

**Role description: KCC volunteer:**

**Expedition Instructor, for walking Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions**

**Hours:** Variable

**Reports to: KCC DofE** KCC DofE County Coordinator Delegate to Development Worker

**Summary and main purpose**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a UK charity that makes a difference to young people's lives and prepares them for life and work. Over 300,000 young people per year from every possible background take part in the DofE programme to broaden their horizons, develop their leadership skills, learn to work with others, volunteer in their local communities, increase their employability, and prove to themselves they can succeed at a serious challenge.

All DofE participants undertaking the expedition section must be trained under the guidance of a Qualified instructor who is approved by the Licenc3e organisation (KCC)

**Qualifications**

Instructors must have a minimum of:

SLUK Level 3 Certificate in Basic Expedition Leadership, (formally known as BETA, BELA, or BEL)

**OR**

Mountain Training Lowland Leader with the Expedition Skills Module.

In addition the instructor must hold a current, appropriate outdoor first aid qualification.

They must also have completed the DofE Expedition supervisor's course including the pre course learning. (KCC can facilitate access to appropriate First aid and DofE Supervisors course)

Other Mountain Training qualifications that will be accepted are;

- Hill and Moorland Leader (formally Walking Group Leader) with the Expedition Skills Module,
- Mountain Leader,
- Winter Mountain Leader. (or above)

**The key tasks of the role are to:**

- Deliver and or oversee the training programme for DofE Participants according to the relevant DofE Expedition Training Framework and expedition location.
- On County or District lead events take responsibility for the Participants that you are working with.
- As Supervisor, be responsible for the Health and Safety of the participants while out on Practice or Assessed expeditions.
- Work in Partnership with the Expedition Assessors

### **Other considerations**

- Expedition events vary between 2 and 5 days depending on level and location. The vast majority are at Bronze Level on weekends. Therefore It is likely that the Instructor will be staying away from home during the expedition.
- Please note that dogs are not allowed on KCC sites (unless guide dogs). Some young people can be afraid of Dogs and or may have allergies. Therefore, should the Instructor wish to bring a dog, specific permission from the event organisers must be received in advance of the event.
- While we appreciate weekends can be family time, when volunteering the Volunteer has a role to undertake. Family members will not be able to come out with you or stay over with the groups unless they have also gone through the vetting system and have been approved by KCC or the organisation you are working with on that event.

### **Volunteer process and Criminal Records Check**

All KCC volunteers who are working with young people are required to complete a volunteer application, provide 2 people who can be contacted as referees and have a DBS check.

Expedition Assessors could be in unsupervised contact with young people as part of their role. This is considered 'Regulated Activity' and a criminal records disclosure is therefore required and will be all arranged by KCC.

### **Expenses**

Out of pocket expenses a will be paid. This may differ between events but must be agreed prior to the event up to a maximum level which with detailed on the training course.

### **Resources**

Resources are provided to enable this role. Experienced staff are available to support the Instructor. ID and team polo shirts are also available.