

Urban Biodiversity: Successes and Challenges: The next generation: environmental education with the RSPB

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An RSPB field teaching site was established at Kelvingrove Museum and Kelvingrove Park in 2007. It provides sessions for primary schools on woodlands, urban wildlife, birds, conservation and a sensory walk for infants.

All the sessions are based on the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence and involve active outdoor learning. The programme is agreed with the teacher before the visit and the quality of the service is evaluated by users and by the RSPB Education Officer. The RSPB field teaching scheme is a holder of the nationally accredited Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge.

Around 2000 children visit the RSPB at Kelvingrove every year. Learning to appreciate the biodiversity in local parks encourages children to care for their own school grounds and gardens. A lack of knowledge about and experience of seeing wildlife is apparent in many Glasgow children making field trips a valuable part of school projects.