

NNAS NEWSLETTER

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Can you help the NNAS develop?

If you've been involved with the NNAS for a while, you'll be aware of how much the NNAS has changed. From our externally accredited Navigator Awards to the updated and relaunched Outdoor Discovery Award, the introduction of the Tutor Award, the development of the regional network with its potential for regional moderation and CPD opportunities and the ditching of Tahdah for the more user-friendly and reliable JustGo CMS. I could go on.

The NNAS is overseen by a board of Trustees, most of whom are providers or ex-providers and managed on a day-to-day basis by Jane and Caroline in the office and James as Tech Advisor/Development Officer (a 30-day a year contract).

As the NNAS continues to develop, this core team is becoming increasingly stretched, so we're looking for help. We operate a series of subgroups that help inform our board meetings and enable us to develop projects at a faster rate. These have been open to non-board members since we started them, but we're looking to boost their membership.

Our subgroups include Training and Development, Marketing, Outdoor Discovery Award and Sustainability. Meetings are usually over Zoom and held three or four times a year, so the burden isn't onerous.

If you'd like to get involved, please email Jane at info@nnas.org.uk, and we will get back to you. If you'd like to talk it over with someone first, again, let Jane know, and she'll point a board member in your direction!

Resettled Ukrainian Refugees Gaining NNAS Bronze Navigator Award



In August, six Ukrainian residents from Coatbridge successfully completed the NNAS Bronze Navigator Award. Their journey of gaining the nationally recognised qualification (SCQF level 4, 2 credit points) was supported by staff from the North Lanarkshire Council Adult Learning and Resettlement team.

From June to August, the group completed mapped walks in Palacerigg, Drumpellier Country Park and Dalzell Estate. Local orienteering maps, country park maps and OS maps were all used for the walks. The learners were shown how to use MapRun6 app to complete an orienteering course in Glasgow Green, with a homework task to complete in Drumpellier park using MapRun6. The group gained map reading skills and confidence in exploring the local lowland countryside.

The next step for some of the learners is to begin training to qualify as Lowland Walking Leaders. The building of the capacity of the refugees will enable them to have their own competent group leaders to plan and organise health walks in North Lanarkshire and beyond. For further information, please contact Hua Cui, Community Learning Development Worker cuih@northlan.gov.uk

Many thanks to Hua for sending this update to NNAS. It is wonderful to hear how the NNAS Navigator Awards are improving peoples quality of life. Keep up the great work!

If other Providers have a story to tell about a group/individual you have delivered NNAS courses to, please send it to Jane Howie info@nnas.org.uk. Photos are also welcome!

