

UK charity Learning through Landscapes hosts international school grounds conference in 2020

National school grounds charity, **Learning through Landscapes** (LtL) is to host an international conference on outdoor learning and play in September 2020. In partnership with the **International School Grounds Alliance**, the event will feature practical workshops and sessions by outdoor learning and play experts from across the UK and beyond.

The International School Grounds Conference 2020 will see hundreds of school grounds designers, teachers and early years educators from around the world gather for three days of learning and developing and sharing best practice. It takes place 24-26 September 2020.

Speaking of the conference, Director of Training at Learning through Landscapes –Matt Robinson– said: “Stirling in Scotland is the perfect place in which to showcase the best of outdoor learning and play. Our nation is internationally recognised as a pioneer in the field so it’s wonderful to have the opportunity to share our work from policies and practice around play to outdoor learning and learning for sustainability.

“Outdoor environments provide a powerful learning context and motivate pupils. The recent climate strikes demonstrate that engaging children and young people in global issues through personal and local experience has a significant impact – and school grounds are about as local, accessible and engaging as outdoor spaces come.”

Talking about the charity’s role in hosting the conference, CEO of Learning through Landscapes – Carley Sefton– said: “As the only UK-wide charity dedicated to outdoor learning, play and education in school grounds, we have become the leading source of support, advice and training for schools and nurseries.

“Our global reach continues with the hosting of this conference, where alongside our UK speakers we will hear from colleagues from Asia, North and South America, Europe and Australasia.

“The conference will be an exciting opportunity to hear different voices from across the school grounds sector. I encourage everyone who shares our passion for outdoor learning and play to join us in Stirling in 2020.”

The event has three workshop streams – early years, primary and secondary schools, and design of outdoor spaces. Over 300 attendees are expected from schools and early years settings across the UK and beyond.

To find out more about the International School Grounds Conference, visit www.ltll.org.uk/ISGA2020