

BRYNTYSILIO RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

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Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre, Bryntysilio & Brynty are the trading names for Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO (charity number 1211256). Bryntysilio is used throughout this document for ease.

Introduction

This document outlines policies and procedures in place to manage the risk associated with outdoor and adventurous activities and residential experiences. The intention of this document is to satisfy those responsible for approving school/group activities that robust risk management is continuously conducted at Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre for all activities we carry out.

We do not share specific risk assessments, as they are not designed to be read in isolation and are written for outdoor professionals.

Adventurous Activities

All activities undergo a full risk assessment before they are carried out and are underpinned by a Benefit-Risk approach to education at Bryntysilio. Changes to these are made annually following a review of recorded near-misses and incidents, with modifications proposed by the Head of the Centre and agreed upon by the Bryntysilio Trustees.

All activities are reviewed each morning, and instructors present their plans for peer review with the rest of the teaching team. Our activity guidelines and best practices in the sector guide such plans. End of the day meeting, record any near misses or incidents and form the beginning of plans for the next day.

All instructors have a statement of competence based on holding national governing body awards, in-house sign-off by an appropriate person, and regular observations of practice. They also have a valid first aid certificate, appropriate safeguarding training, and a DBS certificate.

All equipment is inspected before and after a session, and a strict quarantine procedure is followed for equipment that isn't deemed suitable at that moment. All equipment is fit for purpose and regularly inspected with written records. We hold an in-date AALA licence.

Safeguarding

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre has a Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy and Procedure document in place. This policy is consistent with current practice and is reviewed periodically and signed off by the Trustees annually. It is available for inspection at Bryntysilio. All staff undergo appropriate levels of DBS checks, reference checks, and internal Safeguarding training courses. The Designated Safeguarding Person is the Head of the Centre, Dr Chris Eastabrook, who has a Level 3 certificate.

Domestic

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre is secure whilst still providing a means of escape in the event of an emergency. All buildings have fire and evacuation procedures with a specific fire risk assessment in place within all premises. All fire protection systems are monitored and tested periodically to industry and local authority standards. Equally, electrical systems have regular, statutory testing. Our latest food hygiene rating is five stars, with all of our food handlers holding level 2 or higher certification.

Transportation

Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre owns various vehicles for its operations. All vehicles have service and maintenance schedules consistent with industry standards. Only employees of Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre may drive our vehicles. All drivers must have the correct full licence for the vehicle's classification and submit their licences for annual checks.

Data

Bryntysilio complies with GDPR and commits to collecting only necessary information and storing it securely and for the necessary time. Bryntysilio is registered with the ISO.

The Head of Centre, Dr Chris Eastabrook, is responsible for ensuring that all the risk management processes are in place and followed. If you have any specific questions, please contact Chris at chris.eastabrook@bryntysilio.co.uk

