

GLE 2022 | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A very warm welcome to GLE 2022, a partnership programme between UWC Atlantic Experience, Atlantic School for Young Leaders based and Critical Engagement CIC at UWC Atlantic, Saint Donats, U.K.

Key Details

Dates: Arrival: Wednesday 3rd August 2022 | departure: Wednesday 17th August 2022

Ages: 16-18 year olds

Gross price: £2,595 GBP per person

Please read this document carefully as if you decide to participate in this programme. The contents of this document will become the basis for our **Service Agreement and Terms and Conditions** for your participation in GLE 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. OVERVIEW

What does GLE mean?

GLE is an acronym for Global Leadership Experience. These words denote the key themes of our programme.

How many students will be taking part in GLE?

There will be between 20-48 students taking part in GLE. Up to 10 of these will be enrolled via a scholarship programme by Atlantic School for Young Leaders.

2. PROGRAMME PROFILE

How will successful candidates be selected to attend GLE?

- Participants will fill out the application form by 31st March 2022.
- Participants who do not meet the age requirement will not be evaluated.
- All applications will be read and evaluated by at least two GLE team members.
- Applicants will be shortlisted based on their motivation to attend GLE, their potential and merits, and how their backgrounds contribute to a diverse cohort.
- Those who meet part of the criteria may be waitlisted: on the occasion that a shortlisted participant does not take up the offer or cannot attend, waitlisted participants will be contacted.
- Shortlisted participants and waitlisted participants will be notified by early May 2022.
- Final confirmations/rejections of offers will be communicated to all applicants by end of May 2022.

Is there a minimum English language level required to be accepted onto GLE?

Yes. To ensure all participants get the optimum experience at GLE, it is imperative that you feel confident understanding, communicating and presenting in front of peers effectively in English. As part of the application process, participants will be asked to provide details of their fluency in the English language.

How much free time will I have each day?

Each day at GLE is slightly different, but you will get around 2 hours of free time in the afternoons (when there are no day trips or outdoors activities planned) and 1 hour before bedtime.

Will there be any trips off campus to the local town Llantwit Major and cities close by such as Cardiff?

This will be dependent on local COVID-19 health and safety measures.

What does a regular day look like?

7:30-8:00 Morning Energizer
8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:10:30 Activities
10:30-11:00 Morning Break
11:00-12:00 Activities
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-14:00 Free Time
14:00-17:30 (Outdoor) Activities
17:30-18:30 Dinner
18:30-21:30 Evening Activities, Umbrella Groups, Reflection time
21:30-22:30 Free Time
22:30-23:00 Lights Out

Please note the above is just a guideline and timings/activities may differ on a day-to-day basis.

Will the participants receive a certificate?

Yes, all participants who complete the course will receive a certificate confirming their attendance of GLE. GLE is an official UWC short course.

How adventurous is GLE?

Participants should be ready for a challenging and adrenaline-based programme, which takes place both indoors and outdoors. Participants should be prepared for, and willing to fully engage with activities.

What are the main activities?

The UWC Atlantic campus boasts its own beach, forest, brand new indoor sports centre, concert / theatre venue, cinema, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, outdoor and indoor volleyball pitch, climbing tower and gym. Full use of these facilities will be made, via a schedule of high-octane activities such as climbing, raft building, kayaking, hiking, orienteering and also a relaxing programme of evening activities through which students can easily mix and make new friends from all over the world.

Are there any excursions?

The GLE programme is jam packed with activities, workshops and events. Some of these will be off-site and where suitable, additional time will be allocated to explore the local towns and cities.

These are not self-led excursions, and participants will be expected to focus on specific activities that follow and develop the core content of the programme. However, our off-site activities do take place in local National Parks, Heritage Coastline and areas of outstanding national beauty. Many also have specific heritage or environmental designations making the activities not only fun, exciting and adventurous but also exceptional learning opportunities.

What about bad weather?

We will attempt to fulfil all aspects of the social programme, despite adverse weather conditions. However, in the event that bad weather could pose any kind of risk to safety or the significant enjoyment of the participants, a substitute activity will be provided. Again, GLE is an adventure-based programme and participants should be aware that rain will not stop play!

What if my child does not want to participate in any activity?

We will strongly encourage participation in all activities although we can make small amendments to the programme should any participant feel nervous or unsure of any element of the course. However, we stress that participants should be ready for a challenging and adventurous experience. The full programme will be made available to parents in advance of the start date.

Can I, or another family member contact or visit my child during the course?

Participants will not be permitted to leave the campus or any activity/excursion for any reason. This includes meeting friends or family members in the local area. Parents, other family members or friends are **not** permitted to visit at any point during the course, including when your child is on an excursion. In the case of an emergency, parents must contact GLE on the emergency number and relevant arrangements will be made.

Participants will have access to Wi-Fi while on campus, however, it must be understood that GLE is an immersive experience for students with an emphasis on experiencing the programme to the fullest. We, therefore, reserve the right to temporarily confiscate electronic devices if they distract your child, including if your child uses devices after the 'lights out' time (11pm). We ask parents not to encourage their children to communicate constantly with them and to restrict contact, allowing your child space to fully immerse themselves in the course. We also expect parents to be mindful of the 11pm night-time curfew when contacting their children.

3. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Where will my child sleep?

We will be using one or two of the student houses on-campus – male and females will be on separate floors, areas or buildings. Participants will be sharing a room with up to 4 other students. Showering and toilet facilities are available within the houses. All participants are encouraged to socialise in the house day rooms, college common areas and outside, weather permitting. Participants are strongly encouraged to respect each other's space, and there will be no mixing inside the houses. It is important that all participants respect this throughout the whole duration of the programme to ensure all participants and staff are made to feel comfortable at all times.

