



COURSE FEE
FULLY FUNDED

NAUTICAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE 2026

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AGES 16-18



TRINITY HOUSE



EXPERIENCE

The Nautical Leadership Experience programme at UWC Atlantic funded in partnership with Trinity House Maritime Charity, is an immersive residential experience for 16-18 year olds exploring careers in the maritime and nautical sector without any prior experience.

As part of UWC Atlantic's continued Seafront Development Campaign, the Nautical Leadership Experience (NLE) aims to offer young people with little to no seagoing experience the opportunity to develop skills that may be used in careers in the nautical and maritime industries.

The College's role and charitable aims is the advancement of education and learning, and along with funding by Trinity House Maritime Charity, the Nautical Leadership Experience is a fully funded programme for young people aged 16-18*.

Along with the invention of the Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) at UWC Atlantic in the 1960's, the College aims to continue its legacy and accessibility of education for all and establish a Nautical Leadership School.

The Nautical Leadership Experience is specifically for young people who do not have any of the listed qualifications, nor have had the opportunity to experience seagoing activities. All that is required is an open-minded mentality to try new things, a willingness to work collaboratively with peers and a discipline to commit to the full programme and embrace what the programme has to offer.

As part of the Nautical Leadership Experience, participants will gain insightful knowledge, skills and new experiences, and can build confidence and leadership skills adaptable to any career.

The course was an amazing learning experience and a great place to spend time with people who have similar interests.

The course prepped me well for cadetship applications as well as introducing me to the Maritime industry.

I am currently studying Nautical Science, in which I am sponsored by Trinity House.

Tabitha, NLE Participant



PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

The Nautical Leadership Experience is a funded programme and is subject to the following eligibility:

- Aged 16-18, with a birth date range between 1st September 2008 – 24th October 2010
- Live within the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
- Can cover any costs and logistical arrangements for travel to/from the College. All other course costs, including lodging and activity travel, are funded as part of the programme
- You must be able to commit to the full programme dates
- You must not already have the qualifications listed



ABOUT THE FUNDERS

UWC ATLANTIC

United World College (UWC) Atlantic was established in 1962 and is the founding member of the UWC movement, a group of 18 international schools and colleges worldwide.

With its imposing location in a 12th Century Castle on the South Wales coast overlooking the Bristol Channel and Nash Point, the College is steeped in educational provision and training in navigation, seamanship, marine safety and in particular boat building.

TRINITY HOUSE MARITIME CHARITY

Trinity House is a charity dedicated to safeguarding shipping and seafarers, providing education, support and welfare to the seafaring community with a statutory duty as a General Lighthouse Authority to deliver a reliable, efficient and cost-effective aids to navigation service for the benefit and safety of all mariners.

Their vision is to be a trusted world class aid to navigation authority and regarded as such by their stakeholders.

COURSE DETAILS

The 7-night residential course is offered to 12 young people aged between 16-18 years and primarily aims to provide you with the skills, knowledge and interest to develop and explore a career in the maritime and nautical sector. You will gain formal recognition and an insight into the world of sea based work and careers from teaching, training, the environment, naval and more.

In collaboration with Trinity House and other partners, the programme includes industry seminars and talks covering a range of topics and subjects linked to the marine and maritime industry.



WHAT QUALIFICATIONS COULD I GAIN?

You will gain the following qualifications:

- RYA Sea Survival
- Emergency First Aid at Work
- RYA VHF Radio Licence
- RLSS Water Safety Management
- RYA Powerboat Level 2

WHAT OTHER AREAS WILL I EXPLORE?

During the course, we will also explore the importance of teamwork, leadership, the working environment, and collaborate with external rescue agencies in the context of a career in the maritime sector.

