

DFSC Staff Team:

We have an experienced and able staff team who make it their job to see that all courses are successful and rewarding. They are known for their friendliness and helpfulness and for ensuring your stay with us is enjoyable and meets your needs. Below are just a few of the staff who will be working with you:

	<p style="text-align: center;">Ian Healey – Centre Manager</p> <p>Ian started his career as a primary school teacher in the London Borough of Bromley. For the last 21 years he has worked in Outdoor Education Centres including previously managing another LEA Outdoor Centre. He has been Centre Manager of DFSC for 8 years and is also Bristol CC's Outdoor Education Advisor. He is qualified as a UKMLTE Mountaineering Instructor, as a BCU Level 4 Coach in Inland and Open Canoeing and also holds a BCA Cave Instructor Certificate. When not working Ian is kept busy with a young family of 3 boys but he still tries to occasionally enjoy adventurous outdoor activities such as paragliding, climbing and caving.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Dominic Sealey – Centre Teacher</p> <p>Dom is a qualified teacher who has been teaching at the Centre for 16 years and has a wealth of experience working with a range of different groups. He Course Directs the majority of our residential courses and works closely with visiting staff to ensure students have a challenging and rewarding time with us. When he's not encouraging children to jump for the Trapeze Bar or enjoy their first experience canoeing he is busy with DIY at home, gardening and looking after a range of exotic pets from an Amazon Tree Boa and Royal Python to Bearded Dragons.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Roger Calow – Instructor</p> <p>Roger is one of a team of experienced and qualified Instructors who work at the Centre and he also Course Directs some of the residential groups. For many years he was an Art Teacher before working in Outdoor Education. He is a supreme advocate for the potential of young people to achieve and contribute to society. His calm reassurance and humour have coaxed many students down the Zip Wire or up the Climbing Tower. Roger is a keen Mountain Biker both professionally as a guide and also for himself. Each year he undertakes a day long cycle ride with the same number of miles as his age that year. Well it's not that difficult to cycle 21 miles each year!</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Debbie Ashwood – Centre Administrator</p> <p>Debbie joined the staff team in 2010 and quickly proved her competence as an excellent administrator. She looks after all the pre-course booking information and works closely with you to plan and prepare for your trip away. She at times wears many hats e.g. driving groups to Clearwell Caves in the minibus, managing the Centre Tuck Shop and being on Reception in the Front Office. Debbie is also a qualified first-aider, Childminder and Counsellor. She uses these skills to help look after the rest of the staff and keep us sane! Debbie keeps pigs and chickens and is working towards her black belt in Karate. Family life with three daughters keeps her busy the rest of the time!</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Pete & Neal – Caretakers</p> <p>With several buildings and the Centre grounds to maintain we have two very able Caretakers to look after the place. Pete is a builder by trade and can turn his hand to many jobs from just fixing door locks to installing a whole drainage system. Neal keeps a watchful eye on all health and safety matters from first aid kits to minibuses and electrical items. Both are First Aiders and Neal also works as an advanced first aider and coordinator at large w/e events.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Lyn Fletcher – Cleaner</p> <p>Lyn is the longest serving member of staff at the Centre having worked as a cleaner for 25 of the 41 years DFSC has been in operation. She has cleaned up more mud in the cloakrooms from dirty welly boots than she cares to remember. Lyn and our other cleaners, Carol and Karen, keep the place clean and sort out the mess everyday after groups of muddy children return from their activities. When Lyn isn't dusting and polishing she enjoys family life and is a 'ferocious' reader of books. She is Treasurer of the Local Working Men's Club and has lived in The Forest of Dean all her life.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Jane Morgan – Cook-in-Charge</p> <p>Jane is our fantastic head cook with over 30 years catering experience. She used to teach cookery but now ensures you are well fed during your stay with us. She's definitely not of Gordon Ramsey temperament and is more of a Delia Smith but she fancies herself as a bit of a Nigella Lawson! 'Captain Morgan' does however keep our two other cheerful and friendly cooks, Karen and Denise from misbehaving too much and ensures that all your dietary needs are catered for. She is a qualified first-aider and has worked for DFSC for 10 years. When she's not catering for up to 70 residents she enjoys swimming and walking the dog to stay fit</p>