

Outside Education exhibition

October - November 2004

In 2004 the Institute of Education Archives participated in the Archives Awareness Campaign aimed at increasing and widening access to archives. As part of these activities an exhibition was held in the Bedford Way foyer. It looked at various aspects of 'outside education'.



Education is usually perceived as being something that takes place in schools. The activities which take place outside of school buildings, however, are equally as formative in the learning process.

Left: *Pupils from Eynsham County Primary School drawing in a wild flower meadow near Oxford, 1970s.* From papers of George and Judith Baines, Institute of Education Archives (Ref: BA/1/11).

The exhibition used examples from the Institute's Archives, including illustrations of sporting activities, playgrounds, school meals, camping and nature study.

Right: Playground of Holmwood Primary School, Wandsworth, London (1960s), from the photographic Archive of the Architects and Building Branch of the Ministry of Education and successors, (ref: ABB)



Below: Dance class at Steward Street School, Birmingham, (1930s). From the Archive of Christian Schiller, (Ref: CS.)

The Archive Awareness Campaign began as Archive Awareness Month in September 2003 and was originally designed to address the issues of under representation of UK archives, especially in comparison with the museum, gallery and library sectors. Since then the programme has been extended to last throughout the autumn and winter. The campaign is organised and funded by the National Council on Archives, the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and The National Archives. Further information can be found on their website:

<http://www.archiveawareness.com/>

Some of the images (including those here) were turned into free postcards available alongside the exhibition.

