

Outdoor Adventure Sector Consultation Event

An open invitation to employers/providers

Thursday, 17 October 2013, 10.30am – 3.30pm

(Arrive 10.00am onwards; lunch provided)

Plas y Brenin

National Mountain Sports Centre, Capel Curig, Conwy. LL24 0ET.

SkillsActive extends a warm invitation to employers and providers in the Outdoors Adventure sector (outdoor recreation/tourism, outdoor education, development training and related areas) to join us for an interactive consultation event.

There are three main items on the agenda:

- **National Occupational Standards (NOS) “Outdoor Programmes”** (relating to Level 3 jobs/roles) – consultation on the draft revised standards;
- **Wales SASW Apprenticeship Level 3 Framework “Outdoors Programmes”** – consultation on the new draft apprenticeship framework;
- **Open forum discussion with sector employers/providers** to explore/gather current issues in the general area of skills, training, qualifications etc.

National Occupational Standards (NOS) “Outdoor Programmes” These NOS relate to Level 3 roles/jobs – experienced “on-site” and new/lower level “off-site” practitioners and/or new supervisory/team leader roles. This consultation, repeated in all 4 home countries, is to review the current NOS and to give you the opportunity to shape and influence the review. (There is also an on-line consultation.) NOS are developed by employers and related stakeholders through Sector Skills Councils on a UK-wide basis. They inform the development of occupational/vocational qualifications, define the capabilities required to work in particular occupations and exist for almost every occupation.

Wales SASW Apprenticeship Level 3 Framework “Outdoor Programmes” For the first time, through a Wales government funded SPFP project, Wales will have its own Outdoors L3 Apprenticeship. We are towards the end of the consultation period on the framework. SkillsActive is keen to take this opportunity to have discussions with the sector about the emerging framework and to discuss why the frameworks are the ‘shape’ they are currently. We will also be able to update colleagues on funding mechanisms for apprenticeships.

Open forum discussion with sector employers/providers We want to hear from outdoors sector employers, providers and related organisations. We are passionate about our sectors, our employers and about skills, training and qualifications. SkillsActive’s role as a licensed Sector Skills Council is to help our sector be more successful and especially in the areas of skills, training, qualifications etc. We work closely with governments and related bodies and act as two-way conduit to get the best for the outdoors. But we need you to tell us about the issues, challenges and developments that affect you and your organisations. We will also be able to share and get your views on some of the new developments we have in the pipeline.

Who should attend? Employers & managers involved in the employment or development of outdoor adventure personnel. Richard Tobutt, SkillsActive’s Wales Manager and Ceri Thomas, SkillsActive’s Apprenticeships Project Manager will be there, as will Peter Thompson, SkillsActive’s UK Outdoors Sector Lead, who managed the original NOS development and who is leading the current review.

Like to attend this free event? Please contact Laura at laura.cope@skillsactive.com or phone 029 2044 4150. Got a query? Contact Peter: peter.thompson@skillsactive.com Looking forward to seeing you there!