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Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark Heritage Champions

Dear Prospective Participant,

As part of the overall Lough Erne Landscape Partnership (LELP), the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark (MACUGG) have secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver a Co-Ordinated Education Training Programme to enable the creation of a network of 'Heritage Champions'. With expert instruction on a series of topics participants will be trained on how to become a 'Heritage Champion' and on how to guide both locals and visitors that wish to visit and experience the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark. Travel and Tourism Associates will oversee the management and co-ordination of the programme.

The course will take place over 8 consecutive weeks (approx. 6:00pm – 9:00pm) commencing on Monday 21 September until Monday 9 November with one Saturday Fieldtrip scheduled for Saturday 28 September (approx. 10:00am – 4:00pm) and a final Saturday evaluation day on Saturday 14 November (approx 10:00 – 4:00pm)

Sessions will be led by relevant experts in a relaxed, interactive and informative way on the following topics:

- European & Global UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Geology & Geomorphology
- Archaeology and Built Heritage
- History, Folklore, Culture and Traditions
- Environment, Biodiversity & Sustainable Recreation
- Event Management & Health and Safety
- Guiding Skills
- Basic First Aid

Each participant will be asked to complete a short written exercise and deliver a presentation of a brief commentary based on the Geopark and the topics listed above.

Cost: This programme is fully subsidised in order to support the development of the community and heritage sector locally.

Catering: Light refreshments will be provided at each session. Packed lunch will be provided for the fieldtrip.

Venue: TBC. Please be aware that delivery may revert to solely or partially on-line in accordance with Covid 19 guidelines.



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Expectations:

It is envisaged that this course will provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to comfortably welcome and guide both visitors and local people that wish to visit and experience the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark. It is expected that participants will attend 80% of the course and Upon completion of the course, it is hoped that participants will work with the Development Officer – Partnerships and Engagement, agree to a ‘Geopark Guide’ agreement which would request that the ‘Heritage Champion’ actively deliver a minimum of 2 activities per year within the Global Geopark area in West Fermanagh. A group of Geopark Guides have operated for many years within the Global Geopark areas in West Cavan. To ensure the Heritage Champions/Geopark Guides are confident to do so, they will receive regular on-going training, mentoring and support throughout the year from the Development Officer – Partnerships and Engagement and wider Global Geopark team on a variety of themes and facets. Indeed, options are currently being investigated for the delivery of an accredited training programme for those whom maybe interested in progressing to a further stage and the development of heritage focused self-employment opportunities (subject to securing of further external funding).

Selection Criteria:

Places are limited and if we have more expressions of interest than places, we reserve the right to apply a screening process. In the event of needing to allocate places on this basis, participants will be assessed against the following criteria:

Please tick to indicate your ability to meet the criteria

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| 1. Active interest in the Heritage (Natural, Built or Cultural) within the Global Geopark area in West Fermanagh (20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Be available to attend a minimum of 80% of the sessions (20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Be willing to become a Heritage Champion and work with the Global Geopark to deliver 2 events per year in the Geopark area in West Fermanagh(40%) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Live within or in close proximity to the Global Geopark area In West Fermanagh (20%) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

In the event of the course being oversubscribed after the application of the above selection criteria, places will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis. Furthermore, details of those who are unsuccessful will be held on file in the event of funding becoming available to hold a second course (with the prospective participant consent).

I look forward to hopefully working with you in the future.

Martina O’Neill
Development Officer – Partnerships & Engagement
Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark



Expression of Interest

If you are interested in becoming a Heritage Champion, please complete the attached slip and return it to:

Clarissa Beacom
Assistant Development Officer
Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark
The Market House, Main Street, Blacklion, County Cavan
E-mail: clarissa.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com
Telephone: +353 (0) 71985941

Name	
Address	
Tel Number	
E-mail	

Please outline your specific area of heritage interest: (Please note this is for our information only)

Please tick this box to confirm that you have read and understood the detail in the expression of interest and if selected, you will be committed to the delivery of the programme and future engagement with the Global Geopark

Please tick this box to confirm that you agree for your contact details to be held on file by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council so you can be contacted, if unsuccessful to be notified if a space becomes available or if an additional course is offered.

For further information on the Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark please visit www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com or on the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership please visit www.lelp.org.uk