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I am a reliable, honest and hard-working individual with the desire to develop myself and progress my career in the outdoors. I am passionate about the outdoors and want to enable others to experience the outdoors and challenge themselves. I have over 6 years of instructional experience and feel as though I am ready to face new challenges; pursue further qualifications and develop my freelancing portfolio.

### Qualifications

Mountain Leader (August 2021); National navigation award scheme Tutor award (2020); Cross-Cutting (2020); First Aid (2020); Silver Velotech (2019); LYON PPE User Checks for Industry (2018); Rock Climbing Instructor (2017); Level 2 Canoe Coach (2017); Level 2 Kayak Coach (2017); Level 1 Paddle Sports Coach (2017); Level 2 Mountain Bike Leader (2017); Archery Instructor (2016 no longer current).

### Education

- 2014-2016 St. Margaret's Sixth Form  
BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science D\*D\*D
- 2009-2014 St. Margaret's High School  
11 GCSEs at grades A-D, including; English Literature (B), English language (B), Mathematics (B), Physics (C), Biology (C) and Chemistry (C).

### Previous Employment

- 28/03/2022 to present- Freelance Outdoor Instructor  
I have recently left an Outwards bounds activity centre in order to advance my qualifications in the outdoors and gain more experience working with a wider variety of groups.
- 29/03/2022 to present- Senior Youth Worker at YMCA Gatehouse of Fleet (Part-time)  
My role as senior youth worker involves overseeing and managing the day-to-day running of a youth club. I am responsible for directing a small team of youth workers and coordinating the activity programme. My role enables me to engage with young people and provide them opportunities they may otherwise not get to experience; I also engage with local third sector organisations and charities in order to gain funding and partnerships for the youths.
- 08/09/2017 to 28/03/2022- Outdoors Instructor at Abernethy Barcaple  
Throughout my time at Abernethy, I learned how to interact with a wide variety of people and encourage them to achieve the most out of a session. I was able to adapt my teaching style in order to suit the specific needs of the group whilst always conducting myself in a professional manner and prioritising the needs of the group. Throughout my time at the trust, I gained a great deal of responsibility and progressed into leadership, I was accountable for ensuring that my team were professional, qualified and on task. This position has equipped me with the skills and knowledge to lead a team and work towards a common goal. It has also strengthened my ability to communicate with others and to help them to achieve success. I am able to work both independently and as part of a team whilst building strong working relationships with my colleagues.
- 06/09/2016 to 20/08/2017- Trainee Instructor Abernethy Trust  
Over the course of a year, I was dedicated to improving my fitness and working towards a variety of outdoor qualifications. I thoroughly enjoyed my training course and embraced the opportunity to explore the outdoors. I learned the importance of teamwork, perseverance and commitment and made the firm decision that outdoor pursuits was the career for me.

10/2015 to 08-2016- Glass collector in Mansion

During my time working in the nightclub, I learnt how to interact with a variety of people. I regularly dealt with intoxicated customers which developed my patience. My role involved keeping the club clean and tidy as well as waiting on tables and ensuring customers were well looked after.

07/2015 to 08/2015- Jungleparc High Ropes, Liverpool

Alongside my job in Mansion, I also worked at a high ropes course. Working here gave me a good knowledge and understanding of ropes and harnesses. I was able to give clear instructions on how to fit and use the equipment and how to complete the obstacles. I also gained the tact to calm down scared clients, giving them the confidence to continue or, where necessary, rescue them from the course.

07/2015 to 08/2015- Maintenance Team for Abernethy

During my time spent in Nethybridge I learnt many practical skills. I built things out of wood, fixed toilets and sinks, even cleaning out a blocked septic tank. My time here allowed me to be part of evening activities entertaining the guests as well as develop my skill set with tools. I now have a modest skill set for using simple tools and maintaining a property and its grounds.

### Skills Profile

#### **Organisation and Communication**

I have the ability to organise myself and to be prepared for any occasion whilst out on a session. This can be exemplified by my punctuality when arriving for work or to meet a group. Furthermore, when taking a DofE group on an overnight expedition I always pack the appropriate kit for myself and along with extras for the group so that I am well prepared in the eventuality of an emergency. I understand that organisation is an essential element for success and to ensure that tasks are executed efficiently and within a timely manner.

I am able to communicate in a professional and appropriate manner to individuals from a multitude of backgrounds. I have the ability to communicate with people of all ages; from coaching archery sessions to primary aged children; communicating with colleagues in a constructive manner to contacting group leaders to organise their visit via telephone, email and hosting school assemblies.

#### **Working Independently and as part of a Team**

As an instructor I often work alone with a small group, this involves delivering a session to a group and their leader. My primary focus is always the safety and wellbeing of the group, whilst adhering to safeguarding legislation. However, I also strive to go above and beyond so that they enjoy their experience and also to learn from it; whether that be new skills, teamwork or something else entirely. Working independently and managing my own time has helped me to develop into my role and gain confidence to progress. Teamwork is also an essential element of outdoor instruction, whilst working in unpredictable and adventurous surroundings, I always make sure somebody knows my route plan and expected time of return whenever I go out.

I have also worked alongside other instructors for larger group sessions; when doing so, I am able to communicate effectively with the others, be an active member of the team and follow instructions as directed to ensure the clients have the best possible experience.

#### **Leadership skills and Initiative**

As lead instructor, I managed a small team, delegated tasks and oversaw results. I have the foresight to direct individuals to conduct tasks in order of priority and make sure that things are done as smoothly and efficiently as possible. Furthermore, I have the initiative to check that tasks had been completed correctly and always complete all safety checks to a high standard.

I believe that leading by example is exceptionally important and earns you the trust and respect of your colleagues; I am always willing to get stuck in and help with any task and I am always happy to use my skills to help others progress. An important aspect of being a leader is recognising other people's strengths and making good use of these but also identifying any weaknesses and helping them to progress.

### Achievements

- Stand Up Paddleboard Personal Paddle Award (2021)
- Safeguard Training
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Three Star Kayak Award
- Three Star Canoe Award

### Interests

During my free-time, I enjoy rock-climbing and mountain biking. I enjoy being outdoors and feel it is important to have a good work-life balance.

### References

Dave Wands- Ex-Chief Instructor Abernethy Barcaple.

Dave Crudgington- Operations Director Abernethy Barcaple.