

CARE Construction Challenge 2010

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CARE Construction Challenge?

It's a 1 day hiking, biking and rafting challenge for anyone who works in the construction industry. The event will take place in the Brecon Beacons, Wales and comprises a rafting challenge (including assembling your own raft) on the beautiful Pontsticill reservoir, a demanding mountain biking course around Talybont Reservoir and a hike up Pen-Y-Fan. You will complete the challenge in teams of 4 in a target time of 10 hours. By the end of the day, each member of your team will have covered the distance of a marathon. Afterwards, celebrate with colleagues from the construction industry at the post-event reception, which includes a well earned meal, prize giving and party.

How many people do we need to take part?

Each team must consist of 4 participants, one of which should have some map-reading and navigation skills. Within the team you will also need to appoint a team leader to co-ordinate the group and liaise with us throughout the planning and preparation.

How fit do we have to be to participate in the CARE Construction Challenge?

You have to be reasonably fit for the Challenge, although nearly anyone can take part providing they follow the twelve-week training programme that we provide. Try, where possible, to include cycling in your team's preparation.

Do we need to book accommodation for the CARE Construction Challenge?

No – accommodation will be provided for you. We have organised an accommodation package for the Friday and Saturday nights that includes both nights' bed and breakfast (packed breakfast on Saturday) as well as a packed lunch for the event. The cost of this will be a total of £80 per person – this is an additional charge to your fundraising.

Will I need insurance cover on the event?

As an event organiser, we have public liability insurance. Although not compulsory, you are responsible for obtaining any personal injury insurance that you may require.

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What kit will the team need to take part in the CARE Construction Challenge?

A detailed Kit list will be provided when you sign up to ensure that all teams are dressed correctly and prepared for the event. Teams will also go through a kit check prior to each stage of the challenge.

Do we need our own bikes?

No – mountain bikes and helmets will be provided for you. However, if you would like to use your own bike you are welcome to do so. Please note helmets must be worn at all times on the bike course.

Is it necessary to have walking boots to take part in the CARE Construction Challenge?

Yes - you need boots that offer good ankle support, have specially constructed soles and that are able to offer protection against the elements. We recommend Gore-Tex lined fabric boots as they meet all of the above requirements. Your boots must be on or above the ankle.

Is it necessary to have full waterproofs to take part in the CARE Construction Challenge?

Yes - even in the height of summer, conditions can change. It is important you carry your waterproofs with you on the event.

Will I need to carry water on the routes?

Yes - every team member should carry at least one litre of water on each stage of the Adventure Challenge. Ensure your water bottles are full for the start of each route. Natural sources of water, if any, will be pointed out to you at the start briefing. It is advisable to use purification tablets for water taken from mountain streams. Water is not available at the start point so please arrive at the base with enough water for the day.

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What kind of food should I take on the CARE Construction Challenge?

You will not have time to sit down and eat full meals. On the route itself, carry lightweight high-energy foods such as nuts, muesli bars and chocolate. If you are planning to use energy gels/drinks please use them on training walks so that you know what they taste like, whether you enjoy them and lastly (but most importantly) to let your body adapt to them. For an event of this length energy gels/drinks should only be used in conjunction with more substantial savoury foods.

How much does our team have to raise?

The minimum fundraising target for each team is £3,000 which includes all of your registration fees. As mentioned above this does not include your accommodation which is an additional charge of £80 pp.

How can I reach and exceed my fundraising total?

There are many things you can – online auctions, quiz nights, five-a-side football tournaments, golf days, dress down days, car washing – these are some of the more popular ways in which teams raise funds. Ask your suppliers, clients and your own personal network of contacts. The following website, www.justgiving.com/carechallenge is an easy and effective way to tell everyone about what you're doing, and enables them to sponsor you online. Contact your local press – newspapers, newsletters and websites – with details of what your company is doing. This can help raise the profile and increase your potential. We will support you in your fundraising. We also offer fundraising workshops to help your team really make the most of all opportunities.

Where does our sponsorship money go?

Funds raised will support CARE's work. Over 90p in every pound we receive goes directly to our overseas programmes, so you can be confident that your money will be reaching those who need it most. For example:

- **£100** – could buy specially designed family tent to be used in an emergency
- **£3000** - could fund the deployment and comprehensive assessment carried out by one of CARE's Emergency Shelter Advisers in an emergency
- **£6000** - could provide 300 families with shelter kits containing a variety of materials to construct life saving emergency shelter in the aftermath of a disaster.

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To find out more about CARE's work visit www.careinternational.org.uk

What does the CARE Challenge Team do to reduce its environmental impact?

We support a number of environmental and community initiatives in the places where we run our challenges. Here are some examples:

- Through the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre and the Nevis Partnership, we have funded rucksack tags that educate visitors on how to protect the environment
- We support the Lakes National Trust and Lake District National Park initiative – "Fix the Fells".
- We support both the Lochaber and Llanberis Mountain Rescue Teams
- Through Climate Care, we offset all fuel emissions from both participants and staff

We ask all teams to limit vehicle numbers to one per team to ensure minimum impact on the local environment and local communities. We run litter collecting competitions on with the aim of leaving the mountain cleaner than it was found. For more details on how we reduce our impact on the environment visit www.carechallenge.org.uk/environment/environment.html.

What support will I receive before the Challenge?

- Advice & support on fundraising, training and general preparation
- Team manual in the post, which includes all the information you will need
- Access to the online resources , which includes all of the information you will need
- Fundraising workshop and event briefing prior to the event, if required
- Fundraising materials
- Navigation days, if required

What is provided for me on the challenge?

- Support staff at designated check points
- Event & safety briefings
- Radios
- Bike & helmet
- Canoe & lifejacket
- Post event party – a celebratory meal and prize giving on the Saturday night

As well as the accommodation package (includes breakfasts & lunch) – at a cost of £80pp

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Why should I choose CARE International and the CARE Challenge team?

We are a small, efficient in-house events team with over 15 years' experience in running events. We don't outsource the running of the event to any 3rd party event organisers, meaning more of your funds will go where they are needed – to CARE's projects.

- CARE works in 70 countries with more than 59 million poor and marginalized people each year to find a way out of poverty.
- CARE has staying power. Our mission is to create lasting and long-term change in the poorest communities. This often means instigating radical changes to the wider systems of government or business that keep people trapped in poverty from one generation to the next.
- CARE puts money where it is needed. 90% of our income goes directly to our overseas programming work.
- CARE is always amongst the first to respond when disaster strikes. We make sure the aid gets to precisely where it is needed most.
- CARE has an unparalleled track record of working with communities to help them find sustainable ways of making a living.
- CARE places great emphasis on local presence. Over 90% of our staff is employed locally to ensure that we are really responding to local cultures.

What are the next steps?

If you have any other questions please contact us. To register your team, please visit www.carechallenge.org.uk/constructionchallenge. Once you have registered, you will be sent information in the post and will have access to the online resources. We will also be in touch to welcome to your challenge!

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