THE LOCATION



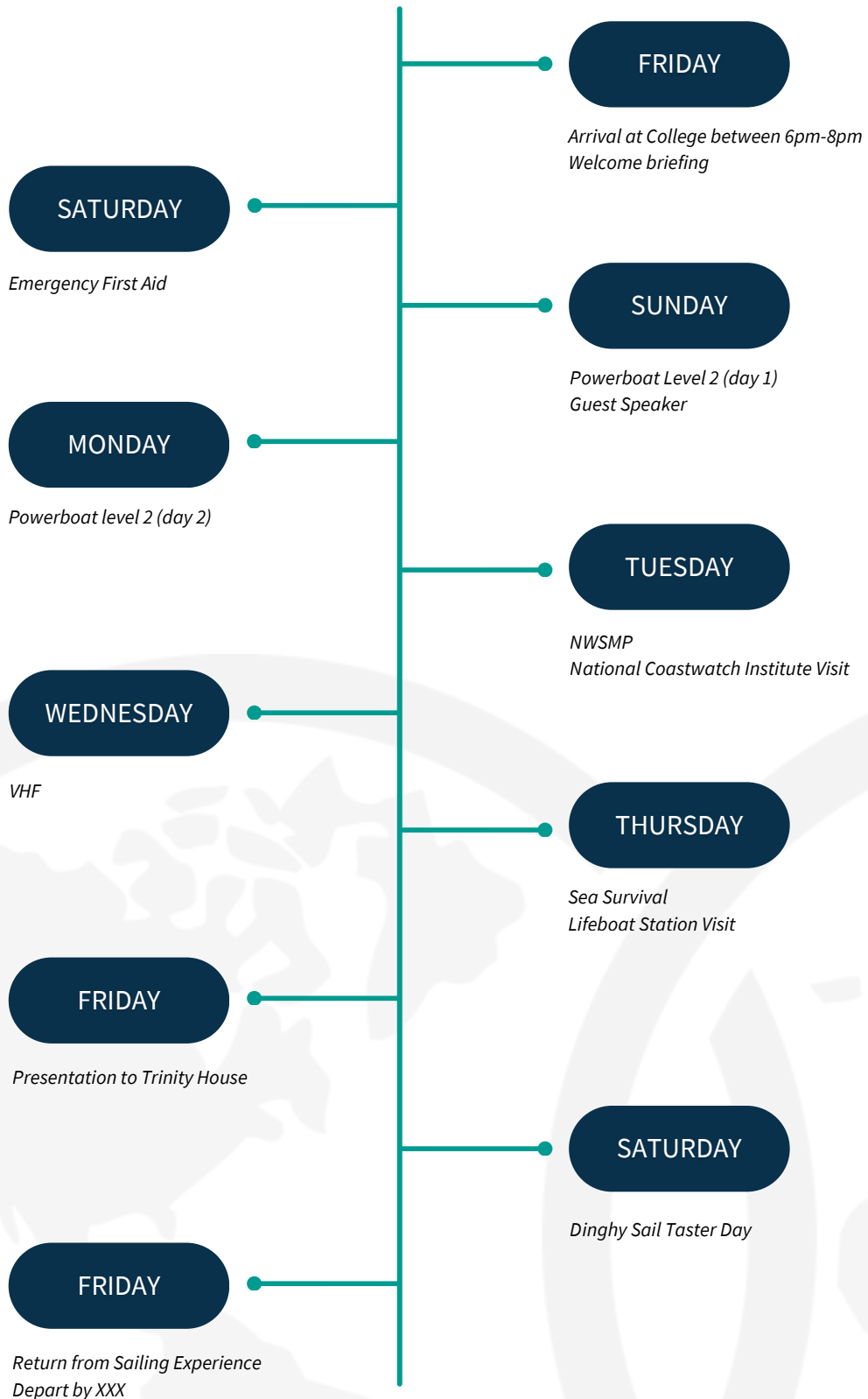
You will live and train on our 122-acre campus with much activity taking place at the seafront. Here, the practical and physical skills will be developed as well as social and soft skills.

Safety, teamwork, leadership, discipline, respect for others and communication skills are at the heart of the programme.

Certain elements of the programme will also be delivered off campus by activity partners in the South Wales area. You will remain supervised by course staff at all times.

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

The sample programme is provided to give an overview of the types of training included and may change based on group abilities, activity provider schedules and weather conditions.



APPLICATION DETAILS

COURSE INFORMATION

The programme runs from 25th October-1st November 2026 and you must commit to the full course. You must arrive between 6pm-8pm on 25th October and depart between 9am-11am on 1st November.

The course is for 16-18 year olds with a maximum capacity of 12 participants (date of birth must fall between 1st September 2008 – 25th October 2010).

You must live within the UK and Northern Ireland to be eligible.

NLE is an introductory to seagoing programme and you are not required to have any prior experience. If you have any of the listed qualifications, the course is not suitable for you.

If you are not eligible to apply to NLE, you can find more maritime course opportunities funded by Trinity House [here](#).

FEES

The course fee is funded by Trinity House and UWC Atlantic. Other costs such as travel to UWC Atlantic, optional spending money etc are not included.

Should you cancel with less than 2 weeks' notice without an exceptional reason, you may be asked to pay a cancellation fee of up to £500. The NLE programme is a funded programme with very limited space so we expect all applicants to only apply if they can fully commit to attending the programme.

HOW TO APPLY

If you're interested in joining the Nautical Leadership Experience, please apply here:
www.uwcatlanticexperience.com/nle

You must complete an Application Form which will also ask the following three questions:


- Describe yourself and the interests you have
- Have you ever wanted to try something like this before? What stopped you?
- Why does this programme matter to you personally, and what do you hope it will change for you?
- What's something you've put time into outside of school or organised activities? What made it important to you?

These answers can be submitted via video or you can submit a written answer to the questions.

Application deadline is [31st August 2026, midnight BST](#).

All applications will be reviewed together after the closing date and applicants will be notified by end of day on [Wednesday 16th September 2026](#).

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