



Micro Residentials

Micro- residentials or home-based outdoor education programmes have always made a lot of sense to many; particularly educators with fewer funds or more challenging student needs.

Once seen as a weaker or inferior educational trip than the "proper" residential trip - in the same way the staycation was once derided as a non-holiday. Both the staycation and mini residential are marked to rise in popularity in the coming years with the recognition of the value to the community, environment and financial sustainability in staying local.

During these dramatic times, more so than ever; small group, nimble outdoor education programmes make real sense for schools. The challenge with traditional week-long sleep-away residentials is the losses that travelling, sleeping and eating take from the education programme. Consider where the organisers, parents and leaders time, money and effort get expended. Staffing overnights, transporting kids hundreds of miles, creating 3 square meals a day, and hiring a building big enough to sleep in all subtract value from experience. This ratio of moving, accommodating, staffing, sleeping and eating time compared to the amount of time spent in novel challenging learning environments can be depressing.

The opposite approach to this is to utilise local resources, or often the school grounds, to access these novel learning situations. In so doing a three full-day and two half-day activity programme become a 5-day programme: because there is no time lost on the first and last day in a coach on the motorway. On this (now five-day programme) the visiting leaders and students are well rested after sleeping in their homes, so those five days are more impactful. Plus no-one is paying chefs, cleaners, coach drivers or night wardens to facilitate sleeping away from home.

For those who seek the benefits of sleeping away from home for young people, consider that a single night's simple campout offers arguably more autonomy, self-management and challenge than four nights in a dorm. Campouts can be anywhere, incorporate cooking and self-care as core themes and only require a single overnight from the school staff.

With the current lockdown situation - the draw of the micro residential is even stronger. When class sizes must be reduced and populations of young people best kept apart - the value of having your private micro outdoor centre operating hyper-locally is the solution to two key challenges. The challenges being: where to put the students that no longer fit in socially distanced classrooms? And how do I staff the overflow? The answers are: on residential and by utilising the activity instructors. If your numbers are reduced in class, and the remainder is on "residential" one week.... The following week those that were on the residential can be in class.





Anyone Can Micro-Residentials

We run two types of "micro-residential" for schools depending on budgets, time and proximity to suitable venues: **Satellite and Orbiting.**

The Satellite residential

Use separate buses and drivers to collect the students from pickup points and go directly to the day's activity venue, completely removing the students from the school and its grounds.

We Canoe, Climb, Cave, Bushcraft and Sail and get to spend more time doing and learning because Monday and Friday are full days.

At the end of the day, the students get returned, and everyone goes home for a rest.

The Orbiting residential

Based primarily on the school grounds and share more or less of the resources of the school.

Toileting, reception, teaching spaces and activities can be completely untethered from the school, creating a temporary outdoor centre on the school grounds with marquees, portable toilets and mobile climbing, for example.

Orbiting mini residentials temporarily raise the capacity of the school - aiding in social distancing while still allowing the school resources to support their students.

Orbiting residentials tend to have programmes of rock climbing (mobile), bow making and archery, bushcraft and camp craft, and cartography and orienteering. They can also be coupled with offsite activities available locally.

Satellite Residential, Orbiting Residential and Traditional Residential Comparison

	Satellite Mini Residential	Orbiting Mini Residential	Traditional Residential (in general)
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Commercial Coach ✗ No accommodation block hire ✗ No overnight staff overtime ✓ Lunch included in package ✓ Only daytime school support staff needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No Commercial Coach ✗ No accommodation block hire ✗ No overnight staff overtime ✓ No additional Food costs ✓ Only daytime school support staff needed ✓ Uses schools regular transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Coach Transport ✓ Accommodation Block Hire ✓ School staff have 24hr duty of care ✓ 3 meals a day need to be incorporated into delivery
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All offsite true adventure activities ✓ Day long activities with short breaks and progression ✓ Activities scheduled for best outcomes and weather ✓ Single journey each day - whole day at a single site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Onsite outdoor learning activities ✓ Rock Climbing tower available ✓ Day long activities with short breaks and progression ✓ Activities scheduled for best outcomes and weather ✓ No travel time losses. The content of a 5 day Traditional residential fits in a school hours orbit program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Two of more disconnected activities ✓ Visit a new area ✓ Evening sessions at extra cost ✗ Activities on an availability based rotation ✗ Lose two half days traveling and sorting accommodation ✓ Access activities not available locally
Social Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Small groups totally separated from school population ✓ Transport does not rotate day to day between groups ✓ Equipment is not rotated between groups on a daily basis ✓ No close quarters accommodation ✓ All activities in wide open spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete control of level of isolation from school population ✓ Temporary marquees and toilet facilities can be brought in ✓ Can incorporate isolated campout in grounds ✓ Equipment not rotated daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Whole class population in one place, one accommodation unit and one canteen ✗ Shared air coach transport for several hours ✗ Equipment rotated daily or half daily

This comparison is of Anyone Can's three main educational trips



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More information

About Anyone Can

Anyone Can is a truly inclusive outdoor adventure company run by Chris and Vicky Binks. We are passionate about creating access opportunities to learn adventure and grow in the outdoors for all. With 35 years of combined experience in arranging, designing and facilitating outdoor learning in the UK and worldwide, we can create excellent opportunities for your young person growth. We hold an AALA licence, a transport providers licence and insurance for all the activities we offer.

