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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aug 2006 – present

Self employed Mountain Guide, work as below, and also:

Convened the British Mountain Guides winter training and assessment courses for several years.

Worked with students from the University of Cumbria in the Lake District and Scotland

Nov 2005 – Aug 2006

Technical Adviser and Educational Visits Coordinator for Lancashire County Council.

April 1993 – Nov 2005

Partner in The Rock Outdoor Adventures – a successful, well-respected business. Work has included:

- Providing SPA, MLA, CWA, and LLA training & assessment courses and coaching courses for AMI;
- Alpine guiding, as a sole provider and also in conjunction with other companies, such as Jagged Globe, ISM, Chamonix Experience, and West Coast Mountain Guides;
- Off-piste ski-guiding and ski-touring;
- TV film work: Ice climbing for 'I'd Do Anything' on BBC1 with Ian Wright; rock climbing with WI ladies for 'Not On Your Nelly'
- Alpine ice climbing;
- Winter climbing in Scotland;
- Rock climbing in the Lakes;
- Acting as Technical Adviser to several other organisations.
- Working on British Mountain Guide summer and winter training courses for new Guides.
- BMC Registered Expert Witness.
- BMG Lakes Area Rep
- BMG Rep on UKMTB

Oct 1988 - April 1993

Technical/Tutorial Trainer with Impact Development Training Group in UK, Europe and Japan. Worked as part of small international team in Japan, setting up new branch of company.

EDUCATION

1979-1981 Guildford Technical College (TEC Diploma in Building Studies)

QUALIFICATIONS/COURSES ATTENDED

- 2016 Coaching climbing movement workshop with John Kettle
First aid course
British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: skinny ropes
- 2015 British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: Bolts
British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: Risk management seminar
- 2014 British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: Risk management seminar
British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: Ski techniques course
Lowland Leader Award course provider
Observing movement coaching with John Kettle (top movement coach for rock climbing)
- 2013 First Aid Course
- 2012 Decision Making and Risk Management in Hazardous Environments seminar
- 2011 MLTE Course Provider Workshop
- 2009 British Mountain Guides In-Service Training: Climbing Coaching & Teaching Leading
- 2008 British Mountain Guides In-Service Ski Training & Transceiver Update Course
Mountain Leader Award course provider
- 2005 BMC Expert Witness Training
MLTE Mountain Assessor Workshop
- 2004 First Aid Course
MLTE Mountain Leader Award Provider workshop
- 2003 British Mountain Guides In-Service Avalanche Training Course
- 2001 MLTB Single Pitch Award Provider Workshop
- 1997 UIAGM/IFMGA/British Mountain Guide
BCU Open Canoe Trainee Instructor (L2 coach training)
- 1995 BMG in-service ski-mountaineering course, French Alps
- 1994 Single Pitch Award course provider
- 1993 BCU Kayak Senior Instructor training (L3 coach training)
BCU Kayak Instructor (L2 coach)
- 1991 RYA Club Coxswain Level 3 Powerboat
- 1987 BSAC Novice Diver

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

Mountaineering

Since 1970, in Yorkshire Dales, Lakes, Scotland, North Wales, Alps (German, Swiss & French), Himalayas

Rock Climbing

Since 1975, Avon Gorge, Wintours Leap, Swanage, Lakes, North Wales, Peak, Cornwall, Pembrokeshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Northumberland, Verdon, Buoux, Fontainebleu, St Jeannet, Les Calanques, Costa Blanca, Majorca, French & Swiss Alps, Izu Peninsula (Japan), Joshua Tree

Alpinism

Since 1983, Mont Blanc Massif, Swiss/French/Austrian Alps, Antarctica, Japan, Mount Kenya, Himalayas

Ski-Mountaineering

Since 1985, Swiss/French/Austrian Alps, The Dauphine, Japan, Antarctica

Downhill Skiing

Since 1984, in Scotland, French Alps, Austria, Canada, Japan, Antarctica

Sailing

Since 1982, in a variety of dinghies including Topper, Wayfarer, Prindle 18, Fireball. Completed Karrimor Three Peaks Race 1992 and Scottish Islands Race 1993

For more about Chris' areas of expertise and his work as an expert witness contact us on 0117 986 2194 or via enquiries@iew.org.uk