

JOHN MUIR AWARD AND THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES

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wild places:
DISCOVER
EXPLORE
CONSERVE
SHARE



The John Muir Trust aims to inspire people and communities to benefit from and advocate for wild places. The Trust's main engagement initiative, the John Muir Award is a UK-wide environmental award scheme, focused on wild places.

The John Muir Award supports the delivery of learning outcomes through practical, creative and engaging approaches that are beneficial to all.

To help deliver the Curriculum for Wales, the Award is used as a framework for outdoor learning, that engages learners, encourages individual wellbeing and active citizenship. It helps tackle the attainment gap, providing experiences, knowledge and skills that young people need for employment and celebrates achievement in and beyond formal education.

The John Muir Award will help you develop your own curriculum including supporting:

- the four purposes
- areas of learning and experience
- collaboration and cross-disciplinary planning.

The John Muir Award encourages people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. It's ideally suited for those participants working at later stage of primary education and beyond. For further guidance on suitability please see the get involved section of the website prior to planning your involvement.

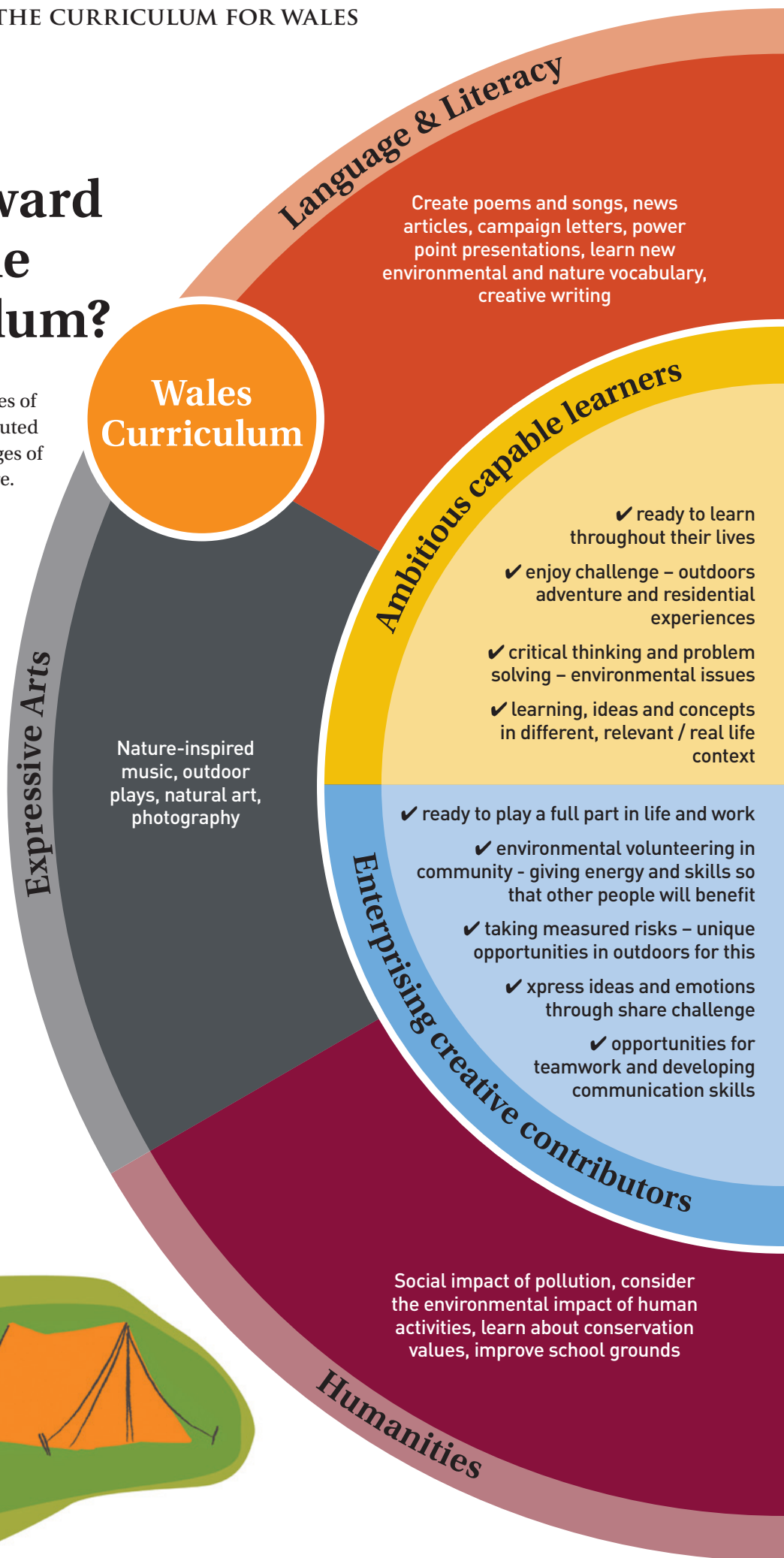
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How can the John Muir Award assist with the new Curriculum?

The following diagram shows examples of activities and topics that have contributed to meeting John Muir Award Challenges of Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share.

