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Dear Colleagues,

Publication of the Evaluation of Generation Green 2

The University of Derby (well known for its research into Nature Connection) has [published the evaluation of Generation Green 2](#) - delivered by the Access Unlimited Coalition. The results are overwhelmingly positive both in terms of nature connection measures but also young people's development of skills and confidence. The analysis also found ongoing benefits after the trip, particularly for those who had been on a residential.

The next step is to make the best possible use of these findings with government. Access Unlimited (us, the YHA, nine English National Parks, the National Landscapes Association, Outward Bound, Scouts and Girlguiding) are working together on a media and political engagement campaign for September, focussing on the importance of better, consistent, and universal residential for all children and young people.

Nearly 27,000 young people took part in Generation Green 2 over 12 months, with more than 17,000 experiencing a fully funded overnight stay in a National Park or National Landscape. Most of these young people were from areas of deprivation:

- 38% had never been to the countryside before
- 57% had never stayed overnight in a rural or natural setting
- 80% would not have had the opportunity without funded support

The campaign is timely as government are currently looking to ensure better equality of opportunity for young people, better skills development, better access to nature and improved mental health and wellbeing.

MP visit to Slapton

Last week Kate Payne and her team were pleased to welcome their local MP Caroline Voaden on her first visit. A tour of the nature reserve provided an opportunity to talk about all the work our staff and volunteers put into its management. This was followed by a meeting to talk about education policy issues and the prospects for ensuring better residential provision for young people. We are also able to discuss how any subject on the curriculum could be enhanced with outdoor learning. Pictured are Caroline, Centre Manager Kate and Tutor Lu. As a Lib Dem, Caroline is fully aware and supportive of Tim Farron's work to increase provision.



Special Mention

Gill Gasson has been with Field Studies Council for 23 years and is leaving today to take up a Teaching Assistant post. Gill was a senior tutor at Malham Tarn before taking up a role in the Administration team at Malham and then becoming a valuable member of the Sales Team. Gill is very much a 'people person', dedicated to finding the right trip for her customers and looking for ways to stretch any grant funding to help as many students as possible. Always with a positive outlook and a great sense of humour, Gill will be greatly missed here at Field Studies Council, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Congratulations to

Amanda Gisby, Education Team Leader at Margam recently attended the British ABPU Powerlifting Championships where she won 1st place and best overall lifter in the UK. She currently holds 5 World records, 6 European, and 6 British records.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Rahul Daima has joined the team at Millport as Education Support Assistant
Katie Prange and Gabriella Lockwood have joined the team at Epping Forest as Trainee Tutors
Kate Ormiston has joined the team at Slapton as Trainee Tutor.

Best regards

Mark