

Yorkshire Dales Conservation Residential

Saturday 22nd August to Friday 28th August 2009 at Hornby Laithe, Stainforth, SETTLE.

The Open Gold Expedition/Residential is a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Yorkshire and Humber Region Event promoted in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales/Pennines Expedition Network and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

This project is based just outside Stainforth, Settle. Hornby Laithe is a large bunkhouse at SD 8198 6648 on OS map OL2 Yorkshire Dales (South) and Landranger 98, Wensleydale and Wharfedale. The nearest postcode is BD24 9PB (You can view the venue at <http://www.yorkshirenet.co.uk/ydales/bunkbarns/hornbylaithe/index.htm>)

The facility will be shared by two Gold DofE projects—this one and the Open Gold Expedition. All supporting staff and the catering staff are DofE Yorkshire Dales & Pennines Expedition Network volunteers, who are also residential throughout.

The project is open to 15 participants who wish to complete the Residential section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The programme will be built around the four challenges of the John Muir Award (www.johnmuiraward.org – *discovering, exploring, conserving and sharing their experience of wild places in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.*) and will involve a variety of practical conservation tasks, at different sites, under the guidance of staff and volunteers of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and other agencies working in the area.

Participants will undertake outdoor, physical work in whatever weather we are given (It has been known to rain in the Dales.).

Working in small groups, they will also share catering & domestic tasks,

throughout the week, supporting members of the voluntary staff team, so that others may concentrate on supervising and assessing the expedition groups.

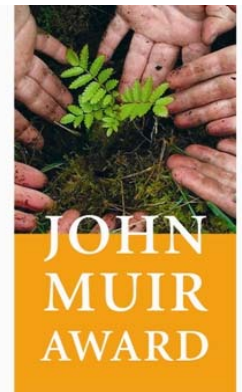
All meals, from the evening meal on Saturday to breakfast on Friday, are included in the cost of the event. Successful applicants must organise their own transport to and from the area, but can be picked up from Settle or Giggleswick stations, if arranged in advance. N.B. Unless you say otherwise, contact details will be shared, to enable you to plan car-sharing. Participants should arrive between 2pm and 3pm on Saturday 22nd August and will be free to depart no later than 11am on Friday 28th August 2009. A walk, on Sunday, will provide an introduction to the area and a chance to get to know everyone. Daily conservation tasks will run between Monday and Thursday. Exact activities will be decided much later, but over the past few summers they have included path-surfacing, tree-felling, pond-clearing, dry-stone walling, scrub removal and painting railings. Summaries of feed-back from participants in previous years are available on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority web-site, at http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/index/looking_after/volunteering/other_volunteering_opportunities/dofe.htm.

COST: £110.00

A deposit of £50.00 will be required with each application. Although the closing date for applications is Monday 6th July 2009, please don't delay, as about 80 people were chasing 12 places in 2008. – first come, first served! Successful applicants will be notified a.s.a.p., and the balance of £60 must be paid by Friday 31st July. Please make cheques payable to "The Duke of Edinburgh's Award"

Further information

Any further enquiries to the Regional Office, details below.



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