



## ELEA & ELEA INDIVIDUALS 2022 | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Hello **#TeamELEA**

A very warm welcome to ELEA 2022, a joint programme between Peartree Languages and Atlantic Experience, based at UWC Atlantic, Saint Donats, U.K.

### *Key Details*

**Dates: |**

ELEA: 13th July - 27th July 2022 |

ELEA Individuals: 30th July - 13th August 2022

*(closing date for applications is 29th April 2022 or when fully booked)*

**Levels:**

A2 - C1

**Ages:**

12 - 17

**Gross price:** £2,200 GBP per person

**Please read this document carefully as if you decide to participate in this fantastic new programme, the contents of**





**this document form part of our terms and conditions for enrolment in either of the ELEA 2022 courses.**

## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

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## 1. OVERVIEW

### 1.1 What does ELEA mean?

ELEA is an acronym which stands for English Language Experience and Adventure. These are the key elements of our programme.

### 1.2 ELEA and ELEA Individuals - what's the difference?

**Both** ELEA programmes offer the same range of lessons, activities, excursions and accommodation to an identical same standard and in the same location. We understand that it can be difficult for some individual students to make new friends in a summer camp that also welcomes large groups of participants from one country/organisation, so for this reason, ELEA has taken the bold step of offering two separate summer camps to ensure that we can meet the similar, but also different needs of both group and individual participants. **Unfortunately it is NOT possible to enrol for both ELEA programmes.**

**ELEA** (13/07/22 - 27/07/22) can be enjoyed by both small, pre-organised groups of between 2 and 10 participants *and* individual adventurers. The pre-organised groups will sometimes be travelling with an accompanying group leader and in such groups, participants may know each other before attending ELEA, however, we place a great deal of emphasis on helping participants to mix with members of other groups and individual participants to improve their language skills and to make new friends. Participants will also be mixed in their accommodation and lessons with all course members, as per our availability. In the case that a participant has a strong wish to remain in accommodation close to a friend or family member, we will do our best to meet this request - again as per our availability. **ELEA is suitable for both small, pre-organised groups and for individual students.**

**ELEA Individuals** (30/07/22 - 13/08/22) is specifically for student participants joining independently, or for micro friend/sibling groups of a strict maximum of up to 4 people, always without an accompanying group leader. The participants will not know each other before the





start of the experience and the initial sessions of the programme will have a heavy focus on icebreaker sessions, helping participants to quickly make new friends and connections. Participants will be mixed in accommodation and classes, generally according to age, and as per our availability. **ELEA Individuals is not suitable for pre-organised groups.**

## 2. PROGRAMME PROFILE

### 2.1 How many participants will there be in total?

There will be between 30 - 65 international participants in total as part of both ELEA courses.

### 2.2 Will there be a maximum or minimum of any one nationality?

As part of our commitment to a diverse and international programme where English is the main language used at all times, there will be a maximum of 12 participants who share the same first language in ELEA and a maximum of 10 participants of the same nationality group attending ELEA Individuals. There is no minimum number of any one language group.

### 2.3 Will there be first language speakers of English on campus?

Yes!

Peartree ELEA is one of a number of courses and adventure days that will take place under the umbrella of Atlantic Experience in the summer months. Participants of all junior programmes will have the opportunity to interact and get to know each other during free time as we will all share the same campus.

## 3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE

### 3.1 Is there a minimum and maximum English language level to be accepted?

Yes, applicants must be able to demonstrate that their level is between A2 (Elementary +) and C1 (Advanced) on the CEFR by completing a Peartree ELEA pre-enrolment assessment test. This will be graded by the Peartree Academic Manager. In case of any queries, we may ask applicants to complete a second test for clarification or attend a short online meeting with a member of the Peartree teaching team to assess speaking competency level.





Please note that ELEA is an English language development course and is not suitable for students with bilingual or near bilingual English language proficiency.

### 3.2 Will there be a level test on arrival?

Yes, on the first morning of lessons all participants will take a full placement test which includes a written and spoken element. Students are then placed into a language class appropriate to their level from the second day of the course. Please note that if there is a significant difference between a student's English language level on arrival compared to the competency demonstrated on the pre-arrival assessment, it may result in the course no longer being viable and the student needing to return home.

### 3.3 What if the participant thinks the class is too easy, or difficult, is there a possibility to change class?

Students can speak to a facilitator, a teacher or the Academic Course Manager if they feel that the class is not the right level for them. We will then make a decision together about the right class for the student and this may involve taking a supplementary level test.

### 3.4 How many levels/classes are there?

There will be between four and six classes/levels based on the [CEFR](#), with between 8-14 participants per class.

### 3.5 How many lessons per week will there be?

Each lesson lasts 1.5 hours and there will be a total of 30 hours of classroom time over the full duration of ELEA. Most of the lessons will take place in the mornings, with the exception of two shorter afternoons of lessons to allow enough time in the schedule for the full day trips during the week.

### 3.6 What is the focus of the lessons?

The classes will place a strong emphasis on communication skills and activating spoken language. Lessons are topic-based, centred on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and will develop 21st Century skills, such as creativity, communication, developing initiative and critical thinking. Language acquired is also integrated with the social programme.





### 3.7 What are the qualifications of the teachers?

All teachers will be qualified to the standards set by the British Council for the Teaching of English in the UK. All activity staff are appropriately trained and experienced to offer activities. UWC Atlantic Holds and [Adventure Activities Licence](#) reference: R0118

### 3.8 Will there be homework?

There will not be homework in the traditional sense of completing exercises or writing essays. There will be project-based sessions and there could be tasks to be completed outside of the classroom, for example working with others to develop the project ideas. Also, as lessons are integrated with the social programme, students will be expected to activate the new language learned in class while enjoying their leisure time.

