



Liverpool Hillwalking Club

Open Air Club

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Official Petition



The Liverpool Guild of Students (LGoS) has currently suspended the Open Air Club from running activities until we have satisfied three new requirements that have been imposed upon us. These are:

1. To revise our risk assessment
2. To have a qualified first aider on every trip
3. To have a qualified instructor on every trip.

We have agreed to amend our risk assessment and arrange first aid training for our walk leaders, for which the Guild has promised us funding. Our current issue regards the requirement to have a qualified instructor on every trip.

The British Mountaineering Council (BMC), the national representative body for hill walking, climbing and mountaineering in England and Wales, are explicitly clear in "seeing compulsory leadership awards as inappropriate for clubs". Our club is a BMC affiliated student club and all of our members are covered by their liability insurance policy. Nearly all other student mountaineering clubs do not have this requirement, in-line with BMC recommendations. We therefore feel this requirement is completely unnecessary for our club, and we would be unable to implement it anyway as a course costs at least £1000 per person. We have taken advice from the BMC on this matter who fully support our position. We therefore cannot see why LGoS is insistent on us having these qualifications.

We would be grateful if you could sign this petition in support of the Open Air Club, in the hope that we can get this requirement removed and can once again run our activities, as we have done for the last 75 years!

Please return completed forms to:

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Many Thanks, The OAC committee

For any questions on this matter please contact Robert Normanton on
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Thank you, the OAC committee.

