

‘Earthwalks®’ Day – leadership workshop

Earthwalks are a great way of sharing and exploring the wonders of the natural world. They offer a light refreshing touch of nature that focuses on reawakening the senses and sharpening perceptions of the natural world using a series of special activities. Participants explore the familiar and discover the new in a fun, exciting and totally absorbing way. Earthwalks work well with all abilities and ages and can be tailored to fit your own location whether it be school grounds, local park or nature reserve.

Earthwalks are an important earth education vehicle which help to develop feelings for and emotional attachments with the natural world. Earth education is the process of helping people of all ages live more harmoniously and joyously with the natural world.

What you will gain:

- An introduction to earth education and where Earthwalks ‘fit’
- Experience two different earthwalks
- Tips on leadership of earthwalks
- A chance to plan and review your own earthwalk
- An update on earth education developments

The day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 5.00pm with indoor and outdoor sessions including:

- An introduction to earth education
- A model earthwalk
- Earthwalk leadership guidelines
- Earthwalk analysis
- Designing and reviewing an earthwalk
- Other earth education developments and materials

Please bring clothing suitable for outdoor sessions and be prepared to get grubby!

Jon Cree will lead the day. Jon is one of the International Training Co-ordinators for IEE and has extensive experience of leading earth education programmes and Earthwalks, he has been conducting other earth education workshops for many years. Jon is the Training and Education Officer at Bishops Wood Centre in Worcestershire.

Since 1981 people from across the world have benefited from the workshops conducted by the Institute for Earth Education (IEE) and its major branches. Leaders from a variety of backgrounds are invited to attend this workshop including: rangers, wardens, teachers, youth leaders, environmental and countryside interpreters, in fact all people interested in environmental and outdoor education.

This workshop is part of Northern Education for Sustainability’s (NEST) “Education for Sustainability” programme. NEST works in partnership with Gateshead MBC, Newcastle City Council, West Boldon Environmental Education Centre, Northumberland Wildlife Trust and other local partners.

NEST are particularly keen to see the development and wider uptake of Earth Education activities like Earthwalks, and this workshop is designed to enable the participant to do so. If you would like further assistance from NEST regarding earth education activities please contact us below.

The workshop fee is £67.50

£60 if booked in conjunction with Earthkeepers workshop on 26th March
(includes vegetarian buffet lunch)

Deadline for booking is Friday 12th March 2010

To book please use the attached booking form or contact NEST.

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Background

The Institute for Earth Education is an international non-profit educational organisation with branches in Australia, Canada, Italy, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Japan, USA, Finland and the UK where it is a registered charity. The organisation is run by volunteers, largely involving teachers and environmental/outdoor education centre staff, who are dedicated to developing and disseminating dynamic earth education programmes and experiences.

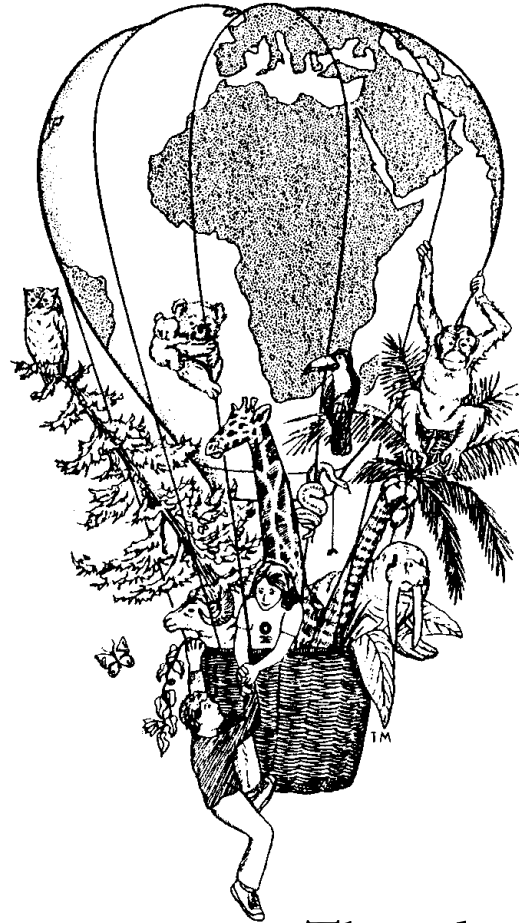
Northern Education for SusTainability (NEST) is a non-profit voluntary organisation that aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and to encourage personal action that will allow local communities to thrive in a healthy global environment. NEST has been running Earth Education workshops in partnership with the Institute since 2001.

For more information about earth education please visit:

www.eartheducation.org (international website)

www.eartheducation.org.uk (U.K. website)

Leading 'Earthwalks®' Day



Join us on this day to learn how to lead these 'light and refreshing touches of the natural world, focussing on the senses'

With Jon Cree

International Training
Co-ordinator for
The Institute for Earth
Education
on behalf of Northern
Education for
Sustainability (NEST)

Thursday 25th March 2010

at

**Durham Wildlife Trust
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Co. Durham**