



**EARN AS YOU LEARN**  
**2017 PROSPECTUS**  
**SKYDIVE HIBALDTOW**

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## Hi There!

Welcome to Skydive Hibaldstow. We're the biggest, busiest and most progressive dropzone in the UK.

With state of the art facilities and the UK's best jumpships, we really are at the forefront of skydiving, but let's not forget our past - Skydive Hibaldstow is now in its 25th year of operation.

As well as the UK's biggest events, we are proud to host the British National Parachute Championships - the biggest skydiving competition in the world!

Skydive Hibaldstow also holds the current Guinness World

Record for most tandem descents made in 24 hours after completing over 400 tandems.

As if that's not enough we also have ownership of two other centres in Europe, namely, our sister centres in Seville (Skydive Spain) and Alvor (Skydive Algarve). We have great ties to dropzones around Europe.

Together, our three centres, known as Swallow Group, complete over 135,000 descents every year. That's an average of 365 jumps a day, 365 days a year!

If you want to be part of something special and progress your own parachuting far beyond what you'd ever imagine possible, then we are the only choice for you!



## Case Study: Marcus

I spent the first couple of months at Hibaldstow as the Dropzone Controller, working on a single aircraft operation. Eventually, as I gained more experience and knowledge, I moved on to running a multi-aircraft operation. I felt very confident being able to do this on my own.

As my jump numbers began to increase and I purchased a second rig, it was time to start filming tandem skydives.

There's a lot of experienced flyers on the dropzone so I took advice from camera flyers already working at the DZ and worked to gain the skills I needed to produce video edits good enough for jumpers to buy.

This was a very exciting time for me as I started working for the DZ only a season ago. I had invested a lot of time and effort to get to where I was and it was a great feeling to be filming students experiencing skydiving for the first time *and* making a wage out of it.

Over the last month my jumps have numbers rocketed. I have managed 150 jumps in 31 days. This is the stage where I can progress towards my tandem rating.

It took a lot of effort to reach camera pool, however I am now well on the way towards my tandem rating. I still alternate doing all sorts of jobs around the centre including ground crew, DZ control, coaching and camera. The job is still very varied.

Its been a good year so far!

# EARN AS YOU LEARN

Earn and Learn is a 3 year course, available only at Skydive Hibaldstow. It's probably the reason you're reading this booklet.

The course is designed to teach you everything you need to know to be a full time skydiver, and probably more! The course not only gives you the jump numbers and skills to be a parachute Instructor, but offers you an opportunity to understand the job from the inside out, from the bottom to the top.

By the completion of year three you will have the skill set required to run any part of a DZ operation - From ground crew and DZ control, and become an advanced, multi-rated BPA instructor.

Earn and learn has a proven track record and is now in its third year with our graduates achieving and completing all syllabus items in great time and working full-time in the industry as skydive Instructors.

This is an opportunity to do something different with your life, live the dream, make your passion your career.

Are you ready to take the leap?

Ground Crew

DZ Controller

Camera Flyer

CSBI/CSI/FS Coach

Tandem Instructor

AFF Instructor

*Year One*

*Year Two*

*Year Three*



## Ally's Story

Most of my friends from university thought I was crazy leaving my London life to live in a tent in North Lincolnshire, but since I've started here I've learned so much.

I've never had a job before where I've worked a 14 hour shift and been happy to come in the next day. I come in on my days off to jump, and spend most of my evenings here having a beer with the rest of the team.

It is hard work, but also extremely rewarding and enjoyable. My goal is to have 1000 jumps by the end of 2017 and possibly my AFFI rating. I couldn't be more up for putting the time in.



**“If you want a career in skydiving this is the only place to start.”**

# GROUND CREW

The ground crew are the unsung heroes. The backbone of the dropzone.

Supporting the jump program in any way needed, the ground crew help to keep the most efficient and busiest DZ in the UK running smoothly at full speed.

The work is always challenging but also rewarding. Starting from the ground, you will begin to understand how a dropzone works from behind the scenes, developing your skills on the ground and beginning to practice in the air.

This entry point will give you an excellent base of knowledge to build on as you work your way up to being a multi-rated Instructor.

The ground crew initiate the startup and shutdown of the DZ. They fuel and start aircraft. They taxi jumpers to the emplaning points and back from the landing area, and a whole host of other essential functions.

If you want a career in skydiving then the only place to start is where skydiving begins...

# DZ CONTROL

Being the dropzone controller is a big job with an even bigger responsibility.

You are responsible for making sure every skydiver makes their skydive safely. To do this, you must be fully aware of the operation around you.

From the moment the aircraft has started its engines to the moment it shuts them down, you are in control of the airspace, protecting skydivers from hazards and dangers. Always having a plan B in case something does not go as expected.

