



# Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge

If your organisation provides educational experiences for children and young people in the arts and creativity, heritage, built environment, natural environment or sacred space sectors then read on to find out more about the new Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge.

**What are the benefits of the Quality Badge to organisations providing learning outside the classroom experiences?**  
The Quality Badge provides a national benchmark for the provision of educational visits and recognises organisations like yours delivering high quality teaching and learning experiences and managing risk effectively.

It provides a framework for working in partnership with schools, youth groups and local authorities and aims to reduce red tape, making Quality Badge holders a more attractive prospect for those organising educational visits.

The Quality Badge will also enable organisations to improve their practice so that they are confident of providing meaningful and inspirational experiences for young people.



## Who can apply?

The Quality Badge is available to all organisations providing learning outside the classroom experiences. There are two routes to the Quality Badge. Route 1 is for those organisations whose activities are considered relatively low-risk, such as environmental centres, art galleries, museums and places of worship. Organisations which provide higher risk activities may need to proceed through Route 2, for which there is a separate leaflet. More information can be found at [www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk](http://www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk)

## How to apply

In order to achieve the Quality Badge your organisation must be committed to providing high quality teaching and learning experiences. You will need to demonstrate that:

- Learning outside the classroom is understood and valued;
- Processes are in place to establish and maintain an effective partnership with schools and other groups of young learners;
- Structures are in place to support and enable effective learning.

Organisations which meet the above criteria can apply for a Quality Badge online at [www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk](http://www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk) and will be supported through the process by guidance and good practice exemplars. Organisations applying through Route 1 will need to complete an online Self Evaluation Form to demonstrate that they have met a set of quality indicators; a sample of organisations will receive a quality assurance visit from a Quality Badge assessor.

The Quality Badge was developed by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Badges are awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

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