

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 4th 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 on the Raleigh International Board of Trustees. The Youth Forum is made up of 10 young people, aged 17-24, who have undertaken an expedition with Raleigh International.

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 International 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 International. 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 International.

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

To apply, please answer the following 3 questions:

- What does Raleigh International mean to you?
- Why do **you** want to be on the Youth Forum?
- What would you change the name 'Youth Forum' to?

You can answer these questions in many ways, whether it's a diary entry from your expedition, a photograph/painting/drawing with a caption or a short digital camera/mobile phone video.

Please send your answers to youthforum@raleigh.org.uk or Raleigh International, Third Floor, 207 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8XD by 5pm on 14 May, 2008.

What happens after I have sent my application?

We will contact successful applicants by 19 May, 2008 with details of a selection day to be held at the beginning of June.

What is the selection day?

Successful applicants will be invited to attend an interactive selection day, to be held in the UK, where you will learn more about the Youth Forum and meet Raleigh International staff. Following the selection day, we will contact 10 applicants who will become members of the Youth Forum.

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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 evolution of the Youth Forum and share your thoughts and suggestions via our website at www.raleighinternational.org, or volunteer on projects created by the Youth Forum! There are also many additional opportunities to stay connected with Raleigh International, 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 4th 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 2 years. However, we understand that you may have other commitments and this can be taken into account when you begin your role. 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 International and the overall objective of the Youth Forum. Members of the Youth Forum, with support from Raleigh International 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 International, 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 International.

How often will the Youth Forum meet?

The first meeting will be held at the beginning of July 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 International. All timings and dates for meetings and events will be agreed by the Youth Forum and Raleigh International.

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.

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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 International?

Issues identified by the Youth Forum and/or Raleigh International will be discussed by members of the Youth Forum with thoughts and suggestions shared within the organisation. The Youth Forum will be represented on the Raleigh International Board of Trustees by a member as nominated by their peers.

How will people hear about the involvement 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 International.