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The Action Centres UK **Modern Apprenticeship Scheme** for young people

## What is it?

The Apprenticeship Scheme is a one-year training course in Activities Leadership. Apprentices undergo a comprehensive training programme designed to teach the necessary skills for leading safe activity sessions, encourage the development of a personal leadership style and create an impact on guests who use the Centre.

## Who is it for?

Open to 18 to 24-year-olds of British nationality. Experience is not necessary, but a desire to develop leadership skills while working in outdoor pursuits with young people is. The Scheme is ideal for young people looking for a different year-out, formal qualifications in Activity Leadership or a start into youthwork-orientated careers. Preference given to candidates with an open attitude towards the Christian nature of the company.

## Where?

Apprentices live on-site in our community accommodation blocks set in the hills of South Shropshire. Our site is alcohol free, and smoking is permitted only in designated areas.

## When?

Ten places are available from August 2008 to August 2009. Following successful completion of the Scheme there may be opportunities for contractual, salaried positions as an Activity Instructor at the Pioneer Centre or other areas of work within NAYC.

## How much?

The Scheme will pay for most fees connected with the formal qualifications obtained. Room and Board, work uniform, and ID badges are provided. A deposit is required for waterproof work wear.

## Course Benefits\*

- £45/week living expenses provided
- Comprehensive training programme
- NVQ level 2 in Activity Leadership<sup>†</sup>
- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Understanding the Sports and Leisure Industry<sup>†</sup>
- Key Skills 1 Application of Number and Communication<sup>†</sup>
- First Aid at Work
- GNAS Archery Leader Award
- BFA Fencing Coach Award
- Child Protection Course
- STA Lifeguard Course
- BELA (Basic Expedition Leader Award)
- Soft Skills modules in Group Dynamics and Leadership
- Expeditions to North Wales/Peak District
- Personal development and support

*“One of my favorite parts of Pioneer is living and working with people from so many different cultures and backgrounds.” — Helen*



\*Based on currently existing programme options. Some qualifications offered may change to meet demands of the Centre and interest expressed by candidates.

<sup>†</sup>Element required by the Learning & Skills Council for full completion of Apprenticeship Scheme, in addition to two of the other listed awarding body certificates. Some candidates may be exempt from certain elements depending on prior learning/qualifications.

Please Note: It is important that all prospective candidates who intend to join the Scheme are fully committed to the period for which they have agreed to participate. In the event of a student wishing to leave the Scheme without completion of a full year, then s/he will be required to repay the costs of the training given and return, or pay for, the items of uniform supplied by the Centre.

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## About Us Contact:

The Pioneer Centre belongs to Action Centres U.K. which itself is part of the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs. NAYC is a voluntary Christian (non-denominational) youth association with over 40 years experience of working with young people in a variety of settings, helping them to develop their potential physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This is undertaken by providing a caring, accepting, safe environment in which the qualities of respect and self-esteem are always present.

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The facilities of Pioneer Centre are used by many different types of groups, including schools, youth organisations, special needs groups, churches and management training courses.

Web: [www.actioncentres.co.uk](http://www.actioncentres.co.uk)

## About Apprenticeships

Pioneer Centre Modern Apprenticeship Scheme is run under the guidelines provided by the Learning & Skills Council as an alternative path to traditional higher education and career development. Apprentice learning support is provided by Carter & Carter, and qualifications provided conform to the overall Apprenticeship framework for Activities Leadership.

Further information regarding Apprenticeships in general may be found on [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk).