

International Summer Meet 2026

Invitation Email

Subject: Expression of Interest to Nominate Participants for the 2026 BMC International Summer Meet – North Wales, UK

Dear UIAA Federation colleague,

The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) is delighted to invite your Federation to express interest in nominating participants for the **2026 International Summer Meet**, taking place in **Cymru North Wales** from **13th–21st June 2026**.

This event brings together climbers from around the world to share 'trad' (traditional) climbing experiences, exchange knowledge, and enjoy the outstanding climbing venues that Cymru North Wales has to offer. We are asking federations to register their interest in nominating two climbers to participate.

North Wales offers a unique variety of climbing areas, including mountain routes, crags, quarried rock, and sea cliffs. While we recognise that not all participants will have experience of 'trad' climbing, with leader-placed protection, all participants should be competent and safe climbing partners.

Express your interest: Places are limited for 12 Federations to each send a mixed team of two climbers, so we encourage you to register interest by 31 October to reserve a spot for your nominees. We will notify successful Federations by the end of November, and will also have a standby list in case. Federations will be asked to confirm the identities of their two climbers by the end of February 2026. Any Federation who is unsuccessful in securing a place will be prioritised to take part in future years.

Participation Requirements:

All participants must agree to the BMC Participation Statement:

The BMC recognises that climbing, hill walking, and mountaineering involve inherent risks of personal injury or death. Participants should accept responsibility for their own actions and involvement.

Gender Diversity: We would like to invite two climbing guests from each Federation. To ensure diverse representation, team members should be of different genders, and we encourage the inclusion of non-binary and trans climbers as participants.

Minimum Skills: Participants should be able to...

- Tie in securely and check partners' tie-in.
- Safely use a belay device on double ropes, maintaining proper brake-hand technique.
- Use standard climbing calls (Safe, Off Belay, Take In, On Belay, Climbing Now).
- Tie securely to an anchor using a climbing knot (e.g. clove hitch).

- Remove and collect protection from a route while climbing as a second.
- Self-protect abseil on single and double ropes.
- Ascend a rope if required.
- Tie off a belay plate, releasable under load.
- Leaders must place trad gear and build multi-point equalised anchors.

The BMC will provide: Free accommodation, local transport and a celebration dinner, and most importantly local climbing hosts who are knowledgeable about climbing in the area.

Participants or their Federations will need to: arrange transport to Cymru North Wales (for example Bangor Railway Station is a 2hrs train journey from Manchester Airport)

Equipment Requirements:

Minimum personal equipment includes harness, helmet, climbing shoes, belay device, a half rope (50m or 60m), personal sling (120cm), locking carabiners, nut key, two friction hitch loops, and whistle.

Ideally, participants should bring a full trad rack (nuts, cams, quickdraws, extendable slings) but arrangements can be made for BMC hosts to share equipment.

Environmental & Conduct Expectations: All participants are expected to act respectfully towards each other, the environment, accommodation providers, and the local community. We follow the UIAA 2024 Declaration on Hiking, Climbing, and Mountaineering and local access regulations (RAD).

Key points:

- Leave no litter (including human waste); remove litter if possible.
- Respect nesting bird restrictions and seasonal route closures.
- Ensure safety and enjoyment for all; avoid climbing simultaneously with others on the same route.

We look forward to welcoming your nominees to North Wales for a safe, enjoyable, and memorable week of climbing.

Next Steps:

- Please register interest to participate by 31 October by email to events@thebmc.co.uk

Best regards,

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Dominic Oughton

President
The British Mountaineering Council