

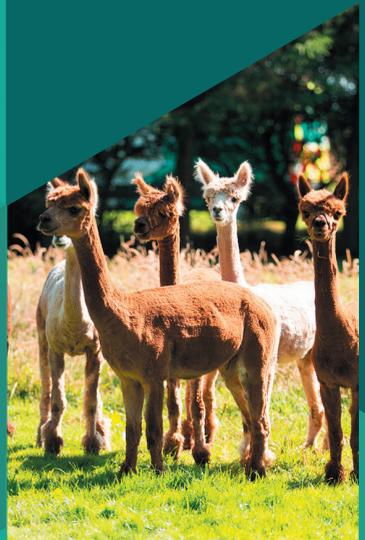


# GREAT GROUNDS

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## Education, Business and Skills Centre

Inspiring children to learn  
Connecting curriculum to the workplace

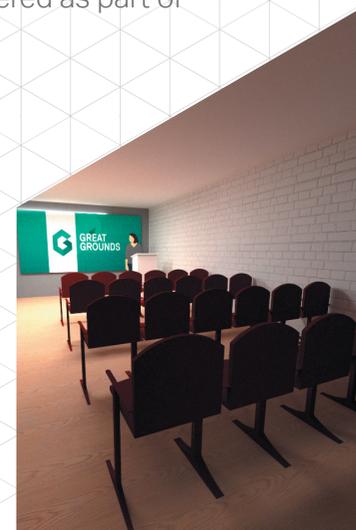


## Great Grounds Education Centre

The Great Grounds Education Centre is set in 25 acres of woodlands, wetlands and meadows in the heart of Staffordshire Moorlands.

The Centre provides a range of facilities and services for primary school children, school leaders and teachers, focused on developing a better understanding of the link between curriculum, outdoor vocational skills and the natural environment.

The unique Centre, which is thought to be the first of its kind in the country, provides great spaces to teach and learn, with both indoor and outdoor space for workshops, meetings, exhibitions and conferences. The Centre is particularly suited for teacher training where innovation linked to outdoor learning are a key focus and for primary school children who do not normally engage effectively in mainstream education.



## Indoor Facilities

The quirky indoor spaces provide ample space for up to 150 people to take part in seminars and interactive workshop sessions in addition to smaller meeting rooms.

Free wi-fi, flip charts and the latest AV equipment is available in all rooms.

There are 3 meeting rooms, which can be used in a number of configurations accommodating from 6 to 30 people.

Disabled toilet and shower facilities are available in addition to full kitchen amenities for smaller groups. Visitors will all be invited to write messages on small log rings which will start to form part of a unique wall ensuring that all visitors will be remembered as part of the Centres history.

## Outdoor Facilities

The site provides a diversity of features and is an ideal location to demonstrate a range of practical skills using both the existing setting and new projects which will be added as the site is developed.

New developments around the site will provide interactive and engaging learning opportunities, ensuring that there will always be something new to see. Projects will include woodland management (tree work), dry stone walling, hedge planting, pond building and marsh creation. We will be undertaking special projects which will include the construction of tree houses and a log cabin, which when completed will also provide unique teaching and learning spaces. Composting toilets will also be constructed around the site, so basic facilities will be available in the remotest areas around the Centre and will provide great opportunities for some interesting science lessons!

The site has a one mile woodland trail where visitors can walk through an unspoilt and tranquil landscape where birds, badger setts and the occasional deer are all there to be seen. The trail can also be used for a range of physical activities which include cross country running and orienteering and as always, we try to combine activities with curriculum and vocational connections.

The site sits alongside a 10 hectare solar farm which provides a great example of a commercial solar electricity generating facility. In addition to this there is related infrastructure including monitoring buildings and electrical pylons. The pylons not only demonstrate how electrical power can be distributed, but also show how geometry can be used to create strong structures and all can be linked to important safety messages. Our largest indoor space has tables which are made from parts of the enormous cable drums used to deliver the cable for the solar farm, providing a great connection between the Centre and the solar farm.

For adults, there is also Alpaca trekking (from spring 2018) and quad biking available as part of meeting packages where teaching staff can have unique experiences, learn new skills and come away with great stories to tell the children when they go back to school.



## Seminars, Conferences and Exhibitions

If you are looking for a venue that will enthuse and inspire your staff, the Great Grounds Education Centre will not disappoint.

The Centre is ideally suited for events that are focused on outdoor learning where the theory can be linked to practical sessions both indoors and outdoors. Teaching staff can learn new and cost effective ways to develop their own school grounds and discover how to create a challenging environment where risk can be effectively managed.

Throughout the year we hold a number of specialist seminars covering a range of topics which link our core subjects of curriculum, outdoor vocational skills, the natural environment and management of risk and challenge. All will be delivered by some of the country's leading experts in these fields.



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