

Learning with the Forest

The Learning with the Forest programme started in 1983 through cooperation between public and private forestry organizations and the forest industry. The purpose was to establish a base for dialogue and understanding of the fact that responsible forest management is built upon scientific facts and has sustainable development as a main goal.

For the last years about 150 000 schoolchildren have joined in different practical activities each year (about 30 % of all pupils). Through *Skoleskogen*, our main Internet portal, we offer five separate web sites with different topics and different target groups. The web sites present facts about the forests and forestry, and are meant as an aid in various school subjects. The pupils may learn through interactive activities, and for the teachers we have developed teaching material.

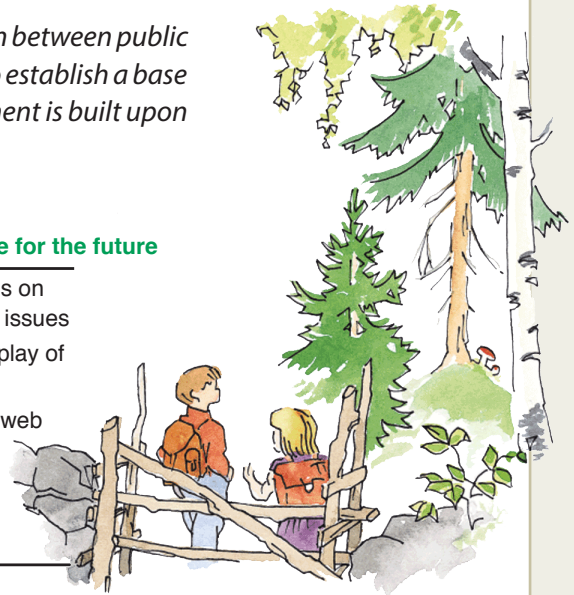
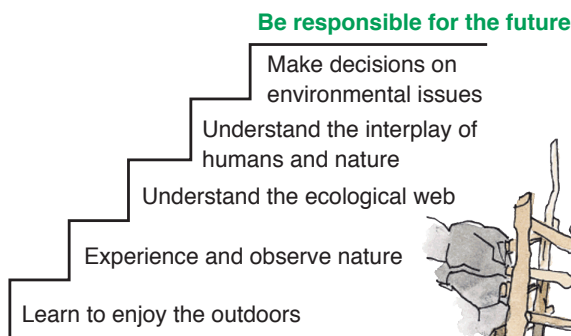
Basic philosophy

The programme aims to encourage the understanding of the many functions forests and forest based products fulfil for people; cultural, ecological, economic and social. Our ambition is to move up the pedagogical stairs, and thereby move from traditional environmental education to *Education for Sustainable Development* (ESD).

Our possible support

The components of Learning with the Forest are:

- Exercises designed for the pupils at each grade level
- Manuals for the teachers
- A forester or wood industry as a liaison for the school
- Teacher training courses



International programmes

www.leaf.global

The programme aims to encourage school classes and teachers worldwide to use forests for educational activities. The purpose is to encourage teachers and pupils to go to forests, learn from them and in them, and to learn further by sharing experiences internationally.

The aim is to support existing national projects and to inspire the establishment of new programmes in countries where forest education programmes do not exist.

www.forestpedagogics.eu

This European network is a forum for information and communication about forest pedagogics. The network shares important data, activities, materials

and builds networks of foresters, forest pedagogs and other actors in forest-related ESD.

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