

Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge **Training programme – February, March & April 2009**

The Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge went live on 30 January 2009.

In order to support organisations in the heritage, sacred space and built environment sectors in getting the Quality Badge, GEM has been contracted by DCSF to deliver a training programme in February, March and April 2009. The aim of the programme is to improve awareness and understanding of the badge scheme, and improve the chances of making a successful application.

Each event will have a sacred space, heritage or built environment “flavour”, but the basic training provided at every event is generic and will be relevant to organisations in all three sectors. Therefore, if it is more convenient for you to attend an event that is not flavoured to your sector, please feel free to do so.

Attendance at these events is FREE for individuals from providers in the sacred space, heritage and built environment sectors. A maximum of two individuals can attend from any one organisation. Each event will be run by a trained trainer. Each event starts at 09.30 with registration and refreshments, and finishes at 16.00. A light lunch will be provided.

Who should attend?

- Representatives from organisations in the heritage, sacred space and built environment sectors interested in applying for the Quality Badge
- Learning specialists or those who plan and deliver learning programmes at heritage, sacred space and built environment organisations/sites

Next steps

The programme of events is detailed overleaf. If you are interested in booking a place at one of these events, please download the booking form from the GEM website www.gem.org.uk or contact the GEM office: office@gem.org.uk or 01634 853 424. Places are limited to 30 per venue and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note that due to the limited number of places available for these events, there will be a charge of £20 for any individual cancelling less than one week prior to the event for which they have booked or failing to turn up on the day.

Background information on the Quality Badge

The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto was launched in November 2006 to achieve the goal of creating more and better quality learning outside the classroom (LOtC) experiences for young people. To that end DCSF and the Manifesto Partnership have developed a series of measures to support users (schools, families etc) and providers (museums, historic houses, churches, temples, outdoor activity centres, theatres etc) in achieving this goal.

A key measure is the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge which will be awarded to providers that offer and facilitate good quality learning experiences at their site. Not only will the badge scheme enable schools and other users to more easily identify organisations which offer good quality learning opportunities, but it will also give providers a developmental framework through which to evaluate and develop their own learning provision. To find out more, please visit www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk.

Programme of events

Region	Sector	Venue	Date
East Midlands	Built environment	Boughton House, Kettering Northamptonshire	Tuesday 3 March
	Sacred space	Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincolnshire	Thursday 30 April
Yorkshire	Built environment	Orangery, Wakefield, West Yorkshire	Wednesday 22 April
	Heritage	Yorkshire Museum, York	Thursday 5 March
North East	Heritage	Dorman Museum, Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire	Tuesday 24 March
	Built environment	Woodhorn, Northumberland	Wednesday 29 April
London	Sacred space	Christian Education Centre, London	Wednesday 11 February
	Heritage	Museum of London, Docklands, London	Friday 27 February
South West	Built environment	Exeter Cathedral, Devon	Tuesday 3 March
	Sacred space	Wells Cathedral, Somerset	Tuesday 24 March
	Heritage	At Bristol, Somerset	Wednesday 25 February
West Midlands	Sacred space	Nishkam centre, Birmingham	Wednesday 4 March
	Heritage	Gladstone Potteries Museum, Staffordshire	Monday 23 March
North West	Sacred space	Chester Cathedral, Cheshire	Wednesday 11 March
	Heritage	Touchstones Rochdale, Greater Manchester	Tuesday 17 March
East of England	Heritage	Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery, Norfolk	Thursday 26 March
	Built environment	Layer Marney Tower, Essex	Wednesday 11 March
South East	Sacred space	Winchester Cathedral, Hampshire	Wednesday 18 February
	Built environment	Chiddingstone Castle, Kent	Tuesday 10 March