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NEWSLETTER

OUTWARD BOUND OMAN CELEBRATES ANOTHER YEAR OF RECORD GROWTH

As we enter the final weeks of this academic year, our busiest to date, it is exciting to reflect on the past twelve months, and also look ahead as Outward Bound continues to expand here in Oman. 2018/19 has seen us work with more than 2,300 young people for the first time in our history, and by the end of August we will have delivered more than 130 training courses this year.

Our team has now grown to 33 full time staff, and our purpose-built outdoor learning centre in the desert has enjoyed a very busy first winter of operations. Our new Muscat headquarters and training centre is due to open in January 2020, and construction of our third and final centre, to be located at 8,000ft on Jebel Akhdar, is due to commence three months from now.

An exciting year looms, and we hope to welcome you to beautiful Oman to be a part of it.

Mark Evans MBE Executive Director

Delivering focused courses that make a lasting difference to young people

What can we do for your school in 2019/2020?

Outward Bound has now been in existence for 78 years. Our mission is to make a long-term impact to the lives of young people through carefully designed, powerful outdoor learning. As we have grown, we have been able to offer an increasingly wide range of courses that are individually tailored to people's needs. By the end of 2018/19 we will have delivered International Award courses for leading schools including St Christopher's School Bahrain, The British International School Riyadh, The Sultans School in Muscat, The British School Karachi and Al Sahwa School in Muscat.

We have also delivered courses for young people undergoing drug rehabilitation, orphans, the visually impaired and unemployed job seekers. We have worked with groups to prepare them for the future of artificial intelligence, and young apprentices in their early years of employment, and are currently working with various partners to explore courses focused on mental well-being.

Whatever your needs or ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us to see what we can create and deliver for you.





OUR DESERT OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE

Whether you are looking for a unique place for an **International Award Expedition**, or if you are a **Geographer** or **Biologist** looking for a base for GCSE/IB or A-Level fieldwork, or perhaps an **Art** teacher looking for an inspiring venue, look no further than our award winning Desert Centre.

The centre, located less than two hours south of Muscat, is in a stunning location, and equipped with basic field study equipment, with simple but comfortable accommodation for up to 60 people. In addition, it has an AV room for video, two classrooms, and a self-catering kitchen. The centre is designed around a self-help, residential principle that ensures it is a **cost-effective and immersive educational experience in every respect**, promoting teamwork, personal responsibility and a great opportunity to enforce good time management skills!

FREE Educational Resources on Oman!

Royal Geographical Society
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

We have worked in 2018/19 with some innovative and inspiring teachers to produce a series of high-quality learning resources for teachers to learn about Oman, and how it compares to the UK. Phase One of the Discovering Oman project saw the creation of curriculum linked lesson plans targeted at teachers of KS2 and 3 Geography. The lesson plans can be accessed at <http://outwardboundoman.com/discovering-oman/> More plans, focusing on KS4, will be added later in 2019.

In addition, we have been proud to work in partnership with The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in London, the result of which are a series of outstanding lesson plans focusing on Oman, and especially the desert, where our centre is located. These plans can be downloaded for free at <http://outwardboundoman.com/the-sharqiya-sands-study-pack/>, either before you come on a course with us, or even if you don't!

Best wishes to you all from everyone at Outward Bound Oman.

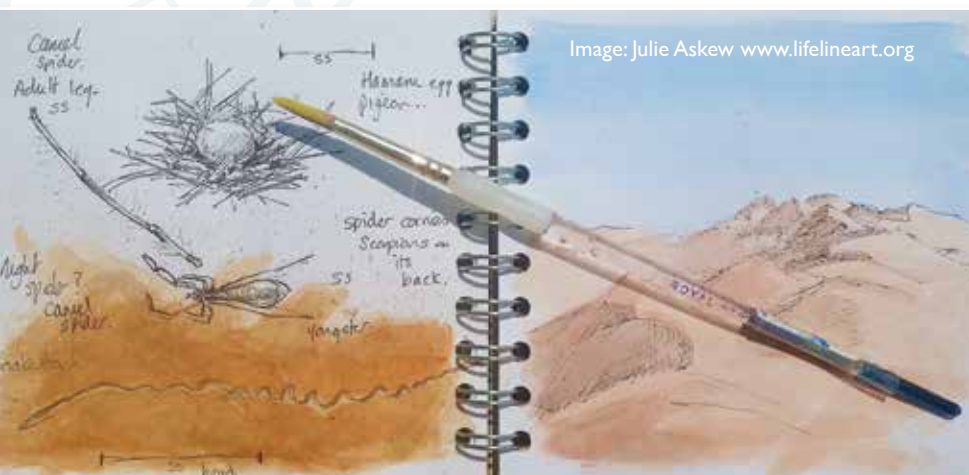


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