



FREE TELEPHONE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SESSIONS
from the Learning Outside the Classroom Heritage Sector Partnership

Applying for the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge is an excellent opportunity for your organisation to take a good look at the learning opportunities it provides. The framework of Quality Indicators can help you to recognise and promote the great things you have to offer as well as giving you the chance to identify areas in which you might develop and grow your services.

For many heritage organisations, a few small changes and enhancements to the learning service can mean a successful application and the chance to attract more young people as visitors.

However, the LOtC Heritage Sector Partnership (HSP) recognises that for some heritage organisations, finding the time, resources and expertise to make those changes can be difficult. The HSP is keen that heritage organisations of all shapes and sizes get a chance to benefit from applying for and being awarded the Quality Badge.

So, with funding from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the HSP is running **50 one-to-one telephone advice and guidance sessions**. These sessions will give you the opportunity to discuss learning at your organisation with an adviser. The adviser will be able to give you friendly and informal advice relating to a particular problem or idea and suggest ways in which you might develop your services and feel more confident about meeting the Quality Indicators.

All the advisers are experienced heritage education practitioners and have worked in a variety of heritage settings, large and small. They all have experience of providing advice and guidance as advisers, trainers or mentors. All advisers are recognised Quality Badge trainers.

The advice and guidance sessions will be run in January 2010 (for full details of the dates and times available, see the booking form). Each session will last 45 minutes and the adviser will follow up by email afterwards to signpost any resources or cover anything you weren't able to discuss over the phone.

If you are interested in taking part in an advice and guidance session, simply complete and return the booking form. **These sessions are free of charge**. There are a limited number of places and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. So please get in touch as soon as possible.

For further information, contact Fenella Hunt, LOtC HSP Coordinator – fenellahunt@gem.org.uk / 01634 853 424.

Please note: advisers are not able to provide practical assistance with the Quality Badge application process or help with preparation for an assessment visit.