

N.B. Additional funding has been made available to Landon Carver to deliver an extra training programme under Erasmus + before June 2015

Action Outdoors - Chamonix

Team Leader Programme

Approximate dates (TBC)

23rd May – 7th June OR 30th May – 14th June 2015

Landon Carver are delighted to be able to offer places on our latest programme, the **Action Outdoors - Chamonix Team Leader Programme**. The **Chamonix Team Leader programme aims to provide** staff currently working in a Vocational Education capacity in any aspect of the Outdoor Adventure and Education Sector in Ireland with a two week experience in Chamonix, France. This opportunity provides funding for 14 candidates to spend 14 days with **Action Outdoors** and their partners' **Union des Centres Sportifs de Plein Air (UCPA)** in the Chamonix Valley at the foot of Mont Blanc in France.

This new programme will provide participants with the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills and competencies required to return hopefully at some stage in the future to Chamonix with their own team. The idea is to introduce participants to all the Chamonix valley has to offer and assist them in planning and preparation so they would return with their own group (a scout group, youth group, local hillwalking group, youth at risk, or similar). The programme will provide knowledge on the best campsites, accommodation, food, equipment where to go rock climbing, where to get guides, local cultural interest, best biking trails, arranging local transport, etc. Our goal is to give participants the opportunity to gather as much local knowledge as possible empowering them to return with their own team.

Participants attain skills necessary to manage groups travelling to climates and terrains similar to the Alpine region throughout Europe. Participants will be shown group management skills which can be applied to hill walking, mountaineering, orienteering, mountain biking, rock climbing, rock scabbling, trail running and various other trekking based activities. Participants will spend time learning from Action Outdoors's experienced staff, and interacting with a multitude of clients and students from a wide variety of social backgrounds and sectors.



Placement & Accommodation

We have attained funding for 14 candidates to spend 14 days in UCPA Chamonix with Action Outdoors from approximately the 23rd of May to the 7th of June 2015. The funding covers associated travel costs, insurance and some branded clothing as well as full board for the duration of the stay. Participants are required to contribute €100 towards the overall cost of the programme. Participants will also need their own

spending money for entertainment, gifts, etc. Also, participants will have to pay any travel cost over the €250 allocated per candidate.

Programme Outline

Day	Tasks
1	Travel from Ireland to Chamonix
2	Welcome Meeting and Seminar
3	Mountain Biking, Cultural Lessons
4	Glacier Trip, Qualification Framework in France
5	Canyoning, Cultural Lessons
6	Risk Assessment & Management of Outdoor Activities
7	Navigation Course, Hiking & Orienteering, Cultural Lessons
8	Expedition Training & Planning, Via Ferrata
9	Expedition Planning
10	Rest
11	Alpine Climbing
12, 13 & 14	3 day, 2 night Expedition
15	Experience Review, Longer Term Planning, Rock Climbing
16	Return to Ireland

During the 14 days, the participants will:

- Be provided with a practical enhancement of their existing skills which can be transferred to their work in Ireland.
- Enhance networking skills and build relationships with like-minded outdoor enthusiasts.
- Learn how to risk assess activities and expeditions.
- Learn how to plan expeditions.
- Develop confidence to lead trips abroad.
- Understand the legal requirements of activities abroad.
- Increase technical ability in the delivered activities.
- Provide exposure to different cultures.
- Improve language skills.
- Provide a Euro Pass mobility certificate.
- Gain a QQI/FETAC Level 5 in Work Experience.

Candidate Specification

Desirable, but not essential	Essential
Experience facilitating learning in the outdoors	Previous experience in leading teams or groups in outdoor activities, adventure or education.
Language Skills in European languages i.e. French, German, Italian, Spanish, etc.	A keen enthusiasm for working in the outdoors

To Apply

Interested applicants should send a CV by email and outline why they believe they should get a place on this programme to mark@landoncarver.com . Candidates will be shortlisted by Landon Carver based on criteria supplied by Action Outdoors, and maybe required to attend an interview.

Applications must be received by Friday the 15th May 2015.

Time is tight on this programme due the last minute release of funding. If you're interested we would be delighted to receive your application. If this opportunity is not for you, due to other commitments or inability to get the time off work, I understand however we would be extremely grateful if you spread the word and this fact sheet to any friends or colleagues you feel would be suited to this opportunity.

N.B. Previous participants on Landon Carver Leonardo da Vinci programmes are eligible.