

Kali's Trip to ERAFANS Outdoor Teacher conference In Washington DC

"I feel extremely fortunate that Apple Orchard and the Teacher's Fund gave me the opportunity to both attend the ERAFANS Outdoor Teacher conference and visit DC. During the conference, we talked about 'sit spots' (places in nature a child can come back to throughout the seasons), the accessibility and unplanned fun that can be found through loose parts, as well as allowing children to take the lead on projects such as constructing stick houses and creating functional tools (eg- boot jacks, a tool that assists learners in getting their boots off but in a way that allows them to be independent while doing so).

We also had enjoyable and enriching activities including painting with wildflowers and playing an energetic, inclusive game of 'Fox and Squirrel'. I learned so much and had a wonderful experience visiting the area for the first time!"

