

## Why do a School Expedition with Raleigh?

### Real Projects

We have permanent members of staff who are based in the countries in which we operate. They build relationships with government and local NGO's to ensure that the community and environmental projects we work on are needed and sustainable. These relationships also allow us to design a programme to meet the specific needs of your school and pupils and our 'in-country' youth programmes also enable us to provide you with links to local schools and young people to enhance the cultural aspect of your programme.

### Charity

We are a youth and education charity that is dedicated to developing personal development opportunities for young people across a broad spectrum of social and cultural backgrounds. Your participation in our expeditions ensures we are able to support and guide more young people to achieve their full potential.

### Support on Return & the Fourth Challenge

Raleigh was founded on 4 challenges. This comprised of the challenge to be selected, the challenge to fundraise, the challenge to complete the expedition and the challenge to make a difference on return. Raleigh feels it is extremely important that the young people receive support on their return from expedition and facilitation around integrating their newfound skills into their everyday lives back in the UK. This forms an integral part of the Global Citizenship and Leadership Programme. In addition, Raleigh has a network of 30,000 alumni and our Raleigh societies provide support and opportunities for volunteering when the group return home.

### The Raleigh Way

Our expeditions are tough. We empower young people to take responsibility for themselves by involving them directly in decision making and encouraging them to lead the day to day activities whilst supporting and guiding them through this process and ensuring their safety. This enables them to develop key skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, risk management, adaptability, perseverance and leadership, all of which are sought by universities and employers and will help set them apart from the crowd.

### Health and Safety

Safety is our number one priority and our volunteers receive comprehensive safety training. Due to our experience we represented the Year Out Group in setting up the BS8848 specification for the provisions of visits, fieldwork, expeditions and adventurous activities outside the United Kingdom. We're one of the first organisations to do this and have our own safety manual. We focus on preventing accidents through comprehensive risk assessments but in the event of an accident happening we have a robust Crisis Management Plan, and casualty evacuation and emergency plans for every project site in place, covering all eventualities from natural disasters and political instability to individual incidents.



## Evaluation & Accreditation

Raleigh appreciates how important it is to measure the impact our expeditions have on young people and quantifying the skills gained from the Raleigh experience. In collaboration with Birkbeck, University of London, Raleigh has been awarded its first Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Technology Strategy Board. The grant has enabled us to recruit an Education Programme Associate to be employed at Raleigh with mentoring and support from Birkbeck academic staff. The Associate will work with Raleigh staff and volunteers for two years to develop and implement an accreditation framework for the skills and expertise developed on Raleigh's international programmes, including leadership, global citizenship and intercultural communication.