The John Muir Award can help young people “understand sustainable development, the challenges the environment and society face and how they can engage with and make a difference on these issues supporting sustainable citizenship.”

It can also develop an authentic sense of cynefin, building knowledge of different cultures and histories, enabling them to develop a strong sense of individual identity and understanding how this is connected to and shaped by wider influences.



Mathematics & Numeracy

Plan and measure a route, mapping skills, estimate and measure distance and angles and area, age and height of trees, data from wildlife surveys, pie charts of colours in nature

Healthy confident individuals

- ✓ ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society
- ✓ develop values and spirituality
- ✓ support mental and emotional well-being
- ✓ informed lifestyle choices around reducing ecological footprints
- ✓ taking risks and overcoming challenges – adventure activity

- ✓ exploring contemporary issues e.g. biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution
- ✓ rights and responsibilities through the countryside code and leave no trace
- ✓ impact of actions - carrying out practical conservation activity
- ✓ sustainability of planet

Ethical informed citizens

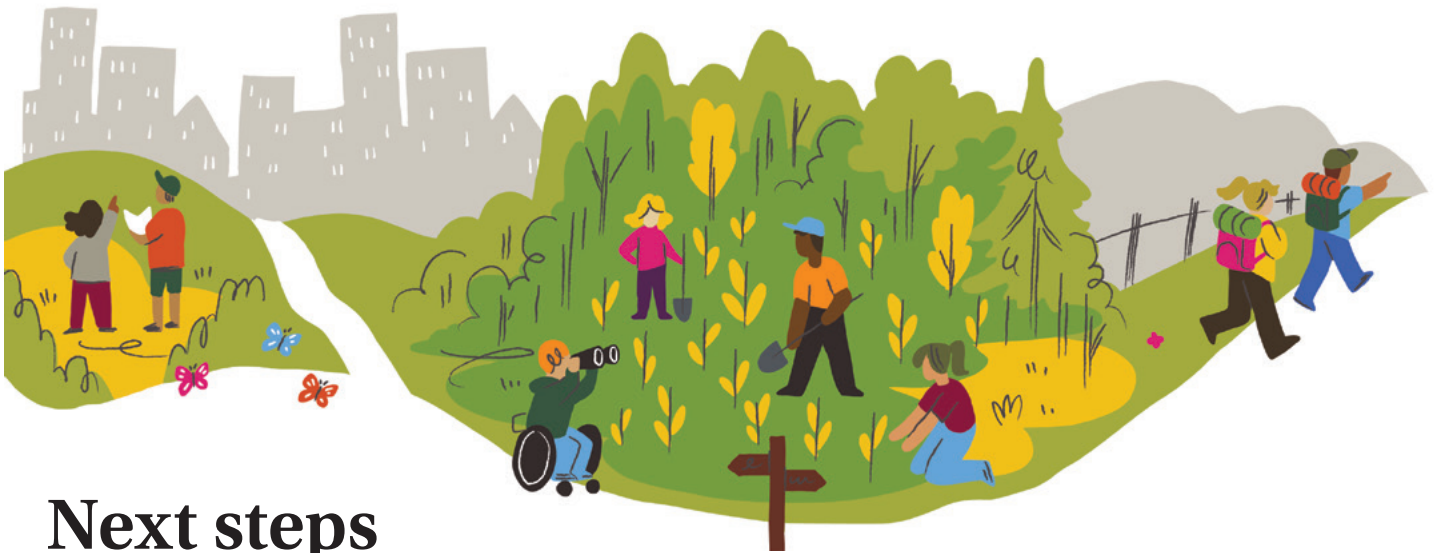
Risk assessments, mindfulness, sensory activities, adventurous activities, connect with nature

Health & Wellbeing

Soil sampling, food chain, food miles, pollution surveys, litter campaigns, biodiversity, wildlife survey, recycling, bird cakes, food origins, bug hotel, bird boxes, alternative energy, composting

Science & Technology





Next steps



Find out more at johnmuiraward.org where you can:

- Watch a [short introductory animation](#)
- Download an Information Handbook – detailed guidance on delivering the Award
- Find [ideas and resources](#) to inspire and help you get started, including a range of Award case studies from education settings

To register for the John Muir Award, outline your activities on a proposal form and email this to info@johnmuiraward.org before you get started. We will review and (if necessary) develop your plans with you.

Contact us

- Email: info@johnmuiraward.org
- Social: [#JohnMuirAward](#), [@JohnMuirTrust](#)
- See our [FAQ](#)
- johnmuirtrust.org

The John Muir Trust is a conservation charity dedicated to the experience, protection and repair of wild places for the benefit of all.

The John Muir Award in Wales is supported by many partners, including Natural Resources Wales, Gwynt Y Mor, Clocaenog & Rhyl Flats Community Funds.

Professional Learning

Training is not a requirement - the website and resources provide all the information needed to run a John Muir Award. Professional development is available to complement this information, helping leaders find out more about the ethos of the John Muir Award and practicalities of delivering it. Visit johnmuiraward.org to find out more.

