Playlist on Spotify and listen to a growing selection of world music selected by our international presenters and speakers.



Our thanks to the Conference planning committee:

Dave Addis, Dave Brooks, Jo Barnett, Dave Harvey, David Hills, Bob Larcher, Pat Maher, Richard Retallick, Nick Stubbs, Mike Thomas, Colin Wood.



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TICKETS



IOL MEMBERS
and *other affinity membership,
not for profit organisations
(*by invitation)

NON IOL MEMBERS
are also very welcome

Early Bird / *Full price
(*after 21 October)

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Discount rate		
Student, Apprentice, ECP & Legacy	£20 / *£40	£30 / *£60
Standard Rate		
	£30 / *£60	£40 / *£80

We welcome delegates from across the world and if you want to attend and you are from a country on the UN list of least developed countries please get in touch direct:

institute@outdoor-learning.org

Zoom Events has a restriction on registrations from some countries. If you find that you are unable to register please email **institute@outdoor-learning.org** so that we can register for you and provide an alternative payment option.

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