Are you looking for ways to develop equal and high quality education for all?

Do you want to explore how a cross-curricular and formative approach, based on experiences, can contribute to lifelong learning?

Are you interested in discovering the benefits of outdoor learning?

Then you are welcome to contact us at the Nature School in Lund!

The Nature School is a public resource with a mission to support and promote school development in the fields of natural sciences and sustainable development.

Both preschools, primary schools and secondary schools in Lund can make use of the Nature School at no cost.

We work in your immediate environment, participate in planning - individually or in working teams.

We offer guidance and training courses to preschool and school staff.

Nature School is based on the following concept in all the work we do:

- Context
- Authenticity
- Meaningfulness
- Understanding
- Activity
At the Nature School you find Lund municipality’s NT developer, which is part of the National Agency’s network, including access to new research on development initiatives in the fields of Natural sciences and Technology (NT).

The Nature School offers guidance to teams in preschools and schools. The guidance aims to, through collegiate learning, further develop the educational activities and is planned together with the teachers in the team.

A guidance period gives ample opportunities for observation, discussion and reflection on the contents and methods. Theoretical assignments are combined with practical.

Preparation of an energy theme, a bird theme, an experiment with hydroelectric power, studies of combustion chemistry, language learning outdoors and horticulture in the school yard are examples of the guidance we have implemented. Content and structure of the guidance is up to each team.

A nature school is not a school with a school building and students. It is a way of working and an idea. We believe that using varied teaching methods can overcome differences in children’s ability to develop to their highest potential. One of the methods we use is outdoor education, an approach that aims to provide learning through the interplay between experience and reflection based on concrete experiences in authentic situations.

Outdoor education creates both a desire and interest in the students. The Nature School offers support and advice to those who wish to broaden and/or deepen their level of outdoor education in all subjects.

The aim of our efforts is to contribute to greater achievement. Our work therefore has a clear link to the curriculum, course and subject syllabuses as well as knowledge requirement.

"After The Nature School’s courses the Green Flag efforts have received a boost. That’s when things start to happen, The Nature School is like an injection of inspiration.”
The Nature School coordinates the development program Green School Grounds. Together we are developing ideas about how preschool and school yards can be designed in order to support the educational as well as the recreational needs of schools. The work is based on the participation of students and staff. Preschools and schools can apply for grants to carry out changes on their yards!

In a database on our website we have gathered knowledge and experiences from the project. Seek inspiration amongst lots of reports from local schoolyard projects, training days, student projects and more.

"I now dare to work with areas that I didn't know so well and doing this with the children as co-explorers."

"Since the guidance we have often used this approach. Each time it's like an adventure. We know where we start but not where we stop. At the same time we are learning something new all the time."

"The guidance I received from The Nature School has meant a lot to me, actually most of all the training sessions I have attended during all my years as a teacher."

We organize and lead training courses for preschool and school staff in Lund. Each year in January, the course program for the whole year is released. Keep an eye on our website! We also tailor training to suit your own needs and desires. Contact us for the next development day!

We help you to get started with the certifications School of Sustainable Development and Green Flag.

We are part of the collaboration group for children’s outdoor environment which includes representatives from various municipal departments. The aim is to create a dialogue between constructor, managers and educators.
Our website
We regularly update our website. The website includes the Nature School Sheet, Outdoor days and Outdoor classroom where you as a teacher can find themes and activities to do at appropriate places in nature and in the immediate environment. You will also find the current course program and more information on tutoring. www.lund.se/naturskolan

Swedish Nature School Association
We are a member of the Swedish Nature School Association that brings together all of Sweden’s nature schools. Visit the association’s website for updates and inspiration regarding the latest in outdoor education. www.naturskola.se

Learning outdoors
The Learning Outdoors series consists of method books written by nature school teachers. The books contain activities to do outdoors with the children and students during all seasons, with references to the syllabus content. We have been involved in producing Playing and learning science and technology outdoors as well as Learning Swedish outdoors. All books can be ordered through www.outdoorteaching.com

International School Grounds Alliance (ISGA)
We are also a member of the international schoolyard network ISGA who work for children’s learning, play and health through the creation of better school yards. Every year in May the international schoolyards month is recognised. www.internationalschoolgrounds.org

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