

Edinburgh charity steps in with outdoor learning space at LOVE Gorgie Farm

Down on the farm they are opening up their outdoor areas to Edinburgh schools.

LOVE Gorgie Farm will have a range of programmes for school pupils to learn out of doors and so reduce their physical proximity, all beginning when schools go back on 12 August 2020.

The outdoor learning will have aspects of sport and environmental issues woven into LOVE Learning's Earth School, allowing pupils to learn informally in a natural space.

This proposal has been welcomed by local councils who will use it for primary and secondary school pupils. As a Scottish Qualifications Authority accredited centre, LOVE Learning will also offer training opportunities for teachers and facilitators looking to become skilled and confident in leading children through their learning process in outdoor experiences.

Lynn Bell, CEO of LOVE Learning said: "Due to the effects of this pandemic we have seen a rise in the demand of outdoor learning spaces and services. LOVE Gorgie Farm will assist in the provision of spaces to make it easier for schools to cope with the challenges presented by Covid.

"Our Earth School aims to bring pupils from all ages closer to nature, encouraging new generations into seeking to care about all living beings. At the same time, our provision of learning that reduces physical interactions will ensure both teachers

and pupils are in a safe environment.

“We will also train educators into being confident with outdoor learning techniques and help schools and teachers embrace alternative teaching styles through our accredited training hub”

Those seeking further information can do so by visiting the website: www.lovegorgiefarm.org.uk or by emailing gorgie@l-o-v-e.org.uk



Gail Porter at Gorgie Farm with CEO of LOVE Learning Lynn Bell and volunteers. Photo Martin McAdam