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Dear Colleagues,

All Staff Zoom

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you later this afternoon for the zoom at 3pm. Members of the SLT will be reporting back on yesterday's planning meeting, the key areas of work for 2022 and how we will be measuring them. You can still send any questions in to Joy so that we can ensure that there is enough time to answer them properly. Previous staff talks can be found [here](#) and this one will be uploaded shortly afterwards. To view, you'll need to sign in to Office 365 with your FSC email address and password.

FSC Strategy: Quadrant 4 Promote

The final brief look at key elements of the [FSC Strategy](#). Quadrant 4 is *Promote the outdoors, environmental understanding and sustainability in order to influence behaviour*. That's quite a broad brush ambition but the strategy breaks this down into more specific areas. We have developed and rolled out a new brand that lines up with our sustainability values. The brand, and the new Green Fund projects (results to be announced shortly) will combine to help our visitors develop more sustainable behaviours both during and after their stay.

Advocacy and lobbying work continues on several fronts. FSC has been involved with the development of the **new Welsh Curriculum** with a place on the stakeholder group since 2015. Now the focus is on developing a suite of new GCSEs. FSC Trustee Gill Miller has a key role in the new Geography GCSE content. FSC is also actively involved in two groups developing the new 'Areas of Learning and Experience' for both science and humanities. We continue to push for more outdoor learning, ecology and fieldwork to be included in a rather crowded curriculum.

In Scotland, FSC is providing the secretariat function for a new Outdoor Education Cross Party Group which brings together key members of the Scottish Parliament and outdoor learning organisations. It has provided a direct route into the Scottish Government. A further £2m has just been made available to help the sector. **In England**, we are building on the positive work done during covid which brought together MPs keen to support the outdoor learning businesses in their constituencies. We continue to promote outdoor learning as a solution to many government headaches from re-engaging learners with education, catching develop much needed green skills.

One way of getting our voice heard is to engage with consultations. This week for example we have put in our views on issues as varied as the phasing out of single use plastics and the Department of Education's strategy for sustainability. Another way is to build up our work in the media, becoming a "go to" organisation for comment and we are starting to see this happen with radio and the possibility of another slot on Countryfile. Later today, a member of staff will be doing an interview about her experiences as an apprentice.

Welcome to FSC

New to FSC this week are Tutors Ellie Sutton, Sam Thompson, Emily Walsh and Hospitality and Catering Assistants, Lisa Biddiscombe and Debbi Nobbs at FSC Nettlecombe Court. Housekeeping Assistant Jana Krusinova has joined FSC Slapton, Tutors Shannon Morgan, Oliver Rogers and Amy Hopley in the North, Abigail Miller at Preston Montford/Birmingham and Rhiannon Davis at FSC Juniper Hall

Next week there will be a focus on our apprentices and there is still time for those of you that are or have been apprentices to drop Joy a line about your experiences.

Stay safe and keep well

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