Micro - Residential Costs and sample programmes

Micro residentials take advantage of being able to be deployed over several weeks with small groups coming out of school and the remainders studying a non-educational trip complementary lesson plan before switching over

Satellite residential costs (4 day)

Monday		Key Facts	
Tuesday	Canoeing and Sail. Using our accessible canoe sailing trimarans, wheelchair accessible powerboat and the excellent Fell Foot facilities.	Programmed to mirror the content time of a traditional long distance 5 day residential residential	
Wednesday	Cave exploration in increasingly challenging terrain offers chances for leadership and personal challenge.	Standard School Start to 5pm drop-off or optional collection and delivery of students to pickup/drop off points	
Thursday	Buscraft Flotilla - day camp on a remote lakeshore site with fire cooking, shelter building, making camp furniture: accessed by sailboat, powerboat, kayak or canoe (Groups choice)	Up to 12 students or 13 people in total, SEND schools have flexibility to set ratios on a per-group basis.	
Friday	Rock climbing or indoor climbing wall, easy access venues for all abilities or mobile climbing wall in grounds	Includes Lunches and Anyone Can transport in sample price	
Costs	£2344** per group	Equivalent to £195 per person*	Anyone Can LLP is non VAT. VAT is not charged
Upgrade program to canoe-in overnight camp or in school grounds camp +£300 per group			Includes meals, evening activity, cooking activities, hygiene and personal care, camp equipment and overnight support staff

*We assume each group has at least one non paying visiting leader and 12 paying students

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Sample Programmes continued
Satellite Micro residential

Satellite residential costs (5 day)

Monday	Canoeing and Sail. Using our accessible canoe sailing trimaran, wheelchair accessible powerboat and the excellent Fell Foot facilities.	Key Facts
Tuesday	Cave exploration in increasingly challenging terrain offers chances for leadership and personal challenge.	Programmed to minimise the advantages of a micro-residential five action filled adventure days.
Wednesday	Orienteering and Navigation Progres from the creation of a personal map, understanding symbols and scale to land journey. Camp cooking for lunch	Standard School Start to 5pm drop-off or optional collection and delivery of students to pickup drop off points
Thursday	Buscraft Flotilla - day camp on a remote lakeshore site with fire cooking, shelter building, making camp furniture: accessed by sailboat, powerboat, kayak or canoe (Groups choice)	Up to 12 students or 13 people in total, SEND schools have flexibility to set ratios on a per-group basis.
Friday	Rock climbing or indoor climbing wall easy access venues for all abilities or mobile climbing wall in grounds	Includes Lunches and Anyone Can transport in Sample price
Costs	£2760** per group	Equivent to £230 per person*
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Sample Programmes continued Orbital residential

Orbiting residential - School hours or Extended days

Monday	Rock climbing (mobile Climbing wall). A mobile climbing wall, with overhangs - allowing a range of different forms of adaption to facilitate a wide range of mobility, cognitive and sensory needs.		Key Facts	
Tuesday	Archery and bow making The classic field target sport - highly adaptive and progressive learning. Archery incorporates elements of self-analysis, peer feedback, progressive refinement and individualised growth.		Programmed to maximise the advantages of a micro-residential with no transport time lost. School hours programmes allow the use of normal school busses - extended days allow for additional content	
Wednesday	Tarpology (shelter building), Camp Craft and Firelighting. Applying set skills and principals to creating personalised shelters, camp furniture and qualifying the decisions made. This day is the skills prep day for the cookout and camp day so that the young people are pre-enabled to meet the challenges on the last day.		Options Optionally arrange drop off from end of extended days using our transport - can be done on a per child arrangement Tarpology can lead into an optional camp over for those that want chose to at a per head price Any extended day can be converted to an day from the satellite programmes	
Thursday	Orienteering/Navigation Progressing from the creation of a personal map , through understanding standardised symbols and scale to successfully locating the hidden places in the grounds.		Lunches and lunch prep can be an additional activity covering a variety of outdoor cooking methods, personal and camp hygiene and independence. Options Campfire, barbecue, camp stove, hotbox, Pizza oven.	
Friday	Cookout and "Camp" the culmination of the weeks"residential" utilising the skills learned over the week to construct your micro - camp. Lunch or a hot drink is prepared over open fires incorporating food prep, hygiene and fire safety.		Up to 12 students or 13 people in total, SEND schools have flexibility to set ratios on a per-group basis.	
Costs School Hours	£1100** per group	Equivalent to £92 per person*	Does not include lunches in the sample Students use existing school facilities or add lunch making activities	
Costs Extended days	£1600** per group	Equivalent to £133 per person*	Anyone Can LLP is non VAT. VAT is not charged.	
Upgrades to standard programme	Camp overnight on tarpology in grounds +350 per group Or £40 per person as optional	Lunches as additional activity £72 per day	Offsite activity from satellite program including lunches , transport and equipment + 250 per day	Anyone Can additional transport services for later drop offs - by negotiation



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Inclusion and Accessibility

Anyone Can is founded on the principal that with consideration, communication - and if needed: adaption - truly anyone can access adventure.

By always providing excellent staffing ratios to all groups and selecting equipment, venues and activities we are able to provide inclusive adventures which do not typically charge more than less accessible providers.

We have developed a range of systems, programming decisions and adaptations that mean we typically do not have to change the programmes offered to include everyone.

We are able to do this with fantastic support of many charities and organisations, which give us access to changing place facilities, accessible toilets and showers, powered and unpowered off-road wheel chairs, an ideal mobile climbing wall and additional loans of adaptive equipment.

On top of this we have our own carefully chosen equipment including a wheelchair accessible powerboat, supportive seating and harnesses, our own version of a trimaran sailing canoe, high grip ground cover and along side climbing support equipment to give a small selection of our resources.

All this combined with a wealth of experience and a can do attitude makes amazing things possible.



We look forward to working with you in the future

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