

## Learning Environments

### Outdoor Spaces

#### Experiential Play

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Wednesday 1st June 2011

9.30am – 3.30pm

Anyone who has watched children playing in a well planned and well resourced outdoor area with involved adults will have observed the joy and excitement the children experience as they learn new skills and make fresh discoveries.

environment which is motivating and stimulating for any young child's imagination and thinking.

The day will balance practical and video examples with current theory and thinking.

#### **Aims**

- To explore how we can best organise their outdoor space to provide an active learning environment for curriculum for excellence;
- To highlight the benefits of using the outdoor environment for all areas of learning to enhance and consolidate classroom learning;
- To develop a range of practical ideas to put into practice on return to establishment.

*Curriculum for Excellence* calls for everyone involved in the education of young children to consider the outdoor learning environment. Examples from the Curriculum for Excellence Principles and Practice papers relating to the outdoors include:

Taking learning outdoors offers children a very different learning

