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# Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Service

## NEWS UPDATE

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Read on to find out about:

- CPD Courses and Meetings for Primary Geography and History 2015-16
- New for 2015-16: CPD for Primary Science
- New Community Classes
- Get Crafty this Autumn
- Little Acorns for 3-5 year olds

### E-News from CEES

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CPD and training



General interest and open events

Courses, visits and special events for schools



### CEES EVENTS CALENDAR, 2015—16:

CPD courses,  
conferences,  
community  
classes &  
open events

CEES' extensive programme of CPD and open events for September 2015 to July 2016 is now available at [www.cees.org.uk/news](http://www.cees.org.uk/news).

CPD events include:

- Subject leader meetings for **SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY** and **HISTORY** (see page 2)
- Courses designed to support **ENGLISH** and **MATHS** outside the classroom.
- A conference on **RAISING STANDARDS, IMPROVING LIVES: Outside the classroom** on January 29.

New events for the community include (see page 2):

- **LITTLE ACORNS** for 3 to 5-year olds and their parent./ carer (see below)
- **STIBBINGTON@THEWEEKEND CRAFT CLASSES** for adults.



**We're  
dreaming  
of a  
GREEN  
Christmas . . .  
Themed  
day courses for  
key stages  
1 and 2.**

Though this newsletter arrives in schools in July, many teachers are already thinking ahead to the Autumn Term and booking educational visits for their classes up to Christmas. **IMPACT** days on topics such as **Rivers, Rocks** or **Romans**, or **Evacuation, Classification** or **Investigation** are popular options for introducing a topic near the beginning of term. Later in the term as thoughts turn to Christmas, CEES' seasonal courses focus on Christmas in the environment, or **Victorian Christmas** traditions. CEES offers Christmas day courses in December at Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Stibbington Centre, with residential programmes also available at Stibbington.



### LITTLE ACORNS:

Exciting **NEW**  
opportunities  
for 3 to 5-year  
olds and their  
parent/carer.

3 to 5-year olds and their parent/carer are invited to enjoy a morning of story, song and craft activities, all with an environmental theme in the inspirational grounds of Stibbington Centre.

CEES teacher and Early Years specialist, **Deb Laurie** has devised a programme of activities to delight both children and the adults.

Sessions will run on one Thursday morning each month from September, with a free "taster" session on **Thursday 16 July at 10 till noon.**

To book places, contact CEES.

Geography  
& History

## CPD for PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY 2015—16



In September 2014, in consultation with local Teaching Schools, CEES established a new support service for Primary Geography and History. CEES teacher and Geography Adviser, Helen Johnston, along with Independent History Adviser, Andrew Wrenn, offer a **Subject Leaders' Network**, with termly meetings, newsletters and occasional subject updates, as well as specialist courses in selected aspects of geography and history for the new National Curriculum.

As the network's first year draws to a close, CEES would like to thank the many teachers who have chosen to subscribe. Following the high level of interest shown in the service and the positive response from subscribers, an expansion is proposed for 2015 to 16.

In **2014 – 15** termly twilight network meetings were offered at a choice of two dates and venues in **Cambridge** and **Peterborough**. For **2015 – 16** a third venue is proposed in the **Huntingdon** area. CEES' programme of network meetings and CPD courses is now available so schools are now invited to register their interest in subscribing, or re-subscribe to the network for 2015–16.



### GET CRAFTY THIS AUTUMN:

**New community classes for adults, starting at Stibbington at weekends from September**



The Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust is planning to extend the use of the Day Centre by the community at weekends and raise funds to upgrade facilities in the process.

The first in a series of craft workshops for adults will be on **Saturday 19 September** when ceramic mosaic artist **Fiona Gurney** will teach how to make unique A4 sized mosaics.

Further workshops will include

**Stained Glass** with Cathi Price on 17 October,

**Felting** with Eve Marshall on 22 November and

**Paper crafts** with a Christmas theme on 6 December

More sessions to follow from January.

All sessions will need to be booked in advance:

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**NEW for  
2015—16:**

**CPD for  
PRIMARY  
SCIENCE**



Cambridgeshire's Schools Intervention Service has invited CEES to lead Primary Science Subject Leader briefings during the coming academic year, so CEES science specialist teachers, Nicky Ayscough and Richard Green are planning a programme of meetings and courses.

Briefing meetings for subject leaders will be held at 1.30 to 4.30, with a choice of two dates and venues each term, starting with

Wednesday 11 November at Stibbington Centre and

Tuesday 17 November at Burwell House.

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