



Vive L'Origine!

Origin is now ready to accept 2008 bookings for our completely renovated, holiday apartments in Collioure, France. Please click on www.origincare.co.uk/lorigne-holiday/index.htm to find all the details you will need to plan your holiday in one of the most beautiful and relaxing parts of France.

L'Origine, a traditional townhouse in the beautiful village of Collioure, on the French Catalan coast, has been sympathetically converted into two separate apartments both appointed and equipped to the highest standards.

The ground floor, two bedroom apartment is fully wheelchair accessible and equipped for people with a spinal injury, their family and carers.

The first floor apartment has its own entrance up a flight of external steps leading to a large terrace and the main door. The apartment sleeps 4-6 people but is not accessible for wheelchair users.

Both apartments can be booked independently or can be booked together for those wishing to holiday with their extended family or friends.

In L'Origine we can provide holiday accommodation that is designed to meet all the needs of people with a spinal injury and those of their families, giving both frequent and infrequent travellers the opportunity to holiday abroad by removing the worry of whether the accommodation will be suitable or not.



Lewis rides again!!

Origin is a long time supporter of The Back-Up Trust, a charitable organisation that enables people with a spinal cord injury to re-engage in sport, outdoor pursuits and a variety of challenging experiences.

Always keen to accept a challenge himself, Lewis Noble, who works with Origin's PA's in a support role, has recently completed a sponsored cycle ride raising money for the Back-Up Trust. Lewis's 200 mile trip started at the Origin offices in Lancaster and took him through Southport and along the Trans Pennine Trail back to the Princess Royal Spinal Injuries Centre in Sheffield where Lewis worked as a Social Worker for a number of years. The trip took Lewis three days and

included well deserved stop over's in Liverpool and Cheshire with his Son and Daughter. Cycling along the Woodhead railway line Lewis had time to admire the beautiful Pennine scenery but had to admit the ride through the urban areas of Liverpool and Stockport was a bit of a slog as signposts had been turned to point the wrong way!

Lewis has so far raised almost £400 with money still coming in! If anyone would like to chip in and support Back-Up please visit www.justgiving.com/transpenninebackup

Lewis is already planning his next cycle ride for October this year, we will keep you posted!



Boost your bank balance by £200

Origin are always looking to recruit top class Personal Assistants, just like you, and would like to hear from anyone you know who could support young adults within their own homes with a spinal cord injury, enabling them to live full and independent lives.

All you need to do is recommend that your friends start working for Origin as Personal Assistants and for every one that is accepted you will bank £200 cash!! For more information contact Linda.



Job Opportunities with a Difference

As sponsors of the Back-Up Trust, Origin provide fully trained PA's for many people taking part in the courses Back-Up run both here in the UK and overseas. The courses can involve anything from multi-activity courses in the wilds of Keswick with opportunities such as hiking and camping or simply learning some new wheelchair skills, to ski-ing in Sweden and sailing in the Mediterranean. Origin are able to offer a few lucky PA's the opportunity to volunteer as carers on these courses and to see spinal injury from a totally different perspective and experience the real potential of people with a disability. Chantal, an Origin PA, attended a Back-Up Winter course, here's what she had to say about it... 'A huge thank you to Origin for sending me on the course. I feel quite honoured to have had this opportunity; one of the best things I've ever done. You're not just a carer on a Back-Up course, you're part of a team - I learnt that with enough determination that anything can be achieved'. To learn more about being a PA on future Back-Up courses contact Lorraine Rolfe at Origin. To learn more about individual courses visit www.backuptrust.org.uk



Linda ties the knot!

Congratulations to Linda Adamsen, Origin's Director of Care Services who married Thomas in mid-June. The couple married in spectacular fashion in a castle in Denmark and afterwards held a party in Linda's hometown, where family and friends toasted the happy couple and celebrated the joyful occasion. Linda and Thomas set sail on a romantic cruise around the Mediterranean for their honeymoon a few weeks ago. Congratulations and best wishes for your future together, from everyone at Origin.

New Faces at Origin

Kathryn Blundell

Secretary / PA to Directors

Kathryn is the Origin Secretary/ PA to the Directors, and works directly with Peter and Linda. She is responsible for the smooth and efficient running of the office, and also deals with administration. Kathryn is also responsible for dealing with CRB checks in respect of new PA's.



Tanya Flower

Finance Co-ordinator

Having worked in museums and archives for ten years before moving into accountancy Tanya is looking forward to taking on the role of Finance Co-ordinator at Origin.

Much of Tanya's responsibility relates to PA wage payments, their tax and NI and any wage related queries they may have. How to get an NI number, open a UK bank account and get a tax rebate, are questions she will be happy to answer.

Along with the usual book-keeping tasks Tanya prepares client invoices and can offer helpful information about split funding arrangements and individual client carer training.



When not working Tanya likes to spend much of her spare time out in the fresh air, walking in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

Thomas James

Recruitment Co-ordinator

Thom's prime role within Origin is within the PA recruitment process. Thom deals with candidate applications and queries. He is responsible for checking and applying for references once a candidate has been invited on our specialist training course. He is also on site to deal with data management systems support.

