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# Outdoor & Environmental Education (MSc) at Moray House School of Education and Sport

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# Welcome and Thank You



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# Outdoor & Environmental Education in Edinburgh

- 1972 - Postgraduate Diploma in Outdoor Education,
- 1996 - MSc in Outdoor Education,
- 2005 - MSc in Outdoor Environmental and Sustainability Education
- 2025 – MSc in Outdoor and Environmental Education



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# Outdoor & Environmental Education (MSc) – Our Vision

We are an intentional learning community striving to cultivate a caring relationship between people and planet. Individually and collectively, we seek to flourish by exploring our own stories, accepting the limits of our knowledge and experience, and becoming more potent agents of change.

- Sustainability
- Social and Environmental Justice
- Deep connection with place
- Community building
- Democracy & activism
- Co-creation
- Inter-disciplinarity
- Experiential learning



# Programme Structure

- Foundations of Outdoor & Environmental Education
  - Outdoor Environmental Education: Concept-based Practice
  - Outdoor Environmental Education Praxis
  - Place-Based Education & Outdoor Learning in the City
  - Education for Environmental Citizenship
  - Ecology and Field Studies
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- Professional Development Programme
  - Dissertation/Applied Project



# Professional Development Programme

- Canoeing
- Summer Hillwalking
- Winter Hillwalking
- Sea kayaking
- Rock Climbing
- First Aid
- 10-20 day professional placement



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# Professional Development Programme: Key features

- Residential living
- Week-long blocks
- Journeying in and with Scotland's landscapes
- Linked to your academic courses
- More than technical skill...

Due to the holistic nature of the core courses which goes beyond technical skills acquisition, it is expected that all students will fully participate, irrespective of personal experience and qualifications.

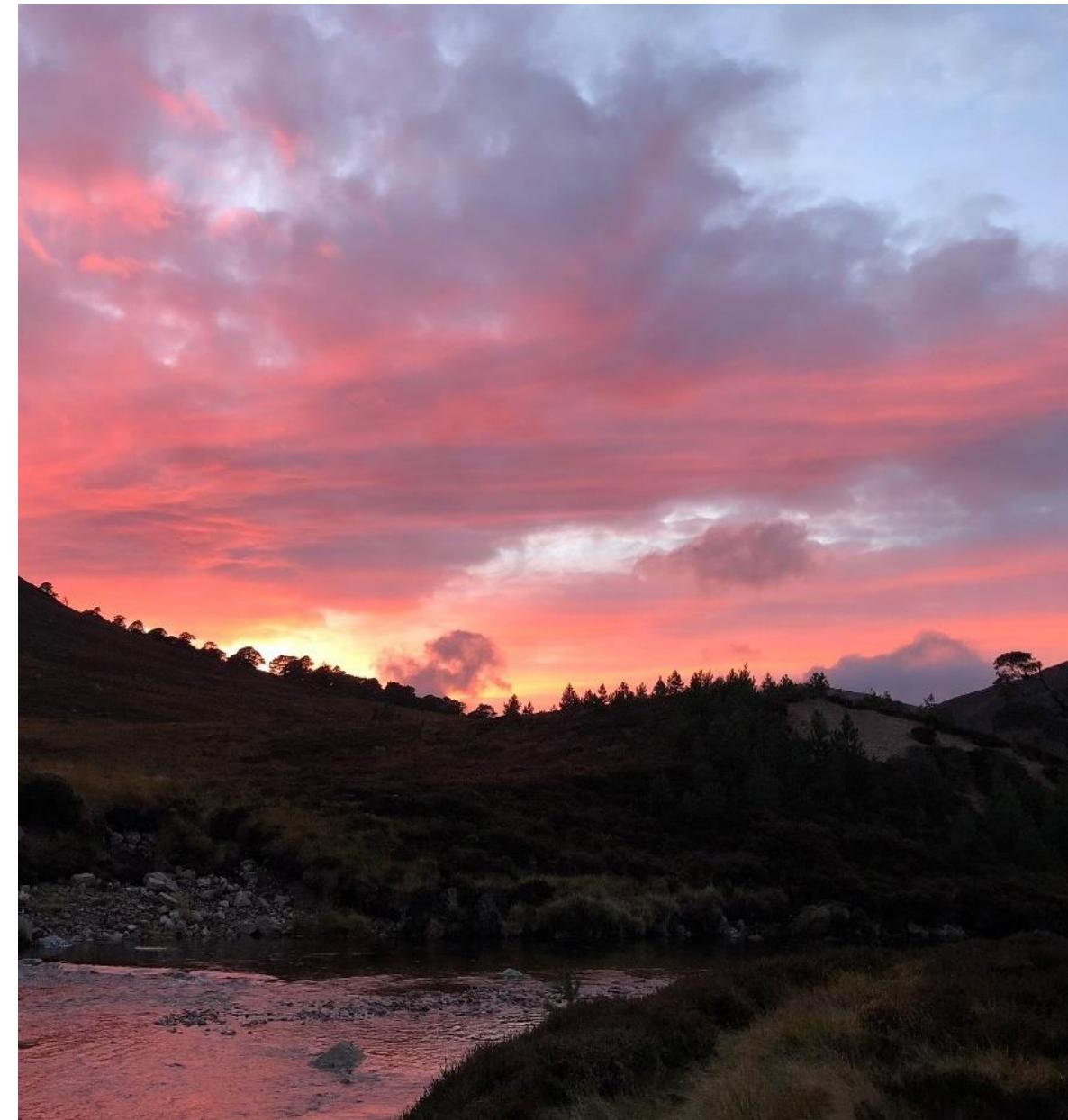


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# Placement

- 10-20 days professional placement
- Placement agencies range from those focusing on environmental education, to inner city projects, special needs organisations, management training, outdoor education centres, and many more.



# Dissertation/Applied Project

- A major investigation that demands a high level of individual application and commitment to research and enquiry.
- Offers opportunities to identify and examine a topic which greatly interests you and can play a considerable role in your professional development.
- Involves a critical interrogation of the relationship between professional practice and academic theory, and the design, ethics and interpretation of research.



# Find out more

- Website

<https://education-sport.ed.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught-degrees/oee/outdoor-environmental-education-masters>

- Contact

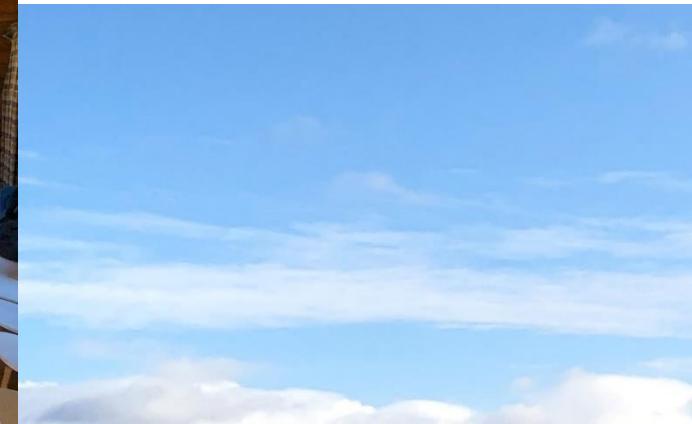
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# Students



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# Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email: [futurestudents@ed.ac.uk](mailto:futurestudents@ed.ac.uk)





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