



# Primary Geography Sustainability Conference

The British School Muscat

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012



## **Primary Geography Conference on Sustainability**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

British School – Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has set the target of all schools being Sustainable Schools by 2020. A National Framework has been set up to guide schools towards this aim. It comprises three interlocking parts:

### **1. A commitment to care**

Sustainable schools have a caring ethos – care for oneself, for each other (across cultures, distances and generations), and for the environment (far and near). Schools are already caring places, but a sustainable school extends this commitment into new areas. It cares about the energy and the water it consumes, the waste it produces, the food it serves, the traffic it attracts and the difficulties faced by people living in its communities and in other parts of the world.

### **2. An integrated approach**

A sustainable school takes an integrated approach to improvement. It explores sustainable development through its teaching provision and learning (curriculum); in its values and ways of working (campus); and in its engagement of local people and partners (community).

### **3. A selection of ‘doorways’ or sustainability themes**

The doorways are entry points, or places where schools can establish or develop their sustainability practices. Each of the doorways draws its inspiration from a range of national priorities around sustainable development. (DCFS)

This conference aims to raise the importance of sustainability within Primary Schools, and to offer case studies, ideas and practical activities, which you can take back to your schools.

Day one features a mix of practical workshops, presentations and discussion groups. In addition, we are delighted to be welcoming two speakers: Bill Jerman of The National Council and Mark Evans, General Manager of Outward Bound Oman. Bill Jarman’s expertise on The Eight Doorways to Sustainability will be presented in our key note speech in the morning session. After lunch, Mark Evans will share his considerable experience in the desert when he talks about the Bedu of Oman and how they continue a traditional and sustainable lifestyle.

At the end of day one, a plenary session will give all delegates the opportunity to raise questions to a panel of our speakers and to clarify points that may have arisen over the course of the day.

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Day two gives the opportunity for fieldwork and to investigate how Oman is developing sustainably. Four field trips will take place in and around Muscat.

Please go directly to the BSM Website [www.britishschoolmuscat.com](http://www.britishschoolmuscat.com) for all further details.

- Registration form
- Selection form to indicate which of the workshops or field trips you would like to attend
- Programme for the two days
- Conference outline
- Details on our two key speakers

We would ask that registration forms and selection forms are completed and emailed to [primary@britishschoolmuscat.com](mailto:primary@britishschoolmuscat.com) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Places for workshops and field trips will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Delegates are responsible for booking flights and hotel accommodation. We have attached information on hotels and would request that delegates stay at one of the hotels listed as we have arranged for transport to and from school each day.

I look forward to welcoming you to The British School – Muscat and to The Primary Geography Conference on Sustainability.

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