

The Young Explorers' Trust

Objectives



Mission statement of the Trust:

“The Young Explorers’ Trust seeks to promote safe and responsible youth expeditions. It aims to give young people the opportunity to widen their experience and education by taking part in exploration, discovery and challenging adventure which develops the personal qualities of service, self-sufficiency and leadership.”

The Young Explorers’ Trust (YET) is an independent, nationally based, educational charity representing charitable, commercial and independent providers of youth expeditions or ventures.

YET champions active, challenging and safe expeditions involving young people by:

- promoting to all young people the benefits of participating in expeditions from independent self-run ventures to those based on special interest groups, charitable and commercial organisations, including schools
- advocating the value of youth expeditions as a unique and excellent outdoor educational experience to parents, schools, education managers, local authorities, regional and national government bodies and the media
- providing advice, sharing experience, and supporting expedition leaders and providers in the planning of their safe, but challenging, ventures.

YET supports and enables its objectives by:

- offering all individual expeditions and corporate venture providers the opportunity to benefit from its nationally recognised scheme for ‘Evaluation of Expedition Plans’. Experienced evaluation panels assess individual expeditions for good practice, safe and sensible procedures, educational and development quality, challenging activities, ethical, environmental and community content to the level expected by the national standard BS 8848. Alternatively, organisations may undertake a corporate evaluation to the same standard to demonstrate their overarching adherence for all ventures in their name
- awarding grants and providing limited financial support to individuals
- offering mentoring support for individuals, expedition leaders and venture providers
- producing and promulgating a wide range of publications containing essential guidance on common expedition issues. These may be downloaded from the website or ordered directly from the Trust
- providing a variety of opportunities for Trust members and the public to attend valuable training sessions and conferences on subjects such as expedition planning, expedition medicine and leadership development
- representing the common interests of its member organisations on a wide variety of other national bodies.