

About Us

Cycle Experience is a cycle training organisation, training children, adults and instructors all over the UK. We provide both 'on road' and 'off road' cycle training, maintenance courses, 'Try out' cycle road shows and highly successful 'Try Cycling to Work or School' programmes for companies, local authorities, health trusts and education authorities. Our objective is to provide high quality and professional standards of delivery throughout this wide range of cycle training and cycling promotion services. Our desire is for more people to cycle for fun, for fitness and for life.

We have delivered National Standards (Bikeability) Levels 1 and 2 training for Year 5 and Year 6 school children for a number of London Boroughs (Harrow, Newham, Waltham Forest and Hounslow) as well as for Bridgend County Borough Council, Denbighshire CBC, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, Gwynedd CC, Birmingham CC, Worcestershire CC, Newcastle CC, Northumberland CC, Kent CC, Redcar and Cleveland CC, Doncaster CC, Rotherham CC, Sheffield CC, Wigan CC, Bracknell Forest DC, Wokingham DC, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

In addition we are delivering National Standards Level 3 courses to Years 7 and 8 Secondary school pupils and adults in a number of Local Authorities throughout England and Wales.

The company operates across the UK with its Head Office in St Albans and with nine full time Regional Coordinators (RC's) based in the following areas:

- South and South East (4)
- North and North East (3)
- Midlands (1)
- North West and Wales (1)

Instructor Training Organisations (ITOs)

ITOs are the only bodies recognised by the Government as providing training for National Standard Instructor Trainers, Instructors and Assistant Instructors. Only instructors who are members of or who have been trained by ITOs will be issued with National Standard Instructor numbers which identify them as providing cycle training that meets the National Standard.

If you are an existing instructor delivering National Standard training for Local Authorities and / or School Sports Partnerships funded by a DfT cycle training grant then you will need to become registered with a recognised ITO. This is to ensure that training being delivered by the DfT grant is of the quality expected.

Cycle Experience ITO Membership Services

1) Entry Requirements

- a) Membership of the Cycle Experience ITO is open to all National Standards instructors and will be automatically offered to those instructors that are trained by us.
- b) Applicants will have to complete an application form and provide the names and addresses for two written references.
- c) Applicants will need to provide evidence of training, principally confirmation of their NSI number.
- d) Applicants who have not trained with us will need to provide the dates and provider name of their training and any post course assessments.

- e) Membership will need to be renewed annually. Electronic and postal reminders will be sent.
- f) Members will need to provide evidence of continued involvement in national Standards training.
- g) Members will be issued with a unique identity number which can be used for verification purposes.
- h) Membership will be £12.50 annually for those instructors who are joining our ITO but who are not currently working for us.
- i) Membership for instructors working for Cycle Experience is free.

2) Membership Services

- a) All members will be added to our database of fully accredited National Standard instructors who can work for Cycle Experience.
- b) All members will receive regular updates of changes to the National Standards via our e-newsletter and news blog on our web site.
- c) All members will have the opportunity to attend an annual regional get together to discuss 'best practise', refresh National Standards training and share effective training 'hints and tips'.
- d) Members can also attend Instructor Training Courses (ITC's) free of charge to refresh their knowledge and teaching skills.
- e) All members will be offered at least half a day (minimum of 3 hours) of continuing professional development training each year, organized through our regional network. A full list of courses on offer will be published in our e-newsletter and on our website.
Examples of CPD courses include:

- Working with special educational needs (SEN) children
- Working with people with disabilities
- Working with adults and families
- Games as a way of learning
- First Aid
- Maintenance courses
- 1 -1 training

- f) All members are eligible for mentor and advice services from our Regional Coordinators.
- g) Suitably interested and qualified members will have the opportunity to become both a mentor themselves and or train to be an instructor trainer.

To find out more detail please contact us at info@cycleexperience.com or call 0845 434 8451.