The Mayor of Knaresborough’s ITG White Badge Town Guiding
Training Course

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the ITG?**

THE INSTITUTE OF TOURIST GUIDES

[www.itg.org.uk](http://www.itg.org.uk)

The officially recognised standard setting and award-winning body for Tourist Guiding in England, Northern Ireland and Jersey

**What is a White Badge?**

The Institute awards White, Green and Blue Badges.

* The White Badge is a qualification awarded following successful examination on a site or walk.
* The Green Badge examines a walk, a site, tour planning and a particular town
* The Blue Badge examines various tours, sites, including panoramic coach tours over a large geographic area (such as Yorkshire)

**What will the Exam consist of?**

The White Badge Exams will take place in 2 parts

* A practical exam on a specified tour
* A 1 hour written exam - short answer questions]

You will also need to attend a 1 day Communications Seminar focusing on skills needed to present effectively

**When will the course take place?**

The course will take place on Wednesdays, Usually AM, but sometimes PM and sometimes All day.

**Course dates**

* Wednesday 8th Jan – Wed 12th Feb
* Monday 24th Feb - Communications Seminar ( you will need to be available for this day – it is compulsory element of the course)
* Wednesday 26th Feb – Wed 26th March
* Easter break for private practice
* Wednesday 23rd April - Wednesday 30th April
* Friday 2nd May AM Written Exam ( compulsory date)
* Wednesday 8th May Practical Exam ( compulsory date)

**What will the course consist of?**

26 hours of Lecture/classroom-based study

21 hours of Practical Study

1 day Communications seminar

2 -3 Hours private study per week

**Do I need to have access to a computer?**

Information will be distributed to you electronically

We will try to be as ‘paper-free’ as possible, so you will need to print off any information you require hard copy of

**Will you be able to provide any written materials that are printed out (such as Written Exam Papers) in Large Print Format?**

Yes

**How will information be shared?**

We will ask Students to install the free cloud storage service ‘Dropbox’

This is where information relating to the course will be stored and shared

Help will be available for anyone who requires assistance with this system

**Where will the classes take place?**

Practical session will take place on the route of the Tour, but the majority of the Knowledge based sessions will take place at Knaresborough House

**What will happen next?**

Applications in **31st October**

You will hear from us by **5th November**

Interviews Wednesday **TBC**  – prepare 2/3-minute presentation

You will hear from us by **TBC**

Course commences **Wednesday 8th Jan**

**Who should I contact if I need more information?**

Sarah Cowling (about the Course)

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07956 636980 (Text best. Can request/schedule a call back)

Margy Longhurst (about the walking tour)

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