

OUTDOOR PURSUITS INSTRUCTOR

A rewarding, flexible, outdoors career choice

Are YOU...?

- ✓ fit and healthy with masses of stamina?
- ✓ a safety-conscious, superb communicator?
- ✓ patient and committed?
- ✓ cool in a crisis?

Do YOU love...?

- ✓ teaching other people?
- ✓ working both in a team and on your own?
- ✓ travelling and teaching in different cultures?
- ✓ skiing or snowboarding or surfing or canoeing or wakeboarding or coasteering or hundreds of other activities?

...then this COULD BE YOU!

Learn another **LANGUAGE**
to have adventures
anywhere in the world



How?

Think about:

- ✓ Getting as much experience as you can in the speciality you want to go into – do a course to learn it yourself first and then go on to do an instructor’s course
- ✓ Studying for a degree in Sports Science which may touch on aspects of your particular activity. To get onto a course, most universities ask for GCSEs in Maths and a Science and 2 good A Levels including a Science
- ✓ Studying for a teaching qualification (not essential in most cases but good experience on the CV)
- ✓ Taking a gap year abroad and e.g. doing a ski season to train in your activity - this will also help to improve your language skills

Think Languages:

“A career in snow-sports, for example, is not only fun and healthy but offers amazing travel opportunities all over the world. There is no doubt that having a second language and even a third language will increase your opportunities to travel and teach snow-sports not just in the Alps but all over the world.”

- Gareth Roberts, Chairman of the British Association of Snow-sports Instructors (BASI)

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Want to know more?

Check these out:

Advice on becoming an outdoor pursuits instructor –

- Institute of Outdoor Learning
www.outdoor-learning.org/
- National Watersports Centre
www.plasmenai.co.uk
- Diving qualifications under PADI
www.padi.com/scuba

Advice on planning a gap year –

- www.gapwork.com
- www.gapyear.com
- www.gogapyear.com
- www.gapadvice.org

Advice on the next step –

- www.ucas.com
- www.careerswales.com

Advice on languages –

- www.ciltcymru.org.uk
- www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/cymru
- www.studyinglanguages.ac.uk
- www.languageswork.org.uk
- www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk
- www.europa.eu/languages
- Check out the European Commission’s website for opportunities to work and study abroad:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/languages_en.htm