

## Raleigh Youth Forum

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is the Raleigh Youth Forum?**

The Raleigh Youth Forum is the way we involve young people from the Raleigh alumni to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> challenge: “to make a difference upon your return from expedition.” The Youth Forum will identify and develop local volunteering opportunities, and input towards the direction of the organisation as an active voice for Raleigh. The Youth Forum is made up of 10 young people, aged 17-24, who have undertaken an expedition with Raleigh.

#### **What will becoming a member of the Youth Forum involve?**

There will be 3 scheduled meetings in a year where you will discuss and share ideas on issues which you and Raleigh staff have identified. From these discussions there may be agreed action points which will need to be completed by the members of the Youth Forum and/or Raleigh. You will help to publicise and celebrate the involvement of the Youth Forum through events and marketing activities.

#### **Who can apply to become a member of the Youth Forum?**

Those aged 17-24 at the time of application who have undertaken an expedition with Raleigh.

#### **How do I apply to become a member of the Youth Forum?**

To apply, please send an email stating your interest to [youthforum@raleigh.org.uk](mailto:youthforum@raleigh.org.uk)

#### **What happens after I have sent my email?**

We will contact you for an informal chat about the youth forum and the work you would be involved in.

#### **How can I get involved with the Youth Forum if I am not selected?**

There are many ways to get involved with the Youth Forum. You can follow the involvement of the Youth Forum and share your thoughts and suggestions via our website at [www.raleighinternational.org](http://www.raleighinternational.org), or volunteer on projects created by the Youth Forum. There are also many additional opportunities to stay connected with Raleigh, please visit our website for full details.

#### **Do I need to have undertaken a Raleigh expedition to become a member of the Youth Forum?**

Yes, one of the key objectives of the Youth Forum is to provide an avenue for the Raleigh alumni to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> challenge: “to make a difference upon your return from expedition”. Volunteering as a member of the Youth Forum, you will be creating volunteering opportunities which will have a positive impact on local communities.

#### **How long will I be a member of the Youth Forum for?**

We ask you to join for a term of 1 year. You are able to reapply for a second term; if you are aged 17-24 at the time of reapplication.

#### **Do I need to have any specific skills, experience or knowledge to become a member of the Youth Forum?**



If you are proactive, committed and willing to take on new challenges, we would like to hear from you.

**How will you prepare me for the role?**

You will receive information on the development of Raleigh and the overall objective of the Youth Forum. Members of the Youth Forum, with support from Raleigh will devise a group contract which will outline the commitments of the both parties to the Youth Forum.

**What is a group contract?**

Members of the Youth Forum, with support from Raleigh, will agree on the commitments, responsibilities and aims of the Youth Forum. This will form a group contract which will be honoured by all members of the Youth Forum and Raleigh.

**How often will the Youth Forum meet?**

The first meeting will be held in August 2008 and all members of the Youth Forum will be informed in advance. The Youth Forum will meet at least 3 times a year; however there may be additional meetings and events as agreed by members of the Youth Forum and Raleigh. All timings and dates for meetings and events will be agreed by the Youth Forum and Raleigh.

**How much time do I need to give?**

We ask you to attend the 3 scheduled meetings for the Youth Forum and any additional commitments as outlined in the group contract. The experience of being a member of the Youth Forum is entirely dependent on what you put in; and as a proactive member, you may have action points and areas of responsibility – as agreed by yourself and other members – which require additional commitment.

**How will you support me as a member of the Youth Forum?**

We will provide the necessary resources and materials which you may need as a member of the Youth Forum when possible, including the cover of travel expenses. We will advise and guide each member of the Youth Forum to help develop their volunteering experience.

**How will the Youth Forum guide the direction of Raleigh?**

Issues identified by the Youth Forum and/or Raleigh will be discussed by members of the Youth Forum with thoughts and suggestions shared within the organisation.

**How will people hear about the evolvment and work of the Youth Forum?**

The work of the Youth Forum will be publicised via our website through blogs, newsletters, in depth profiles and through other means as suggested and agreed by members of the Youth Forum and Raleigh.