The supervision of the houses falls under the pastoral care of the UWC Atlantic team, and house parents or facilitators will be available 24 hours a day in the case of emergency or if participants need any type of care or support.

What are the arrangements for meals?

Most meals will be enjoyed in the main cafeteria within the castle in the 'Harry Potter style' dining room. All dietary requirements can be catered for and a full range of hot and cold food is offered. There will also be snack points throughout the day appropriate to the timetable. This will typically include an additional mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack.

On days where participants take a full day trip or need to set off early for an afternoon excursion, full packed meals will be provided.

What if my child is still hungry?

In addition to the standard meal schedule, snacks will be made available in the common kitchen of each house in the form of hot / cold drinks and also fruit, spreads and breads.

4. PASTORAL CARE

What are the general security arrangements?

UWC Atlantic College has 24-hour security on the campus and participants will be clearly informed of the security arrangements as part of the first-day inductions. Participants will be strictly monitored at all times with attendance being taken at regular intervals of the day.

What are the supervision ratios?

The supervision ratio will differ depending on the activity. For adventure based activities the ratio is 1:10. All of our activities are carefully risk assessed and led by competent staff. We operate within all the relevant guidelines and regulations in relation to adventure activities, trips and visits as well as complying with any National Governing Body standards and statutory accreditation frameworks.

How is wrap around care organised?

The wrap-around, comprehensive pastoral care package provided by GLE is a three layered system, which covers all aspects of care outside of designated, supervised activity (lessons, activity sessions etc).

Layer one: One member of staff is allocated to each house and is responsible for all participants living in that house (night time, meal times, short free time sessions).

Layer two: A Duty Management System at the campus ensures that an additional, Senior Staff Member is always on call, 24 hours a day, on a rota system.

Layer three: The 24-hour security staff located on site would be mobilised in the case of supplementary first aid, or in the case of any significant emergency or fire.

What if my child feels unwell, what are the arrangements for medical care?

Should any participants require medical assistance, transport to the nearest medical facility or hospital will be available 24 hours a day, and parents/guardians will be kept informed accordingly at all times. In case of minor injury, there is always a member of staff on duty who is first aid trained, and will be able to aid on site.

What if my child feels homesick?

There will be pastoral care available 24 hours a day on-site. Any child experiencing homesickness will be looked after as part of our wrap around care to ensure their needs are met.

7. TRANSFERS

Direct arrival to UWC Atlantic

Participants within the UK should aim to arrive at UWC Atlantic between 16.00 pm (GMT) and 19.00 pm (GMT) on the course start date and to depart 12.00 pm (GMT) on the final day of the programme. Parents or guardians are welcome to drop off and collect participants to/from the College. Those wishing to travel by train should aim to arrive/depart from either Bridgend or Llantwit Major stations, and arrangements for transfer to the College should be made prior to your arrival using the correct section in the travel and logistics form.

Arrival at a specified UK airport

Participants travelling from overseas should aim to arrive at London Heathrow Airport, Bristol Airport or Cardiff Airport (which is approximately 10.3 miles from the College) between 11.00 am (GMT) and 16.00 pm (GMT) on the course start date and to depart from the same airport with a flight scheduled between 14.00 pm (GMT) and 18.00pm (GMT) on the final day of the programme. Please be informed that alternative arrival times may incur a supplementary fee.

8. PAYMENT AND CONDITIONS

How can I enroll my child and when would we need to pay full fees?

All candidates must apply to GLE using the application form found on the website, by the closing date. All applications will be reviewed together after the closing date and we will officially issue successful applicants with a confirmation letter of acceptance in early May 2022. On confirmation, you will be emailed the terms and conditions and an invoice for payment in full. The payment deadline following receipt of the invoice will be 10 working days.

Can I receive a discount?

The course fee cannot be discounted, unless booking during a promotional offer. A limited number of funded places are available via Atlantic School for Young Leaders (ASfYL). Applications for scholarship places must be made via ASfYL.

What if a participant needs to cancel due to Coronavirus? Can we have a refund?

All participants travelling from overseas are automatically included on the GLE GuardMe Insurance policy a maximum of four weeks before the course start date.

The policy, included as standard, includes COVID specific insurance, to provide additional cover for COVID related cancellation.

The policy provides cover for participant cancellation in the event of:

- Having a positive case of COVID at the start date of the course, prohibiting them to join.
- Cover provided is up to the value of £7,500
- COVID medical cover up to £10 million
- Flight and accommodation cover for participant and a nominated guardian should they be required to isolate in the UK and/or fly to the UK to provide care after the course has ended to comply with self-isolation rules

The cover does not include any Government restricted travel or the requirement to self isolate in the UK. You must hold your own travel insurance to cover these instances.

For participants travelling within the UK, no insurance is provided, therefore you must hold your own insurance to cover any COVID risk.

What if the course is cancelled due to COVID?

Should we (UWC Atlantic) need to cancel the course for any reason related to COVID19, we will issue a full refund of monies paid in British Pound Sterling (GBP).

What are the full Terms and Conditions?

This FAQ document forms the basis of our core GLE terms and conditions. In addition, GLE falls under the umbrella of all summer programmes taking place at UWC Atlantic Experience and as such is governed by the standard terms and conditions of all summer courses at the College, a copy of which will be provided.