

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.

Much of our work aims to help people to:

- **Be happy, safe and healthy**
- **Be respected and respect others**
- **Become highly skilled and high achievers**
- **Make a positive contribution through engagement with their local communities**
- **Have high aspirations and achieve their potential**
- **Be committed to learning**

For further information on outdoor activities and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award contact the Outdoor Education Team on 01942 769812 or email t.mccooley@wigan.gov.uk



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For information for young people go to LINC Online www.wlct.org/linconline

Saturday Canoeing Club

Scotmans Flash Water Activity Centre



Kayaking
Rivers
Canoeing
Waterside Safety



Connecting people to opportunities

Paddle Your Own Canoe

The Saturday Canoeing Club project is for young people 11-21 and adults who want to develop their kayaking or canoeing skills.

Beginners, who want to try canoeing or kayaking for the first time are very welcome.

Kayaking and canoeing are exciting activities that open up a new world to anyone who tries them. Sea canoeing, white water rivers or competitive paddling are just a few of the challenges waiting for those who learn the basic skills.

The club offers a friendly and safe learning environment with highly qualified and experienced youth workers following the British Canoe Union curriculum and awards system and as a beginner you will learn about:

- Paddling skills
- Equipment
- Safety
- First Aid
- Environment and access
- Group Awareness

The group meet every Saturday from March – October 1pm - 3:30pm with additional trips and visits over the winter months.

There is a charge of £4 for each young person and £6 for each adult per session. All equipment is provided.

If you are interested or need more information contact the Outdoor Education Team on 01942 769812 or email t.mccooley@wigan.gov.uk

Key Outcomes



Be happy, safe and healthy

Canoeing is a great activity for building up basic fitness, especially upper body strength and muscle toning, as well as a great way of getting involved in something with your family and friends.

Waterside safety is an important part of our learning curriculum

Become highly skilled and high achievers

This project is a fantastic way to make new friends whilst learning new skills. Each year both young people and adults come back to us, with some going on to gain higher qualifications.

Make a positive contribution through engagement with your local communities

One of the opportunities for people taking up canoeing, is to help the Outdoor Education team run water festivals and our annual triathlon.

Have high aspirations and achieve your potential and Be committed to learning

A major target of this project is to help people gain qualifications which in many cases can lead to employment opportunities. Many of our instructors started off in this way.