Being a good DZ controller is something that comes with experience, and in no time at all you can go from dropping single planes loads to dropping 45 skydivers at once.

This job rewards you with the feeling you did everything right, keeping everybody safe while they skydive.

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## Dream Job: Sophie

To me, Earn and Learn was an open door to a dream career - a fast track to being the best skydiver and Instructor that I could be.

With this program I see myself doing things every day that I never thought I could do such as getting my radio licence, and making my way to being a Category System Instructor and Canopy Handling Coach.

The progression with this program is unlike any I have ever seen.

I came to Skydive Hibaldstow with 20 jumps and very little knowledge. 6 months and 150 jumps later I feel I would not have been able to make this much progression anywhere else and it is a program that grows with you.

This is an incredible program and if you want to work in the busy skydiving industry, this is the ideal program for you.

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*Sophie*



# CAMERA FLYER

Record a moment that students will cherish forever.

With 200 jumps and a video camera, you've got your first chance to earn from actual skydiving. Learn how to edit and strip footage, render video and add slow motion. You begin to develop your free fall skills as you start to follow tandem Instructors and their students out.

Its all about the 'shot' as a camera flyer and that shot is harder get than you think. Capturing the student's exit from the aircraft and then staying with them as the fall rates change during drogue release is not easy. Keeping the image in frame while in free fall is an important skill to master.

Being ready for the student's landing is critical as that all important first reaction is what matters. Much of the footage on the ground relies on your interview technique.

Once qualified, the gratification of capturing people's first experience of skydiving and seeing their reactions to free fall is the best part of the job. Earning money from something you like doing is even better!

Camera flying is a great part of working at Hibaldstow.

# CSBI/CSI FS COACH

Skydiving is all about jumping with friends.

As a Formation Skydiving Coach you teach people the skills they will use while flying with others - from small groups to large formations. You will start to teach students who have just finished AFF or the Category System course, providing invaluable experience for when you become a CS or AFF Instructor in the future.

Being a Category Systems Instructor provides a similar level of experience but with the intensity of working with first time solo skydivers. There is a great level of pride in teaching somebody everything they need in order to make their very first skydive alone.

There is a lot to learn as a Basic Instructor but it is great working alongside experienced Instructors, developing your teaching technique and skydiving skills at the same time.

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# TANDEM INSTRUCTOR

As a Tandem Instructor you will take jumpers on their first ever skydive.

You meet such a wide variety of people, helping them complete what is often a huge personal undertaking for them.

From cancer survivors raising money for charity, to stag party groups who jump for the thrill - It's all about the people.

Professionally being a Tandem Instructor is a huge personal responsibility. After only a 30 minute brief you are attached to an absolute beginner. You have to guarantee your student's safety from the moment you meet them, all the way to the ground. Every time.

Although not the most glamorous job on the dropzone, tandem skydives are a fundamental part of skydiving and they keep aircraft flying throughout the year.

**“It's all about the people.”**





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# AFF INSTRUCTOR

An Accelerated Free Fall Instructor is a high impact job and a critical part of any parachute operation. An AFF instructor teaches new skydivers how to skydive - while in the air. An AFF Instructor is an experienced, knowledgeable skydiver with a high level of personal skydiving ability.

Students look up to you and will come to you with queries regarding all aspects of the sport. You are also completely responsible for keeping them safe - Not just when jumping with them, but also in what you teach them on the ground.

You set an example that your students will follow and remember for the rest of their skydiving careers. Even experienced skydivers will recognise an AFF Instructor as an example of how to safely and successfully skydive.

If you learn how to thrive under this pressure AFF is an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable experience. You have a significant influence on how students and other skydivers progress and develop. You must always aim for them to be the safest, most skillful, knowledgeable skydiver that they have the potential to be.

You will be a reflection of this aim.



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*Andy*

## The Third Year: Andy

I arrived at Skydive Hibaldstow with eighty jumps and a small tent. My first season here was spent as Ground crew, topped up with some bar work.

My second season I began DZ control. It's a skill set that has already proved invaluable to me as an Instructor and as a skydiver, and I'm sure will continue to do so as I continue to progress.

I worked hard to get my essential Instructor ratings in 2015 and successfully achieved my Category System, Tandem and Accelerated Free Fall ratings.

Having achieved all three Instructor ratings within the calendar year, I will now have a break to get current and more experienced with the ratings before going for the first part of the Advanced Instructor (AI) rating.

In the meantime, I've been assigned as Second in Command to the Chief Instructor. This role is a welcome challenge and will help me to develop my DZ control experience even further, hopefully seeing me well prepared for the AI course in the near future.

# WHY WAIT?

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