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Dear Colleagues,

On-Demand and Bespoke Biodiversity Training Packages for Organisations

This year the Biodiversity Team has worked hard to grow interest in our on-demand and bespoke training for large groups and organisations, bringing in over £70,000 this year. In 2026, we have worked with a range of organisations, including the National Trust, Forestry England, Natural Resources Wales, Natural England, Chichester District Council, and many more, providing them with professional training to upskill their staff and/or volunteers.

If you know any people, organisations, charities, or local councils/authorities, professionally or personally, that may be interested in on-demand or bespoke biodiversity training, please recommend us to them and ask them to contact us at biodiversity@field-studies-council.org or on 01743 650840. For more information, please see the [Biodiversity training for your organisation](#) webpage.

Outdoor Ed

We're launching a new AI assistant called Outdoor Ed on our website this week. It's been a significant project so thank you to all involved. The aim is to help customers find their way around our website more easily and find the information they need more quickly. Crucially, it will support our customers and potential customers -often teachers- who browse out of hours.

Outdoor Ed is still learning, so please let us know if you get an answer that doesn't look right or is unhelpful so we can update as needed. Please report any issues you spot here: [📄 Updating Outdoor Ed.xlsx](#)

The addition of an AI assistant helps us keep pace with our competitors, convert interest into bookings and offer more choices for our customers. We'll be monitoring it carefully to ensure it is an effective and valuable tool for us.

Please nominate us for a £1,000 donation

A one-minute action could result in a £1,000 donation!

Please nominate us in the Benefact Group's Movement for Good. All you need to do is fill out a short form and we receive an entry to all their prize draws for the year. The next draws run from 7th to 11th September.

[Use this link](#) and our charity details will be pre-filled. You'll be asked for your name, email, and some info about yourself and there's no need to sign up for any newsletters.

We have been successful in the past, and your nomination could be the one that wins us £1,000. Thank you.

Special Mention

The sacrifices that our police officers make are very much in the news at the moment. Margam have been quietly doing their bit for some time by offering the centre as a place to train and Siân and her team have just received this plaque as a thank you.



Welcome to Field Studies Council:

Eden Ashby has joined the team at Epping Forest as Administrator.

Rory Cook has joined the team at Dale Fort as Seasonal Tutor.

Jennifer Byatt has joined the team at Margam as Tutor.

Helen Wetherill has joined the team at Blencathra as Casual Hospitality & Catering Assistant.

Best regards

Mark