

SNOWSHOE CPD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Snowshoe Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training will take place over three days and is offered to both qualified and aspirant International Mountain Leaders (IML's).

The course content may change from day to day due to weather, environmental conditions and client needs but ALL aspects of the syllabus will be fully covered.

DAYS 1 – 3 the following format will be followed:

Meet and greet course/day briefing, weather and avalanche report.

Map orientation and transit to local snowshoe area.

Route briefing.

Transceiver checks.

Day walk including transceiver work and suitable topics to cover.

Debrief.

The following topics will be covered over the 3 days plus any other issues the client may wish to consider.

- Sources of weather/avalanche reports and interpretation
- Risk assessments and dynamic risk assessments
- Rescue services, insurance and dealing with accidents/incidents
- Maps and guidebooks
- Route selection, remits, terrain traps, dealing with client ability
- Leader to client ratios and position of leader in group
- Types of snowshoes, walking poles, pros & cons for groups, personal preference
- Types of transceiver on the market, pros & cons, quick teaching for novice use
- Equipment carried by IML and client
- Basic/advanced movement on snowshoes
- Snow profiles, assessment techniques
- Single and multiple burial searches, transceiver awareness (practised and timed)
- Search techniques, use of probes and shovels
- Good practice IML safety cards/ideas sharing
- Environmental issues
- Flora, fauna, animal tracks, glaciation and geology
- Local history/traditions
- Hut etiquette
- Basic German

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