

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is a way of working to create active and curious participants for a creative use of different places. The definition of outdoor learning used in the project is: **a creative use of the surroundings for learning processes.**

The goals of the project was to enlighten and inspire the communicators/educators to understand how Outdoor Learning can enhance learning processes. To reach these goals we worked with a variety of teaching approaches such as:

- Creative use of different places for learning
- Multi-sensory learning
- Experiential learning
- Interactive learning



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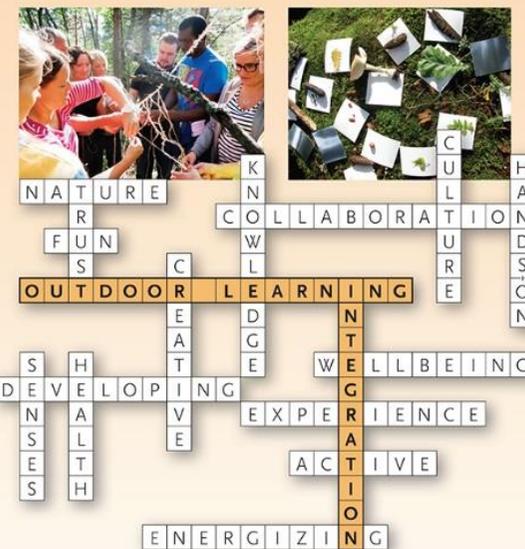
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Outdoor Learning for Integration through Nature and Cultural Encounters

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Why this project?

Earlier surveys show that it is hard to reach newly arrived immigrants with information about the new society. The new language, habits and conditions create problems for the newly arrived to concentrate and understand the information.

Communicators/educators who are working with the society and health information were the target group in this project. We have educated communicators and developed methods in Outdoor learning in order to find out if the society information can be transferred in a more effective manner by using nature and cultural encounters. By using Outdoor learning/place-based learning, we focused on learning *about* places *at* places and have worked practically, providing information about the nature and cultural encounters through *learning by doing*.

The project is of interest to the target groups, decision makers and authorities that are interested in making a difference in the learning system and for all people working with integration and education.

Project aims

- ✓ To develop methods to increase the opportunities for integration of newly arrived immigrants through nature and cultural encounters.
- ✓ To educate communicators in Outdoor Education and thereby broaden their skills and give them the opportunity to reach newly arrived immigrants in a more effective manner.



Project results

The project resulted in:

- ❖ a handbook about Outdoor Learning and integration
- ❖ a syllabus for a new course on the subject

The results and materials are available free of charge on the project's website:

www.liu.se/linc



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