



# FOSTERING A CONNECTION

Help your clients engage with their environment

- This one-day course (9am to 4pm) was designed specifically for outdoor learning providers by Joe Roberts (Natural Resources Wales), Lun Roberts (ER Outdoors) and Jim Langley (Nature's Work) in response to an Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL) initiative.
- It offers an opportunity to try out games, quizzes and other activities designed to help foster our clients' connection to the environment, to discuss these new ideas with fellow practitioners and to develop our own.
- Connection can take place on many levels (intellectually, practically, emotionally, spiritually, through our senses and through our creativity) and the activities on offer reflect this diversity.
- We are not trying to teach field studies or asking people to become walking encyclopedias of flora and fauna. Instead we offer activities which can be fitted seamlessly into existing outdoor courses.
- An e-manual of teaching resources is included in the price.
- This workshop is recognized as CPD for members of the Mountain Training Association and the Association of Mountain Instructors



## Dates:

**June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019** Cynefin, Carmarthen, SA31 3NW

**July 12<sup>th</sup> 2019** Nant BH OEC, Gwynedd, LL27 0JB

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019** Shrivenham Memorial Hall + grounds, Swindon SN6 8BL

**October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020** Kent Mountain Centre, Llanberis LL55 4EL

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020** Woodlands OEC Glasbury on Wye Powys HR3 5LP

Resource manual  
included in the  
price

Accepted as CPD for  
members of MTA  
and AMI

Cost: £50

(£35 for members  
of IOL, MTA + the  
Welsh Outdoor  
Charter Groups)



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## This course is designed to:



- Allow you to explore the importance of feeling connected to our environment
- Give you the opportunity to experiment with a variety of techniques for fostering that connection
- Provide you with a toolbox of ideas for engaging people with their environment on many different levels

- Examine how we connect with all aspects of our environment (natural and man-made, tangible and intangible, long lasting and ephemeral, modern and historical)
- Look at ways of adapting what we do and how we do it so as to encourage connection
- Create action plans for making our lives and practice more sustainable on every level (including environmental, economic and cultural) and look at how we might help others do the same



- Exchange ideas, develop totally new ones and have fun trying them out on each other
- Look at other resources we might find useful
- Have an opportunity to network

## Lun Roberts:

Eluned (Lun) Roberts started out as a Geography teacher in a secondary school, but soon shifted across into outdoor education. Since then she has gained over thirty years' experience of leading groups in the outdoors including devising and delivering fieldwork and multi-activity courses at Outdoor Education Centres, delivery of NGB awards, taking groups rock climbing abroad on a freelance basis, and running management training courses. She ran the Institute for Outdoor Learning's professional accreditation scheme for several years and still coaches and assesses for them. In addition to being a qualified teacher (MEd), she holds an MIA and is a Leading Practitioner of the Institute for Outdoor Learning. She is an IOL (Cymru) committee member and a member of the steering committee for the North Wales Environmental Outdoor Charter. She is one of the authors and co-editor of the Environmental Learning Cards.

