

LEONARDO INTERVIEW SUGGESTIONS

1. Going to a cèilidh/dance

1. What time might it start, and how long might it last?
2. Is it appropriate for all ages (a family event) or just some?
3. Will refreshments, including alcohol, be available? Is the sale of alcohol likely to be restricted?
4. Are the dances easy to learn, or do you need to know them before you go?
5. Might you be expected to have a "party piece" that you yourself could perform?

2. Camping/hillwalking

1. Can you only camp at registered sites, or can you pitch your tent anywhere you like?
2. What restrictions are there on walking across land in private ownership?
3. How changeable is the weather, and how do you get the latest forecast?
4. Where can you get the best maps/guides?
5. Are there particular precautions you should take before setting out on a walk or climb?

3. Staying with a host family

1. Should you help around the house?
2. Should you expect to join in with all family activities or just some? If the latter, then which ones?
3. Should you be prepared to eat the same as everyone else, or could any special dietary preferences/ requirements you have be accommodated?
4. If you want to go out, should you invite members of the host family to join in social/recreational activities you're interested in, eg cinema, dancing?
5. Are there particular religious customs, for example sabbath observance, towards which you might wish to show sensitivity even if you don't share them?

4. Working holiday (eg on a croft/smallholding or farm)

1. What are the normal expected working hours?
2. How flexible might they be?
3. What standards of cleanliness/hygiene/Health & Safety awareness are expected, and whose responsibility is it to ensure adherence?
4. What kind of physical fitness is expected/required?
5. What degree of knowledge/experience (eg of agriculture) is expected?

5. Churchgoing

1. How many/what different denominations are there, and what are their distinguishing characteristics?
2. Are you expected to wear any particular type of clothing?
3. What kinds of service are there, and how long might a service last?
4. Are children expected to attend a full service, or is there likely to be a "Sunday school" arrangement?
5. Is there likely to be a collection?
6. As a visitor are you likely to be invited to introduce yourself to the congregation?