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Learning with Nature: an Educational Imperative: Planning, Designing & Managing Naturalized Montessori School Grounds

Montessori school communities (parents, students, educators, supporters) are centrally positioned to lead a global revolution in school-based outdoor education – supporting the next generation of planetary lifeguards who understand the universe and are educated to lead in caring for the Earth. NLI has carefully curated resources to inspire nature-based action to increase biodiversity, to make it playfully accessible – hands-on yet protected – along with other play and learning settings – fixed and loose, natural and manufactured – necessary to meet best practice standards across the Montessori planes of development.

The Oakland Declaration on the Vital Role Nature-Based Learning in Promoting the Wellbeing of People and the Planet

What is Nature-Based Learning?
Nature-based learning occurs in natural settings and where elements of nature have been integrated into built environments. It often involves learning about nature but also extends to engagement in any interest or skill in natural surroundings. It includes experiences at home, in the community, and at school, from free play and exploration to programmed activities. Nature-based learning applies to all ages across the many environments of people's lives.



The Oakland Declaration

At the Children & Nature Network International Leadership Summit in May of 2018, a Nature-Based Learning Network (NBLN) gathered to create an official declaration of the importance of outdoor learning called the Oakland Declaration. Take a moment to read and sign it.

New Online Short Courses

NLI is offering new courses on the Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale (POEMS) and Childcare Outdoor Learning Environments Quality Tool (COLEQT) and how they can be used to guide quality improvements of outdoor children's environments & promote child development and learning.



Newly Released InfoSheets!

Check out the newly released InfoSheets including:

- 27. Attracting Birds to Outdoor Learning Environments
- 40. Water Play

Natural Learning at Home® July

This publication includes simple seasonal recipes, activities, and facts that can be used in both childcare centers and at home. These fun resources are a great way to celebrate the season!



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