







Funding Report:

Jo Walters Trust



Jo Walters Trust Update report April 2017

Once again, thank you very much for your kind donation of £1,640. As agreed, these funds are being used to pay for an Options Aberdeen staff member to undertake the NESOLG Level 3 Forest Schools Practitioner award, as well as purchase all the necessary kit to safely take young people into forests across Aberdeenshire.

Training commences in July and will run over 10 weeks and once our staff member is qualified, they will then be able to take small groups of young people into local forests; where they will get the opportunity to learn, play and explore outdoors. Benefits to young people include improved physical & mental health, self-esteem and confidence, enhanced problem solving skills and improved social skills. There will also be a benefit to the management of local forest environments. The course will be provided by NESOLG themselves and run from the Camphill Schools site at Milltimber, Aberdeen at a cost of £950.





Ahead of the training and based upon the recommendations of NESOLG, we have purchased the following kit, which we have already been using and will continue to use on future trips.

Fire blanket & Bucket	£20.00
Fire steel, Cotton wool Vaseline	£20.00
Water container	£9.00
Fire bowl	£35.00
Kelly kettle	£50.00
Jute rope, poly rope, para chord	£20.00
Shelter & ground tarps	£70.00
Hand saw, secateurs, bow saw, loppers	£75.00
5 x waterproof trousers	£100.00
5 x waterproof jackets	£150.00
5 x rucksacks	£100.00
5 x gloves	£25.00
Total	£674.00



Until, our staff member is trained, we have continued to utilise the expertise of our sister, national service; Options Adventures, as well as Adventure Aberdeen who have run a number of very successful day and residential outward bound trips for young people from Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. Feedback from parents, staff and young people alike has been universally positive. After all, whats not to like about toated marshmallows straight off a camp fire or hot chocolate from a kelly kettle \odot

Going forward, with our own practitioner in situ, we will be able to schedule more trips, but also deliver sessions to children on an adhoc basis, without the same financial restrictions we currently face.









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