



NAUTICAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (NLE) 2022 | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A very warm welcome to NLE 2022, a course designed and developed by UWC Atlantic Experience at UWC Atlantic and funded by Trinity House Maritime Charity.

Key Details

Dates:

14th-26th August 2022

Gross price: Programme fee (including accommodation, catering and programme activities) are fully funded by Trinity House Maritime Charity. Travel to/from UWC Atlantic, travel insurance, visas are not included.

Please read this document carefully as if you are selected 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 NLE 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. OVERVIEW

What does NLE mean?

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

How long is the course?

The course runs for 12 days and you must commit to the full programme.

How many students will be taking part in NLEE?

There will be 12 students taking part in NLE including selected UWC Atlantic students.

2. PROGRAMME PROFILE

Will candidates go through a selection process to attend NLE?

Yes. All applications will be reviewed together after the closing date and shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview to take place week commencing 4th July.

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

To ensure all participants get the optimum experience at NLE, it is imperative that you feel confident understanding, communicating and presenting in front of peers effectively in English.

How much free time will I have each day?

Each day is action-packed. To get the most out of your experience, activities often run back-to-back with natural breaks for fueling and travel.

Will the activities be within the local area or further afield?

Whilst most activities are local, some activities do require a short drive.

What does a regular day look like?

Please take a look at the example NLE programme found in the brochure.

How adventurous is NLE?

Participants should be ready for a mentally and physically challenging programme, which takes place in a range of outdoor environments and settings. Participants should be prepared for, and willing to, fully engage with activities.

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

We will strongly encourage participation in all activities and our expert practitioners are professionally trained to make sure that participants feel safe and involved in all activities whatever the participation level. However, we would like to stress that participants should be ready for a challenging and adventurous experience. NLE is a funded programme with limited

capacity and participants should consider their own personal adventure comfort zones before applying.

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 AAE 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 NLE 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 student houses on-campus – male and females will be on separate floors. 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 dorms. 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 staff 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?

Some 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 reception 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?

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.

5. TRANSFERS

Are transfers included?

No. All participants must be able to make their way to and from UWC Atlantic. The associated costs of this must be covered by the participant.

6. BOOKING CONDITIONS

How do I apply?

You must complete the application form found on the UWC Atlantic Experience [website](#) before the deadline date specified.

What are the full Terms and Conditions?

This FAQ document forms the basis of our core NLE terms and conditions. In addition, NLE 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 can be found at <https://www.uwcatlanticexperience.com/nle/>