

Children & Young People's Services Youth Service - Outdoor Education Team



The Outdoor Education Team delivers a wide range of outdoor activities for young people of all abilities across the borough.

With an emphasis on building confidence, developing self esteem and self awareness, we provide opportunities that offer the chance to learn new skills, get qualifications and have fun.

We aim to work with young people to help them to achieve the five key outcomes from the Government's Every Child Matters Agenda.

This means that much of our work aims to help young people to:

- **Be healthy**
- **Stay safe**
- **Enjoy and achieve**
- **Make a positive contribution**
- **Achieve economic well being**

Rock climbing

Rope work

Environment

Abseiling

Bouldering

For further information on outdoor activities and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award contact the Outdoor Education Team on 01942 769812 or email e.bradbury@wiganmbc.gov.uk

A circular logo featuring a blurred image of a person climbing a rock face.

Aiming High Project

Aim For The Sky

The Aiming High Project targets young people aged 14+ who wish to develop rock-climbing skills. It may be that you have completed our in-house rock-climbing course and want to learn more about rock sports.

Climbing is both physically and mentally challenging but with the support of highly experienced and qualified workers and supportive group members you will soon be confidently climbing and helping others to achieve climbing success too.

The group is very sociable and is a good opportunity to meet new friends.

The project follows a developmental curriculum which offers the chance to learn:

- Rope and equipment management.
- Climbing technique.
- Group control and environmental issues.
- Introduction to single pitch lead climbing technique.
- Introduction to single pitch Supervisors' Award training.

The group meet on Saturday throughout the year and use various outdoor quarries, crags and indoor walls.

There is no cost to young people for this project but you would be expected to give some of your time by volunteering to help with events sometimes and by supporting other young people in the project.

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Key Outcomes

Be Healthy

Rock-climbing is a fantastic activity for building up overall fitness and toning.

Stay Safe

The project is a great way to learn about how to climb safely with an understanding of equipment and technique.

Enjoy and Achieve

Lots of young people join this project each year and many stay with us for several years, making friends, enjoying the activity and gaining qualifications.

Making a Positive Contribution

One of the targets of this group is to help the Outdoor Education Team run three large scale events each year with young volunteers making our annual triathlon, sponsored abseil and water festival a day to remember.

Achieve Economic Well Being

There is an opportunity with this project to gain national governing body qualifications that link directly into work opportunities and many of our own instructors have come through this project.

