

Workshop Report • 26th September 2009 at Duchy College

Venue

The College was an excellent venue in terms of classroom facilities and catering support. The orienteering map of the grounds could be used for Bronze practical sessions. Good terrain for Silver practical work is about 30 minutes drive away but Gold navigation work is impractical.

The Delegates

Three were inexperienced at delivery while the rest were very experienced at outdoor delivery in general including one authority adviser.

Workshops

The overriding interest was for updating and clarification on the nature of the scheme. Most delegates felt they already knew how to deliver and preferred to remain indoors for most of the day. The practical sessions as planned did not materialise.

Brian's new Power Point presentation, outlining the scheme, proved to be of great value and interest. A planned 15 minute delivery + questions turned into a 90 minute session with a flood of clarification questions. Delegates were also given a copy of the new syllabuses.

After lunch, Brian briefly flicked through the new Tutor Handbook on screen while giving a summary of its content and key features. Delegates were highly impressed with what they saw and with what the book was attempting to achieve.

A session on assessment followed with a brief outdoor practical on observation and feedback to the 'candidate'.

Workshop Outcomes

The availability of a standard template for recording assessment was suggested.

Also suggested was a standard template for recording course details and results. Providers would file the completed template and send it to NNAS if ever requested.

An annual SW workshop was requested on the 3rd Saturday of September. YHA Okehampton was suggested as a venue for 2010 with the Silver Award as a theme.

The possibility of setting up a Forum section on the NNAS website was mooted. Through this means, providers could communicate and exchange ideas.

Conclusions

Do we need to examine the way in which future workshops are offered? Perhaps we could suggest potential workshop topics and ask delegates to indicate in advance by email what they would prefer if is possible. The scheme itself is now well defined in the new syllabuses and Tutor Handbook once they become available. Perhaps we need a higher level of flexibility at workshops along with the ability to cater for delegates' specific preferences. Travelling to a venue for practical work from Duchy and returning for lunch would generally be impractical. A picnic lunch would be better and perhaps we should consider this for all venues.

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