



Information Note: Installing a Log Circle

Fixed or Loose?

- Many schools and groups choose to install logs as a seating area, usually in a circle, as part of a seating area or circle as part of their outdoor learning delivery infrastructure.
- Logs can be fixed into place or left as moveable parts to be rolled into place when required.



Sourcing Logs

- Logs can be sourced from many places. You do need the land owner's permission before removing logs.
- Parents are often a good first port of call and will often do your locating for you!
- Local gardening clubs may have good contacts in the area.
- Try your local council countryside or parks department or even civil engineering department, as they often have to take down trees along roadsides for health and safety reasons.
- Local arboriculturalists/tree surgeons may also be able to help.
- Keep Wales Tidy, Wildlife Trusts Wales, Learning Through Landscapes and similar organisations sometimes run school ground development projects.
- Natural Resources Wales is unable to provide logs as timber is sold in blocks as part of the Welsh Government's woodland strategy.

Sizing & Shapes

- Log circles should be a minimum of 3m in diameter.
- This allows a safe distance of at least 1.5m to the centre of the circle, where a small campfire may be sited.
- Logs can be in the round or half round and should ideally be hardwood, as this will prolong their life and use.

Siting Logs

- Logs should be sited away from school buildings, in as natural a spot as possible, ideally amongst trees if they are present.
- Logs should be placed on a flat open space with no low branches from trees overhanging the middle of the circle. This is for fire safety purposes if also installing a fire pit.
- Logs should be placed next to each other creating a complete circle. If required there is the option to leave gaps for wheelchair access.
- Logs can be secured using half round fence posts as pegs on both sides of each log. Pegs should not be proud of the logs in order to prevent users from injuring themselves on the pegs. Pegs can be secured to the logs using nails.