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## Key Abilities

- Make time to meet people and develop understanding.
- Assist with an individual's formal development planning.
- Give balanced and constructive feedback.
- Encourages all group members to participate fully.
- Take responsibility for performance and general feedback.
- Allows for flexibility in plans to accommodate changing circumstances.
- Monitor progress on an ongoing basis.
- Develops and amends services to meet the long term requirements of customers.
- Identify and respond when colleagues need support.
- Share information, skills and ideas with others.

## Education - Educational

**Post Graduate Certificate Management Studies (CMS)** – 26 credits Masters level – YMCA Lakeside & George Williams College, London.

**City and Guilds 7307** – Post Compulsory Education Teaching Certificate.

## Education - Professional

**British Association Ski Patrollers (BASP)** - 2 Day First Aid (valid 2011)

**British Canoe Union (BCU)** -Level 4 Open Canoe, Level 2 Kayak, Assessor A2 Canoe, UKCC 1 – 3\* Assessor/Trainer, FSRT Examiner, Whitewater Safety and Rescue, Coaching Processes

**Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE)** - Single Pitch Award, Summer Mountain Leader Award, Winter Mountain Leader trg, Mountain Instructor Award trg

**Royal Yachting Association** - Level 3 Dinghy, Safety Boat Certificate, Level 2 Powerboat Certificate

**MIDAS** Minibus endorsement (valid 2009), Minibus Driver Assessor/Trainer (DAT)

**Professional Ski Instructor of America (PSIA)** - Alpine Level 1

**British Orienteering Federation (BOF)** - Level 3 Coach trg. - *lapsed*

**Basic Food Hygiene**

**National Caving Association (NCA)** - Level 1 *lapsed*, Level 2 trg

**Grand National Archery Society (GNAS)** - Archery Leader Award – *lapsed*

**British Fencing Association (BFA)** - Fencing Leader Award

## Experience

**September 09 – January 2010 | Instructor/Facilitator**

Al Shaheen Adventure | Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

Responsible for delivery of Adventure Training to the UAE military and Disaffected Youth. Sea Kayaking, Climbing, Canyoneering, Mountain Biking and Expeditions. Working in both English and Arabic languages to achieve learning based on the 5 principles of Teamwork, Communication, Self Awareness, Initiative and Courage.

**September 08 – September 09 | Instructor**

Dame Allan's School | Newcastle

Responsible for delivery of key learning activities within and outside of the curriculum at this Independent school. Multi-Activity, D of E, Skills courses, Expeditions, Field Trips, GCSE, VI form options and leadership. This was a **Part-Time** role.

**July 07 - Present | Freelance Instructor**

Self Employed | UK

Both Private clients and Centre based work – Peak District, Lancashire, Lake District, and Scotland. Broad range of client groups; Multi-Activity, D of E, Skills courses, GCSE programmes, Youth at Risk.

**November 06 – July 07 | Activities & Training Manager**

Acorn Adventure Ltd. | Birmingham, UK

Responsible for AALS, BCU, and BAHA applications and inspections; Risk Assessments review and revision; Procedure review and revision; Development of Training and Staff Monitoring; Advice on Equipment purchasing and maintenance; Staff development through internal and external courses.

**March 04 – September 06 | Chief Instructor**

## NST Travel Group | Blackpool, UK

Management at Lou Valagran, S. France. Direct line management responsibility for 22 instructional staff. Responsible for BCU, and BAHA inspections; Risk Assessments; Procedure evaluation; Training and Staff Monitoring; Disciplinary process; Working Hours directive; Equipment purchasing and maintenance; Staff development through internal and external courses.

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| <b>Outdoor Resources Ltd.</b>  | <b>Instructor</b>                       | <b>September 05 – March 06</b>    |
| <b>Skiing Europe</b><br>15 weeks in total.                                 | <b>Ski Instructor</b>                   | <b>03/04, 04/05, 05/06, 06/07</b> |
| <b>Mountain Escapes</b><br>Three weeks in total.                           | <b>Ski Instructor</b>                   | <b>04/05, 05/06, 06/07</b>        |
| <b>Sunday River Ski School</b><br>Season at this ski school in Maine, USA. | <b>Ski Instructor</b>                   | <b>December 02 – April 03</b>     |
| <b>Howtown Outdoor Centre</b>  | <b>Instructor</b>                       | <b>March 00 – March 04</b>        |
| <b>Wilderness Canoe</b>  | <b>Own Business</b>                     | <b>2003 – Present</b>             |
| <b>Outdoor Trust</b>   | <b>Instructor</b>                       | <b>May 99 – March 00</b>          |
| <b>Outward Bound North Carolina</b>  | <b>Instructor &amp; Managing Editor</b> | <b>May 97 – Nov 97</b>            |
| <b>Freelance Instructor and Lecturer</b>                                   |   | <b>1993 – 2002</b>                |
| <b>Outward Bound UK</b>  | <b>Tutor</b>                            | <b>Jan 89 – 02</b>                |
| <b>Impact Schools and Groups</b>   | <b>Chief Instructor</b>                 | <b>April 88 Sept 88</b>           |

### Skills

- Full UK driving license held since 1982 + D1 & E endorsements.
- Avid Open Boater
- Re-Invigorated Sea Kayaker after **Musandam 2010**.
- Budding Tele-Mark skier
- Solid Outdoors Professional with 20+ years experience