



Timetable

Friday 15 May		
19:00 – 21:00	Registration & buffet dinner	
21:00	Talk from an inspirational group leader (TBC)	
Saturday 16 May		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration for new arrivals	
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome Introduction and welcome from the BMC, Mountain Training and MOSAIC National Network.	
10:30 – 11:30	Workshop 1 – On-site sessions The first session is based on-site in the hostel, and is designed to cover important background aspects of outdoor leadership. You can choose to attend any session (sessions are repeated on Sunday giving you a chance to attend two sessions in total). See descriptions on next page.	
	A: Responsibility	B: Cost
	C: Access	D: Culture
11:00 – 11:30	Tea / coffee	
11:30 – 16:30	Practical group 1 – Off-site sessions (including lunch) The rest of the day is focused on giving you the practical skills, knowledge and experience to lead others in the outdoors. You will be asked to sign up to one of these sessions depending on your experience and interests. The content of these groups is designed to give an introduction to the considerations and challenges required for leading rather than covering everything. You have the opportunity to develop the skills learned in these groups through either personal skills courses or leadership qualifications with Mountain Training after the symposium. A session on Sunday will help you decide which follow-up option is best for them.	
	A: Lowland	B: Hill
	C: Mountain	D: Women-only
16:45 – 17:45	Pre-dinner activity Zorbing, indoor bouldering, etc.	
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner	
20:00 – 21:30	After-dinner speakers After dinner we will hear from a range of people who have done pioneering work to engage BME communities with the outdoors, followed by a Q&A and discussion.	
21:30	Evening entertainment	
Sunday 17 May		
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast	
09:30 – 10:30	Workshop 1 – On-site sessions A repeat of Saturday's morning sessions, enabling you to attend a second session	
	A: Responsibility	B: Cost
	C: Access	D: Culture
10:30 – 11:00	Tea / coffee	
11:00 – 13:00	Networking and planning for the future We hope participants in this symposium will go on to lead others independently. To this end, we are offering you the chance to undertake subsidised skills courses or qualifications with Mountain Training in the year following the event. We are also keen that you make connections and contacts, to enable you to make links with others to raise awareness of the outdoors in BME communities. This session is designed to help with both. You will split into workshops and groups to discuss how you can build on what you have learned at the event in the real world, and will also establish what Mountain Training route is best for you.	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and depart	
14:00 – 17:00	Optional outdoor activity Caving climbing or walking in the surrounding area	



Workshop & practical options

Workshop Options
A: Responsibility Duty of care, the law and insurance
B: Cost Keeping it down, sourcing funding and finding kit
C: Access Understanding your rights and responsibilities in the countryside
D: Culture Connecting with people on terms they can relate to

Practical Options
A: Lowland This group is aimed at people who may be relatively new to walking, but would still like to be able to lead others on walks in the countryside. It will focus on lowland terrain – footpaths, fields, woodland, riverside trails etc. These types of landscapes may represent ‘easy’ walking, but leading groups in them can still present challenges like navigation, transport, and being aware of where you can walk through farmland and populated areas.
B: Hill Moving slightly higher, this is aimed at those who would like to take people on to terrain that lets you look out over the world more. Weather-permitting, we will head for the ‘Great Ridge’ between Lose Hill and Mam Tor, a fantastic introductory hill walk that gives huge views and a sense of adventure but doesn’t represent full-on ‘mountain’ terrain.
C: Mountain This is the best option for walkers with experience of rugged, remote and mountainous terrain. Weather-permitting, we will head to nearby Edale and walk on to the Kinder Scout plateau to learn about some of the complex challenges and hazards presented by leading people in high-level environments.
D: Women-only If there is sufficient demand, we will run a group for women only. The ‘level’ of the group and what terrain it tackles will be determined by the experience level of the participants on the day.

The emphasis of each group will be different, but they will all cover basic considerations that are common to all levels of outdoor leadership, such as route planning, dealing with emergencies, weather, navigation, and insight into the environment and landscape.