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# D.E.E.P. Final Report

(Discover, Enjoy, Explore, Protect)

World Jungle in partnership with Breakheart Community Project  
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# Overview

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Thanks to funding from Cotswold Sustainable Development children and young people from across the Cotswolds area have had the opportunity to spend time discovering the incredible site of Breakheart Quarry exploring diverse habitats and wildlife, taking part in natural learning and play activities, whilst also learning to protect the environment for future generations. In addition over 24 teachers, play workers and youth workers have received training on working with children outdoors as well a wider communication and support programme being carried out aiming at increasing awareness and usage of a unique environmental site.

## The Groups



*Dursley Out of School Club exploring the world of blobsters*

The groups that visited the site included primary schools, out of school clubs, children centres, playgroups, disability groups and beaver scouts. We had children as young as 3 taking part in activities and even babies in push chairs!



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## D.E.E.P Activities

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Over the course of the project we carried out 3 key activities

- 1) **Training of adults:** The training for teachers and play workers introduced the concepts of questing, promoting child-led activity, using fires, issues of health and safety as well as practical skills and activity ideas that they could use in their own sessions. We had staff from over 15 different settings some completely new to working with children outdoors while others who ran existing forest school clubs or outdoor activities
- 2) **Group work with Children;** A range of activities aimed at getting children closer to nature. Cooking over fires, making Blobsters (creatures out of clay), mini den building, sensory games, fantasy play using animal puppets and tabards, environmental sessions exploring the inter- connections in nature, rock art and just hanging out were all included.
- 3) **Promotion and Long term support:** We have developed an outdoor play & learning toolkit that is now available to be used by any youth group looking to use the quarry in the future. This give practical activity ideas as well as practical advice on range of issues when using the site i.e. site safety , facilities, booking information etc.. Finally we ran a significant communications strategy alongside the project to increase awareness of the site and encourage people of all ages to come and experience the quarry for themselves. This included several articles in the local paper, website update, regular updates on Facebook visit <http://www.facebook.com/worldjungle> and regular on going tweets on Twitter [https://twitter.com/world\\_jungle](https://twitter.com/world_jungle).



*Boys enjoying the rocks of the quarry face*

## Feedback

Overall we are extremely pleased with how the project has been received by schools, youth groups and children themselves. As a pilot project we have also had really valuable comments that we feel can help us to improve the long term offer.



*“.. thank you and your team for such a wonderful ‘bush craft’ session at Break heart...The activities were both well organised, supervised and presented, allowing children and their Dad’s freedom to manage their own appropriate risk whilst exploring the beautiful surroundings and its natural resources . I would happily recommend the experience to other similar groups, and would welcome the opportunity to work with you again. (Kathi Paish, Community Family Worker, Wotton Children’s Centre)*



*“Thanks World Jungle, such a great day, everyone really enjoyed it” (Becky Gwynn Play worker)*



*“The best trip ever” ( Child aged 5)*

*"Must agree! Had a fantastic day with you all making creatures out of clay and art in the quarry, I think I can safely say my son Jake and the rest of Y3 Berkeley Primary School had a day to remember!" (Lynda Knott, Parent)*



*"Berkeley Beaver Scouts certainly had a great time- perfect weather, fantastic environment and a great mix of activities!" (Beaver Scout leader)*



*"A great day – very well run with super activities. Kids loved it! Thank you Ben and Team." (Phil Bennet Class 6 Teacher)*

Key Outputs		
220 children involved in DEEP activities	64 Adults attended days on site	1 Photo library resource developed
24 volunteers trained	4 stories in the newspapers	20 Organisations involved
1 outdoor play toolkit developed	15 Tweets and updates on Facebook re. project	950 Toasted marshmallows eaten!!



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## Next Steps

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We now feel we have developed an excellent model of working with children and young people at the site as well as a good model of partnership working with Breakheart Community Project. As a result of the programme we have had interest from private nurseries as well families looking to have D.E.E.P. activities for birthday parties.

We will be formally reviewing the project at the next BCP board meeting on 27th April 2012 and hope to be able to continue to offer the opportunity for children and young people to Discover, Explore, Enjoy & Protect the site for many years to come.



## THANK YOU

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