

# WESTERN CHALLENGE 2019

The Education Authority Youth Service is again this Summer offering it's popular Western Challenge Course aimed at 17-20 year olds. Western Challenge is a two-week leadership and personal development course based at Gortatole and represents a progression from the Explorer Challenge. Like it the Course uses Outdoor Adventure Activities as a medium for personal and social development of young people. Through a range of adventure activities the first week of the programme focuses on self-esteem, confidence, self-awareness and awareness of others. This leads to an adventurous expedition and completion of the John Muir Discovery Award. The second week of the programme concentrates more on teaching and leadership as well as setting and achieving challenging goals with physical, intellectual and social objectives. *This course also provides an opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Residential Section.*

Only individual applications with full course fee will be accepted. Places will normally be allocated on a first come first served basis as they are received. However the EA reserves the right to accept applications for this course on other than a first-come-first-serve basis. This would be done to achieve a balance amongst participants as well as ensuring suitability to work with young people - **Applicants may be asked to attend an information day/interview before places are allocated**. The closing date represents an administrative arrangement by which the course viability is judged and applicants informed of their allocation. Any empty places will continue to be filled on a first come first served basis. Western Challenge is normally heavily oversubscribed – early booking is advised. The EA reserves the right to retain all or some of the course fee in the event of a cancellation.

*Dates are: - Western Challenge                      22<sup>nd</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019*

*Cost: £250*

*Closing Date for Applications: - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

22<sup>nd</sup> July – 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2019

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

NAME: Mr/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO (Include Code): HOME \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:-**

Still at School/College? YES/NO Name of School/College \_\_\_\_\_

If no longer at School, what School did you last attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Unemployed? YES/NO If yes how long have you been unemployed? \_\_\_\_\_

Employed? YES/NO If yes please give an indication of your type of work \_\_\_\_\_

What career would you like to follow? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH CLUB/ORGANISATION INVOLVEMENT**

Are you presently involved with a Youth Club or Organisation? If so please give details including length of time involved, role in the club/organisation etc

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**DO YOU BELONG TO ANY CLUB, SOCIETY OR ORGANISATION OTHER**

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**DO YOU HOLD ANY QUALIFICATIONS, AWARDS OR CERTIFICATES FROM SCHOOL, SPORT OR ELSEWHERE? Please give details**

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**WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN LEISURE INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES?**

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**DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES? (Please give details)**

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**WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WESTERN CHALLENGE?**

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**WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR APPLYING TO DO THIS COURSE AND WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COURSE?**

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**ARE THERE ANY REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE COURSE?**

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The submission of these forms are deemed to be permission by you to process this data on behalf of you/your child in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which is necessary for the organisation of Summer Activities. Your signature below is deemed to be an authorisation to allow this office correspond with you in relation your child.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS?**

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*Cheques should be made payable to **Education Authority**. Completed forms to be returned with full payment of £250 to Gortatole Outdoor Learning Centre, 181 Marble Arch Road, Gortatole, Florencecourt, Co Fermanagh, BT92 1ED. Places will normally be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis – see attached information. Unsuccessful applicants will have their money refunded in full. The applicant's name should be clearly written on the reverse side of the cheque / postal order.*