

NAME: **BELL, Gavin**

SPECIALISATION: Project Management / Tourism / Conservation and Protected Areas

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1966

NATIONALITY: British

QUALIFICATIONS: Postgraduate Diploma in Countryside Recreation Management – Sheffield Hallam University - 1999

Member of World Commission for Protected Areas and previous member of IUCN Commission for Education and Communication

ASSOCIATIONS: 2005 to date: IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
Invited to join the Commission in a voluntarily capacity.

2001 – 2006: IUCN Commission for Education and Communication
Invited to join the Commission in a voluntarily capacity.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- An enthusiastic and self-motivated project manager with a commitment and experience in facilitating international rural development by promoting traditional products, crafts and sustainable tourism projects;
 - Proven leadership and facilitation skills that includes developing innovative concepts and motivating diverse teams to deliver exciting projects;
 - Excellent communication and presentation skills at all levels – written and face-to-face;
 - Proven fund raising ability – in excess of £1,000,000;
 - Good understanding of international issues and delivery of projects in a European wide context, with a focus on Eastern Europe;
 - Lively and effective trainer, experienced in working in diverse cultural environments.
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EXPERIENCE

2008 to date: **Romania:** Tourism Development Project Manager - Fundatia ADEPT. Coordinating and developing a regional identity using sustainable tourism and traditional products as the drivers for supporting the protection of an internationally important high nature value grassland area. For further details visit www.fundatia-adept.org and www.discoverarnavamare.org

2008 to date: **Romania:** International Expert on Visitor Infrastructure for Protected Areas – PM Group/Ramboll. Supporting development of EU Structural Funds for Environment for Romania – Technical Project Pipeline Process. Training of Ministry, Intermediate bodies and protected area staff. Development of guidelines for applicants. Development of model visitor infrastructure

projects in 5 bio-geographical regions.

- 2008 to date: **Romania:** ProPark Foundation. Collaborating on development of a new and innovative national programme for training and capacity development in protected area staff within Romania. Delivering and designing training programmes, assisting with strategy planning. (Flora Fauna International/WWF DCP supported initiative)
- 2003 to date: **Netherlands:** NHTV Breda University of Professional Education – Delivery of 5-day seminars on Tourism in Protected Areas & Environmental Interpretation to International Tourism Management Students in partnership with the Biesbosch National Park (important wetland area)
- 2008: **Romania:** Machin Mountains National Park. Development of public awareness strategy and input into visitor management plan - in co-operation with WWF DCP and Romanian Association for Eco-tourism.
- 2006–2008: **Hungary:** Communications Manager – PAN Parks Foundation, Gyor. Working with a major WWF funded initiative to create a network of high quality protected areas across Europe (including Russia) and to promote the development of local sustainable tourism infrastructure. Dealing with communications, sustainable tourism development, network building and leading cross network working groups. Working directly with rural communities surrounding protected areas in sustainable tourism development strategy and product development. Wrote a series of short articles on Interpretation and Sustainable Tourism for the Pan Parks WWF publication Courier.
- 2005 – 2006: **Romania:** British Council – Capacity Building for NGO's in field of Cultural Heritage - Assisted with delivery of capacity building workshop as part of the new Cultural Heritage in South Eastern Europe project and will be involved in the ongoing assessment of project proposals and awarding seed funding.
- 2004-2006: **Russia:** Association for Sustainable Development of the Altai. Providing technical support and advice as part of a team developing a proposal for sustainable rural development activities in the Altai Mountain region of Russia. Specialist advice in field of sustainable tourism, heritage interpretation, community capacity building and fund raising.
- 2003-2008: **Romania:** Fundatia ADEPT. Providing technical support and advice as part of a team implementing a grassland conservation and agricultural diversification in Transylvania. Specialist advice in field of sustainable tourism, heritage interpretation, community capacity building and fund raising.
- 2002-2006 **UK:** English Language for European Environmentalists. Course director for the Losehill Hall / Europarc – developed and delivered annual course that aims to enhance the English language skills of environmental staff. The course combines intensive English as Foreign Language training with specialist environmental input.

- 2002: Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: Awarded Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship. A seven-week study tour of **Romania, Bulgaria** and **Serbia** investigating sustainable tourism and environmental projects.
- 2000–2006: **UK:** Interpretation Project Officer/Project Manager – Peak District Interpretation Partnership, Peak District National Park .
- Managing a major European Union Objective 2 funded partnership project delivering imaginative and innovative interpretation, visitor management and heritage based activities in and around the Peak District National Park. The project aims to develop sustainable tourism and community capacity by using the natural and cultural heritage of the region.
- Role included: concept development, fund raising (£1000k +), project development and proposal writing, production of publications and other media material, working with local communities, NGO's and small/medium enterprises, organising cultural events, training and development both within the National Park Authority and with local rural communities
- Eyam Explored Interpretation Project: Project managing and facilitating integrated community led heritage interpretation and sustainable tourism project. (£135k)
- Ashover Rock Art Project: Facilitated award winning community heritage project. Project concept development, fund raising (£20k), media liaison – press and video.
- 1992–2002: **UK:** National Park Ranger – Peak District National Park. Involved in the delivery and development of an area based ranger service. Liaison with visitors, local community and partners to provide effective visitor management with in the Peak District National Park. Training of voluntary ranger service.
- Involvement in organising the IUCN 1999 Learning to Sustain conference and in delivering session on environmental interpretation at the 2001 Landscape and Biodiversity Conference, Rome.
- 2000–2002: **UK:** Peak Potential Millennium Awards – Assessor and Mentor Assessment and the mentoring of candidates who received funding for personal development and the implementation of individual environmental projects under the National Lottery funded Millennium Awards. Evaluation of completed projects.
- 1990–1992: **UK:** Countryside Ranger (Vol) – Forest of Bowland AONB Providing support to Area Ranger Service in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A balance of practical tasks, developing and leading guided walks, environmental education and conservation activities.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Diverse range of professional training related directly Protected Area management and environmental communications. These include:

Interpretation – Losehill Hall,
 Foundation Ranger Training Course
 New Directions in Environmental Education – Losehill Hall
 Lively Leaflets and Perky Panels – copy-writing course
 Community Consultation and Involvement – Losehill Hall
 European Regional Development Fund – project and grant management training
 Interpretive Master Planning – Plas tan Y Bwlch
 Project Management – Losehill Hall
 Training for Trainers – PDNPA
 D32/D33 Training and Development assessor
 Advanced Interpretive Master Planning (including marketing skills) – Plas tan Y Bwlch

LANGUAGES

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English (mother tongue)	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Romanian	Basic		
German	Basic		
Serbian	Basic		