



Professional Development + Training courses events offered by IOL Organisational Members



Beyond Boundaries – An introduction to disability awareness, accessibility, and inclusion in the outdoors

19 Sept, 8 Nov, 24 Jan 26, 17 Apr 26.

Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria. £125 per person / £95 charity and educational rate

<https://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/>

Climbing for All - Professional Development for Inclusive Climbing Instruction



20 Sept, 25 Jan 26, 25 Sept 26.

Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria. £95

<https://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/>

Accessible adventures – Disability awareness, accessibility, and inclusion for outdoor instructors



18 Oct, 7 Feb 26, 17 Oct 26.

Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria. £140 per person / £100 charity and educational rate.

<https://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/>



More Than Just a Warm Welcome - Disability Awareness, Accessibility and Inclusion for the Tourism and Hospitality Sector

22 Oct, 5 Mar 26, 21 Oct 26.

Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria. £140 per person

<https://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/>



Know before you go webinar – Developing pre-visit information and processes to help welcome disabled visitors

Dates TBC

Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria

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Balancing burnout and brilliance webinar – An introduction to resilience, burnout, and compassion fatigue



Dates TBC

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IOL Level 3 Bushcraft Competency Certificate

31 Oct 2025, 09:30 – 2 Nov 2025, 16:00 Incl. overnight self-catered camping.

Polaris Wilderness Adventure Ltd. Bayford, SG1 8QB

IOL Members £325.00. Non members £350.00

T: 07971289604

info@polarisbushcraft.co.uk <https://www.polarisbushcraft.co.uk/iol-bushcraft-competency-certificate>



Leader in Outdoor Learning Level 2

Wed 22nd July 2026 09:00 - Fri 24th July 2026 17:00

Bishops Wood, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9SE. £395

T: 01743 852100 T: 01299 250513

enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/leader-in-outdoor-learning-level-2/>

The [AIM Qualifications](#) Leader in Outdoor Learning Level 2 takes part over 3 days and gives those who wish to bring learning into an outdoor environment the skills, understanding and confidence to do this.

Learners must complete a total of 7 credits to achieve this qualification.

Please note this course is non-residential.

Components covered:

Benefits of Outdoor Learning

Using the latest research, discover the impact and benefits of outdoor learning. Learn how outdoor learning enhances a child's wellbeing and life skills and how the latest research can be incorporated into outdoor sessions.

Learning in the Natural Environment

Gain skills and knowledge to enable you to deliver outdoor learning sessions with links to the curriculum. You will plan your own 3 outdoor learning activities, look at the role of adults in supporting outdoor learning and create a curriculum plan related to your own site.

Engaging Children with Local Wildlife

Learn about local wildlife enabling you to deliver outdoor sessions that support children's natural curiosity. You will learn good practice for engaging children with local wildlife, identify wildlife resources in your locality and participate in hands on wildlife identification, building your skills and confidence.

Health and Safety in the Natural Environment

Gain the knowledge and skills to keep yourself and others safe whilst delivering outdoor learning sessions. You will understand the hazards and risks associated with outdoor learning, learn to carry out site and risk benefit assessments for your own outdoor learning sessions, plus what procedures you will need in place and how to write these.

Using and improving the School Grounds and the Natural Environment

Learn how to implement good practice in using and improving the school grounds and natural environments you work in. Identify the barriers to outdoor learning and how to overcome these. Explore how to develop your grounds enhance the natural environment to benefit wildlife and learning.



Women's Outdoor Instructor Development Programme

Dates: Monday 10 November – Friday 19 December 2025, then Tuesday, 6 to Friday, 30 January 2026.

Outward Bound Trust Aberdyfi, Eryri National Park, Wales.

Apply by 30 March. Cost: £500 (can be paid in instalments if cost is a barrier)

<https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/womens-outdoor-instructor-development-programme>

18 week Outdoor Instructor Training Course

2 Nov 2025 to 15 Mar 2026

Mendip Activity Centre. Sandford, N. Somerset. Mendip Activity Centre's Accelerated Outdoor Instructor Training (AOIT) course is the best way to become a qualified outdoor activity instructor!

£11,000 Fee includes everything- all training, accommodation, catering, trips and transport. Finance plans are available. hello@mendip.co.uk

<https://www.outdoorinstructortraining.co.uk/>