### 3.9 Will the participants receive a certificate?

Yes, all participants, who complete the course, will receive a certificate stating the course dates and the level they worked at in class. There will also be further prize certificates such as 'Student of the Class' and 'Student of the Course', these prizes are awarded to students who are helpful to others, try hard and speak as much English as possible. Participants will also receive a course report detailing the themes and language studied in class along with a personalised comment on their performance and attitude from their class teacher. Parents can be sent a digital version of this report on request.

## 4. THE LEISURE PROGRAMME

### 4.1 How adventurous is ELEA?

**The A of ELEA stands for Adventure.** Participants should be ready for a challenging and adrenaline based social programme, which mainly takes place outdoors. Participants should be prepared for, and willing to fully experience this challenge.

### 4.2 What are the main activities?

The highlight of Peartree ELEA will be an overnight camping trip where participants will be required to hike to the camp group, put up their tent and maybe even forage for their own supper! The UWC Atlantic College campus boasts its own beach, forest, lake, brand new indoor sports centre, concert / theatre venue, cinema, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, outdoor and indoor volleyball, climbing tower and a gym. Full use of these facilities will be made to offer a schedule of high-octane activities such as climbing, raft building, kayaking, hiking, orienteering





and also a relaxing programme of evening activities where students can easily mix and make new friends from all over the world.

#### **4.3 Are there any excursions?**

Yes. There will be two full day excursions. One to the city of Bath, with entry to one museum, and another to the Big Pit Mining Experience, where participants will descend underground 90m, guided by a local miner, or to the Saint Fagans National Museum of History. Additionally, there will be two half day shopping trips, one to Cardiff and another to a retail outlet.

#### **4.4 What does the daily routine look like?**

On all days when English language classes take place there will be an optional early morning wellbeing activity. This could include swimming, yoga, meditation, a short sport activity or gym session. After breakfast the students will begin the morning lessons and then have lunch. In the afternoons the social programme will take place followed by dinner. Every evening there will be a recreational activity such as a BBQ / camp fire, concert, sunset walk, cinema, sports, among many others.

#### **4.5 What about bad weather?**

We will attempt to fulfill 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, ELEA is an adventure based programme and participants should be aware that rain will not stop play!

## **5. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

### **5.1 Where will the students 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 between the houses. It is important that all participants respect this throughout the whole duration of the programme 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 facilitators will be available 24 hours a day in the case of emergency or needing to provide any type of care or support to the students.

### 5.2 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 but will typically include an additional mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack.

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

### 5.3 What if a student is still hungry?

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

## 6. PASTORAL CARE

### 6.1 What are the general security arrangements?

UWC Atlantic College is a gated campus with a 24-hour reception 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.

### 6.2 What are the supervision ratios?

The supervision ratio will differ depending on the activity. For adventure based activities the ratio is 1:10, for excursions / trips the ratio is 1:15.

### 6.3 How is wrap-around care organised?

The wrap-around, comprehensive pastoral care package provided by ELEA 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 students 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 reception located on site would be mobilised in the case of needing supplementary first aid, in the case of any significant emergency or fire.

## 7. TRAVEL TO THE UK AND TRANSFERS

### 7.1 Arriving in the UK

Parents and Guardians are required to make their own, private travel arrangements to ensure the safe and legal arrival of their child in the UK at one of the specified airports ready for transfer to UWC Atlantic. We are not able to offer specific advice on any airline policy or entry UK requirements.

Please note the following:

- All foreign nationals entering the UK now require a passport (not only an identity card).
- Should you need to apply for a Visa in advance, you should use your ELEA confirmation of booking document, which you will receive when you have paid in full for your course.
- We strongly advise that you are mindful of any entry restrictions relating to the Coronavirus and keep up to date with the evolving situation regarding international travel.

More information can be found on the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

### 7.2 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 the address mentioned above. Those wishing to travel by train should aim to arrive/depart from Bridgend Train Station, and arrangements for transfer direct to the College should be made prior to your arrival using the correct section in the travel and logistics form.

### 7.3 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 include a supplement.

## 8. INSURANCE

All participants are automatically included on the ELEA GuardMe Insurance policy a maximum of four weeks after course payment has been received. 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

## 9. BOOKING AND PAYMENT

### 9.1 How do I book?

In order to book a place on either of our ELEA programmes, please apply through the UWC Atlantic website where you will be asked to complete an application form and an assessment test. These documents will then be reviewed by the ELEA team and, if your application is successful, we will then issue you with an invoice for the full course fees.

### 9.2 When is payment required?

Once your place is confirmed on your chosen ELEA course you will be issued an invoice that requires paying within 14 days. You can pay via BACS, or call to make payment by Debit or Mastercard over the phone. We do not accept American Express.

When we receive your full fees you will be issued with a 'confirmation of booking' document that can be used for visa applications.





### 9.3 Are discounts available?

If you book before 31st January 2022 you are entitled to a 10% early booking discount for ELEA individuals (30th July - 13th August 2022) if booked before 31st January 2022.

Unfortunately we do not offer any discount on ELEA (13th July - 27th July 2022).

### 9.4 Are fees non-refundable?

All fees are non-refundable from the point of payment, however, please note the benefits of the included insurance policy, full policy documents for which are available on the UWC Atlantic ELEA webpage.

### 9.5 What if the course is cancelled due to COVID?

Should we 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).

### 9.6 What are the full Terms and Conditions?

This FAQ document forms the basis of our core ELEA terms and conditions. In addition, ELEA 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.

## 10. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Please email us on [elea@uwcatlanticexperience.com](mailto:elea@uwcatlanticexperience.com) for any further queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can!

