Professional Development + Training courses events offered by IOL Organisational Members

+Adventure: School discovery webinars 'What does a modern adventure residential look like?"
13 Oct, 18 Nov, 19 Nov 2026. Online via Teams.
Field Studies Council.
FREE.
Tel: 01743 852100
Email: enquiries@field-studies-council.org
https://www.field-studies-council.org/adventure-residential-trips/adventure-school-discovery-webinars/

Down to Earth Project celebrate 20 years with some free events
Little Bryn Gwyn, Gower, SA3 1BG
* 20 Year celebration event - Friday 25th September
An experiential day of bringing everyone together to share and celebrate participants, projects and impact across 2 decades – and hear what is coming in the next decade!
* Impact and Research Day – Thursday 17th September
Hear about our latest clinical research and open-source impact measures and tool kits to take into your own communities.
https://downtoearthproject.org.uk/join-us-in-celebrating-20-years-of-down-to-earth/

ITC Level 3 Award in Learning Beyond the Classroom
23 Nov 2026, 9 March 2027
Forge Learning, Coventry.
07807620976 www.forge-learning.co.uk
£250

ITC Level 3 Award in Learning Beyond the Classroom
17 Nov 2027
Forge Learning, Banbury, Oxon
07807620976 www.forge-learning.co.uk
£250

Instructor Training Course – Your fasted route to a career in the outdoors.
Winter 2026/27 – 27th October 2026 to 28th March 2027.
Summer 2027 – 6th July 2027 to 24th October 2027.
Winter 2027/28 – 26th October 2027 to 27th March 2028.
Active Outdoor Pursuits at Craigower Lodge Outdoor Centre, Cairngorms National Park.
£9,495 (includes self-catered accommodation)
Tel: 01540 210000
Email: info@activeoutdoorpursuits.com
Web: https://www.activeoutdoorpursuits.com/outdoor-instructor-training-course/
Ready to take your outdoor passion to the professional level? Stop just doing it on weekends. Train in-person with expert coaches, master navigation, safety, and leadership, and graduate with industry-recognised qualifications. Turn your lifestyle into your pay check.

Our next Instructor Training Course starts on 27th October 2026 or the 6th July 2027 and is based in the Scottish Highlands. The programme is designed for people who want to develop the skills, confidence and qualifications needed to begin working in the outdoor industry.
Training takes place in the Cairngorms across a range of environments, including water, mountain, snow and rock. The course is practical and hands-on, combining coaching, personal development and real-world experience with support from experienced instructors.
At a glance, the course includes:
· 16–22 weeks of outdoor instructor training.
· Up to 30 industry-recognised qualifications.
· Development across paddlesports, climbing, hill walking, snowsports and multi-activity instruction.
· Training in the Cairngorms and wider Scottish Highlands.
· A clear pathway towards outdoor instructor opportunities after the course.
You don't need to start as an expert. The course is aimed at people who are enthusiastic, water confident, comfortable spending time outdoors in all conditions, and keen to develop their hill walking, paddling and climbing skills.
If you'd like to read more or watch the course video, you can visit our Outdoor Instructor Training Course page. We're also happy to arrange an informal chat if you'd like to talk through the course, your goals, or whether it could be the right next step for you.
Let Active Outdoor Pursuits help you take the next step towards a career in the outdoors. Book Today.
"I loved being able to develop my skills in a wide range of activities alongside other enthusiastic and like-minded people. The ITC is a challenging, fun and rewarding course and a great way to develop your skills and kickstart a career in the outdoors or progress your career further." Cameron Reynolds-Beer

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Supervision Group for Outdoor Professionals and Psychotherapists
A Group Facilitated by Clinical Supervisors from the Association of Outdoor Therapy. This online supervision group is for diverse professionals working therapeutically and psychotherapeutically in the outdoors. The intention is to co-create a space where together we can share, reflect and learn collaboratively, with the hope of developing our practice in the outdoors and fostering our professional development.
The group takes place online on a Friday morning (9.30-11.30am GMT/BST) once a month for ten months. We ask that you endeavour to attend all ten sessions. The group will have a maximum of 12 people.
The dates are: 9th October 2026, 13th November 2026, 11th December 2026, 8th January 2027, 12th February 2027, 12th March 2027, 9th April 2027, 14th May 2027, 11th June 2027 & July 9th 2027
General Fee: £550 (£55 per session)
AOT / IOL Member Fee: £500 (for members of AOT / IOL, £50 per session)
Reduced Fee: £350 (two reduced places for those on a low income £35 per session. This is provided that the minimum number of places have been filled.)
Organisational Fee: £700 (for members paid for by an organisation, £70 per session)
Because of the nature of the group, it is necessary to pay for all 10 sessions even if you can not attend all of them, and this fee is non-refundable apart from in extenuating circumstances.
Full details and application form: https://www.outdoor-learning.org/resource/supervision-group-for-outdoor-professionals-and-psychotherapists.html

Kepp Adventure's Outdoor Instructor Training Course
First term, from 12/10/2026 till a winter break starting 7/12/2026 (8 weeks)
Second term, from 18/1/2027 till 2/4/2027 (11 weeks).
The Kepplewray Centre. Kick start your career of adventure with Kepp Adventure's Outdoor Instructor Training Course. Based in the Lake District, Kepplewray offers day and residential outdoor activities in The Lake District National Park using the nearby lakes and fells. Whether you're starting a new career, seeking professional growth, or navigating midlife shifts, Kepplewray outdoor instructor training offers real adventure, real progression and real results.
£10,000 per person (this includes food and accommodation during the course
Residential Accommodation Included: includes full bed and board during both terms of the course in the Kepplewray Centre. To apply or for more information email: training@kepplewray.org.uk
https://www.kepplewray.org.uk/contact-8

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

17 Oct 26.
Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria. £140 per person / £100 charity and educaGon 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

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 informaGon and processes to help welcome disabled visitors

Dates TBC
Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria
hIps://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/

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

Dates TBC
Bendrigg Trust, Cumbria
https://www.bendrigg.org.uk/beyond-bendrigg/training-for-individuals/