



Learning 2B  
Sustainable

## Qualifications and Experience

### Company Statement

Director of Learning 2B Sustainable, Chris Southwood, is sole owner of the company and personally undertakes all delivery. She has a strong passion for sustainability and global education and has extensive experience of developing education programmes at strategic and local levels. She has held positions of responsibility in third sector organisations in both environment and development education in addition to having a successful career as a fully qualified teacher.

### Experience

Director of Learning 2B Sustainable Ltd (ongoing).  
Director of Bridges Global Education Centre, Telford (2013-2014).  
Development Coordinator Groundwork UK (11 years).  
Secondary Biology Teacher (16 years).  
Primary governor (7 years).  
Return to Teaching course (Summer 2011).  
Enhanced DBS

Invited to give oral evidence to the Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into Environmental Education (2005).

### Education & Qualifications

- MSc Environmental Education and Developmental Education,
- B. A. Hons Biological Sciences,
- Postgraduate Certificate of Education.

### Former contributor to:-

- Access to Farms Partnership including involvement the LOtC approved sector badge Countryside Education Visits Accreditation Scheme (CEVAS).
- BBC Breathing Places - Schools.
- DCSF Growing Schools Stakeholder.
- DCSF Sustainable Schools Stakeholder.
- EcoSchools Advisory (2001-2007).
- Education & Public Understanding (England Biodiversity Strategy DEFRA).
- Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes (Energy Savings Trust group).
- Forest Education Initiative Executive.
- Learning and Skills Council Sustainable Development Implementation Group.
- Learning outside the Classroom (LOtC), (farm access, natural environment, school grounds groups).
- Schools Working Group for the Environmental & Land Based Diploma.

- Trustee and Elected Executive Member of Council for Environmental Education.
- Exhibitor at National College for School Leadership Conference, ICC Birmingham June 2012 & 2013.
- Leicestershire CC SCoRE project, Sustainable Schools Alliance and East Midlands Sustainable Schools networking group.
- Articles published TES and national magazines for National Governors Association and SecEd.
- Production of final report and management of sub-contract to assess the progress of Sustainable Schools State of the Regions on behalf of DCSF (2009).
- Interviewee for Joint Funding Review into Education for Sustainable Development (DEFRA/DfES) 2005.
- Sustainable Schools workshop at the Festival of Learning 2011& Conference for Change 2012, Nottingham & Leics CC SCoRE Conference June 2012

#### **Programme development and management**

- Research and assessment of funding opportunities for sustainability in schools.
- Development of funding bids up to £650K.
- Management of national programmes up to £250K pa.
- Management of individual contracts up to £46K.
- Evaluation and monitoring of national programmes.
- Established and serviced a national and regional network of 150+ education practitioners working with 3000+ schools p.a. improving sharing of best practice and mutual support.

#### **Key Skills**

- Awareness of the main issues affecting both primary and secondary formal education.
- Presentations to key audiences and delivery of training through workshops.
- Partnership and network development.
- Organisation of education for sustainable development practitioner training workshops and a number of 2 day conferences for 80-100 delegates.
- Development of innovative approaches and creative solutions to problems.
- Self-motivated with high personal expectations and enthusiasm to achieve targets.
- Leadership of small teams of staff and volunteers.
- Relationship management with national funding and third sector organisations.

- Effective oral and written communication skills, a conscientious attitude to work and a sense of humour.

**Clients include:-**

- Local authorities
- Girls Day School Trust
- Individual primary and secondary schools