



ExpedFest Cymru Returns

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th February 2023

DofE Wales Expedition Skills Training Event for Welsh DofE Leaders.



We are excited to announce that after a three year break, **ExpedFest is back!**

About

ExpedFest is our annual training event where leaders come together from across Wales to learn new outdoor and expedition skills (if you are new to DofE) or undertake the Lowland Leader Training or Assessment course.

The event will be based in the beautiful Snowdonia National Park at Plas-y-Brenin the National Mountain Centre. Accommodation, meals and tuition will be included in the cost of the weekend, which has been subsidised thanks to our generous supporters and funders.

ExpedFest is a great opportunity to network and share ideas with likeminded DofE leaders and managers from across Wales.

The event starts from 6pm on Friday 17th February with an evening meal and networking opportunity, with courses starting at 9am the following day.

Training Opportunities

Whether you are new to DofE, or a seasoned DofE Leader, take your pick of one of the great training opportunities we have on offer.

New to DofE Expeditions

Designed for those that are new to the expedition section who don't have a lot of experience in the outdoors. This introductory course aims to develop your skills and confidence in the outdoors, including personal navigation skills, hill safety, introduction to leader kit and equipment, and campcraft with the aim of getting you set on the right path to attend a Lowland Leader Training course in the future while on your route to become qualified to lead groups in the outdoors.

There are **no prerequisites** for this course, however you should have an interest in leading participants on DofE Expeditions in the future to make the most of the skills you learn.



Lowland Leader Training

If you already have some experience in the outdoors, you can attend a Lowland Leader Training course. This National Governing Body Qualifications (NGB) is often required as the starting point for the basic leadership qualification to allow leaders to take groups of people into the outdoors.

- You must be at least 17 years old to attend this course.
- You should have an interest in leading groups in Lowland countryside.
- **You must register** on the scheme with [Mountain Training Cymru](#). (£49 payable to Mountain Training).
- You must have recorded a minimum of 10 varied walks in Lowland terrain.

Lowland Leader Assessment

Already completed your Lowland Leader Training? The next step is your Lowland Leader Assessment where you will be assessed on the skills learned during your training and consolidation period.

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must have previously attended a Lowland Leader Training course.
- You must be familiar with the [syllabus](#).
- You must have logged a minimum of 20 walks in lowland countryside.
- You must have attended a 16h first aid course prior to assessment.

→ You can find more information on the Lowland Leader Award, with all resources available [here](#).

Food & Accommodation

Accommodation, breakfast, lunch, evening meals and afternoon refreshments with cake is included in the delegate price for this event. Accommodation is made up of a variety of shared en-suite rooms, if you are attending ExpedFest with a colleague or someone you know, you can request to be roomed with them in the application form. All dietary requirements will be catered for, and this information will be collected prior to the event.

Cost

The cost of this training event is heavily subsidised thanks to DofE Wales's financial supporters. The true cost per person is over £270pp. With this support from our funders we are charging just **£70 per person for the training weekend, which can be paid by yourself, or by your organisation.**

We have a limited number of spaces available so please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Apply Now! This form should only be completed by the person attending ExpedFest.

Online Learning

Need some more information on the ins and outs of DofE? Looking to become a DofE Expedition Assessor? We are running our virtual training courses on the run up to ExpedFest including the Introduction to the DofE training course (IttDofE) which will give delegates a good foundation of DofE knowledge to start leading the Award.

We will also be running an Expedition Assessors & Supervisors Training Course (EASTC) which gives delegates the knowledge to supervise and assess DofE Expeditions. You can book onto these courses [here](#). Please speak to your Operations Officers to see if funding is available to support the cost of a virtual training course for your organisations staff members.

Travel

We would encourage delegates to consider lift sharing to keep costs low for all delegates, and to reduce our impact on the environment. If you would be happy to discuss lift sharing with other local DofE leaders also traveling to ExpedFest from your area, please let us know in the application form and we will share your email with others for you to arrange this directly.

For further information please contact your DofE Wales Operations Officer. Email wales@dofe.org or call 01874 623086.

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