

Registered Practitioner of the Institute for Outdoor Learning

Who is RPIOL for?

RPIOL is the first rung on IOL's professional accreditation ladder.

If you :

- have consolidated experience working with outdoor learning groups and/or individuals
- are not necessarily working in "challenging environments"
- are working in any branch of outdoor learning

RPIOL is designed for you!

You can do RPIOL if you are working full time in the outdoors, if you work part time, are a volunteer, or if you work in any field where you use outdoor learning (eg youthwork, teaching etc)

Why do RPIOL?

RPIOL has benefits for practitioners, employers and the outdoor sector:

Practitioners

- accredits your experience of session leadership
- integrated stepping stone towards APIOL

Employers

- map of good practice showing path towards professionalism
- low-paperwork framework
- easily integrated with leader, volunteer or staff development and appraisals

Outdoor Sector

- Mapped to QCF Levels
- Shows that the Outdoor Sector has integrated professional development

How do I gain RPIOL?

RPIOL is not a course; it's a Logbook – all you need to do is:

- Enrol with IOL direct, or through your workplace
- Complete the RPIOL Logbook with the help of RPIOL Internal Facilitator
- Meet with External RPIOL Facilitator for professional discussion about your Logbook

RPIOL does not "retest" your specialist skills. It focuses on your professional development as a practitioner, and the core skills of:

- Facilitating Learning
- Competent Risk/Benefit Management
- Understanding Outdoor Learning
- Professional Ethics and Conduct



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How to get started

Visit the IOL website (see below) and find out all about RPIOL.

If you work for an organisation that is an RPIOL centre, contact your Internal Facilitator to get started.

If your organisation is not an RPIOL centre contact your IOL regional Professional Development Co-ordinator.

For info: http://www.outdoor-learning.org/professional_accreditation/rpiol_index.htm

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