

Unit 1. Forests & Humans

Inn på tunet (Social Farming in Norway)



Description

Social Farming (SF) in Norway includes the use of Nature-based Services such as being outdoors in a forest and learning, working or just being. SF is formally organized in Norway into “Inn på tunet” (IpT) which means “in the farmyard” and is intended to welcome people into the farm environment, including - in the Norwegian case - farm forest environments.

Inn på tunet is regionally organised but you can find out more at <https://innpatunet.no/>



Goals

The goals of individual schools/learning centres/”Inn på tunet” farmyards vary from one with another, but generally focus not only on the knowledge, skills and practice experienced by the students, but specifically on building a lifelong relationship with the forest and other landscapes they occur within.

Activities

There are many offers for full-time outdoor education for pre-school and even lower level public school classes. And, there is strong research evidence pointing to the benefits of keeping children in an outdoor learning environment, plus a strong set of supports for institutions who wish to do this.



Impact

→ Impacts of education outside are difficult to estimate and harder to find. And given a general decline in connection with forests in our over-urbanized society, teasing out the impact of this specific activity is difficult. Interviews with practitioners and participants tend to emphasize the positive however, and there is little doubt that childhood exposure and a learned affection for the outdoors translates into similar, and often more of the same later in life.

Website

<https://innpatunet.no/>

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