



Club Mentor Scheme

Some clubs are recognised by Mountaineering Ireland to run Mountain Skills training, which provides a structure for their courses. Mountaineering Ireland also recognises that formal training schemes, such as Mountain Leader and Single Pitch Award, will not meet the needs of all member clubs, or all members within every MI club. In response to this, the MI Club Mentor Scheme has been established to provide some financial incentive to clubs bringing in a recognised instructor to assist with training needs and to run a course that is specific to your group's needs. Clubs choosing this option can apply for an MI training grant under the Club Mentor Scheme.

Who can apply?

This grant scheme is open to all paid-up Mountaineering Ireland member clubs with more than 10 members (except those that have already been approved for another MI Training Grant in the current membership year). The application should be submitted by the Club Secretary.

What is available?

If your club has more than 50 members, this grant scheme will subsidise an experienced Mountaineering Ireland recognised course provider to provide a tailor-made training course for the club. The MI subsidy is €125 per day, with a maximum of two days' subsidised training per club (i.e. maximum grant of €250 per club). The club will need to pay the balance of fees plus the instructor's travel and accommodation expenses.

If the club has between under 50 members a grant of €125, as described above, is available to subsidise one day's training only.

What training is covered?

The scheme has been designed to support clubs engaging an instructor to provide training tailor-made to meet the group's needs. Any hillwalking or rock climbing skills training is covered, including leadership training. For example, you could hire an instructor to come to your area and run a weekend training course designed to suit the needs of hike leaders in your club.

Training must be delivered by a course provider recognised by MI. For more information on the selecting someone to deliver your training who is of the correct level and experience, please contact the Training Office at Mountaineering Ireland.

The applicant club is responsible for: selecting and contacting the instructor; agreeing with the instructor what training is to be provided; booking and paying the instructor; co-ordinating participants and advising them of course arrangements, equipment required etc; as well as booking and paying for training venues where necessary.

The number of people that a single instructor can work with at one time will be determined by the type of training you request. **First Aid training is not subsidised by this scheme.**

To discuss your club's training needs, contact the Mountaineering Ireland Training Office - 01 6251112.