

## UIAA TRAINING STANDARDS SEMINAR May 6-7<sup>th</sup> 2008

Hosted by Mountain Leader Training UK and Plas y Brenin.

**Dates:** 6-7 May 2008. Arriving on 5<sup>th</sup>, departing on 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Aim:** During the two-day seminar we will examine how we standardise the training and assessment of leaders, trainers and assessors at national and international levels. We will also discuss record-keeping strategies for the UIAA's Model Standards for Voluntary Leaders with the intention of producing a standardised format for moderation visits.

**Venue:** The National Mountain Centre, Plas y Brenin in North Wales, United Kingdom. All food and accommodation will be supplied and while the cost has not yet been agreed it is likely to be under 200 euros per person. Rooms will be allocated on a shared room basis (mostly twin rooms)

**Cost:** All accommodation will be supplied from Monday night until Wednesday evening, with food from Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning. Food is available to be purchased at the bar on Monday night if required. All lectures are delivered free of charge. Quoted in Pounds Sterling, the cost is for 3 nights at Plas y Brenin, but you can request more or less days in advance:

**Accommodation:** 3 nights Bed and Breakfast @ £25 per person/night = £75

**Food:** £26.50 including all food, coffee/tea, cakes etc = £79.50

**Total:** This totals £154.50. However, if you need to leave on Wednesday evening before dinner (7.00 p.m.) the cost will be £114.50 (i.e. one less evening meal + B&B)

**Equipment and Presentation Materials:** Each delegate should bring appropriate personal equipment for walking and/or rock climbing on non-glacial terrain, a poster/leaflet/handbook that summarises their training scheme(s) and copies of any other materials that they wish to circulate to the seminar. Samples of record-keeping materials used by assessors and training bodies would also be useful; for example a form used by assessors to record their observations, or a sample data-base record.

**Programme:** There is a need for some flexibility in the programme because of the weather. The following programme should be considered as a sample.

5<sup>th</sup> May, Monday Arrival. Early arrivals may be able to join the Mountaineering Commission delegates on local visits.

6<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 9.00 – 12.00 Choice of hill tour or practical exercises on local cliffs. We may arrange for mock candidates to work with and promote discussion

13.00 – 17.00. Presentations and Discussions.

**Key speakers:**

- Quality control within a large staff team (John Cousins, Plas y Brenin).
- Auditing at a national level (AALA or IRATA rep)
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17.30. Informal bouldering or walk in Cwm Idwal before evening meal

7<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 9.00 – 12.00 Choice of hill tour or practical exercises on local cliffs. We may arrange for mock candidates to work with and promote discussion.

13.00 – 17.00. Presentations and Discussions.

Key speakers:

- Developing a national qualifications database for outdoor advisors (Stephen Brown, OEAP)
- The case for and against simpler transition pathways for people emigrating between UIAA nations (Steve Long, MLTUK)

17.30. Presentation: Experience gained from developing and implementing a new climbing wall award.

8<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday Depart. It is hoped that some delegates may wish to stay on to walk and climb together with local hosts. Some may wish to stay for the weekend to join the [BMC International Climbing Meet](#).

**Objectives:**

1. It is intended to allow substantial informal discussion between representatives on all aspects of leader training.
2. Draft record-keeping system for UIAA TSWG moderators to use and also for possible adoption within home nations.
3. Strategies for integrating knowledge and appreciation of the mountain Environment into leader training programmes
4. Adventure climbing – practical guidance on how to help sport climbers to develop additional skills and what self-rescue skills are needed.
5. Any other objectives (at request of sufficient numbers of delegates).

Some of these subjects can only be discussed in the mountains, so the Seminar is limited to thirty delegates (maximum three representatives from any federation) and will work as groups of no more than ten when outdoors. Delegates will have some choice about which subjects they wish to attend.

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