

## Terms of Reference for YET UK Awards

### Criteria/Eligibility

1. The YET UK Award is for individuals or groups undertaking an expedition in the UK, that is self organised and planned. Advice can be sought to ensure safety, feasibility and permissions etc.
2. Applicants must be 19 or under years old at the time of the expedition's departure.
3. The YET UK Award will be awarded from the existing YET grants' funds. There is no annual limit on the number of grants that can be given.
4. We expect the expedition to be stretching and challenging for the individual, and we recognise this will vary depending on the individual, age, and experience.
5. The expedition should have one of more of the following aims:
  - a. Adventure: in a remote area, with adventurous activity in the 'wilderness', such as but not limited to hiking, climbing, or kayaking, and we would expect wild camping for each night of the expedition (where appropriate and legal).
  - b. Environmental: environmental science or conservation in an adventurous setting
6. YET doesn't fund university fieldwork expeditions, for such expeditions we recommend that you apply to the Royal Geographical Society; if you are unsure please get in contact.

### Requirements

1. Potential winners of the award:
  - a. are still able to apply to other sources of potential funding
  - b. will be required to send images/video/quotes/report for the YET website and social media; all content thus used by YET will be credited.
  - c. are required to acknowledge YET as a funder of the expedition where appropriate eg in reports and websites.
  - d. may be requested to provide further information to YET and further contact may be made by the grants committee

### Applications

7. Applications are submitted via the application form that can be found on the YET website.
8. Applicants should ensure that they have made clear on the form that they wish to be considered for a YET UK Award.

### Possible ideas:

#### **Adventure:**

- plan your own long distance trek. Perhaps linking places with similar features eg the three most remote munros in Scotland, birthplace of your grandfathers or a 'triathlon' approach using three modes of travel
- Canoe down a river or link lochs together

- sea kayaking
- Explore a remote island eg Hebrides
- Extend the experience of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions to a longer more sustained experienced

please note to avoid the more popular long distance paths eg Highland Way, Pennine Way and the three highest peaks of Scotland, Wales and England peaks

### **Environmental and Conservation in a remote area**

- beach cleaning in a remote area eg Hebrides, Shetland
- Ecology project eg insect surveys
- Geology, physical geography exploring the nature of landscapes
- River studies

The above categories may be combined. For an example of a peer group self organised expedition with adventure and environment research follow the link to the Royal Geographical Society mini lecture: <https://www.rgs.org/geography/online-lectures/canoeing-through-covid/>