



## **BSES Mentoring Programme**

### **Information for YEs**

#### **Introduction**

If you are daunted by the task of raising the funds for a BSES expedition then our Mentoring Programme is here to help.

Over the past 75 years, thousands of young people have successfully fundraised for our expeditions, and we fully believe that anyone can achieve their fundraising target with the right support. A Mentor will provide advice, support and assistance. The emphasis will be on you to raise the money yourself but the Mentor will be there to help wherever possible.

Additionally, to make the fundraising targets more achievable for YEs on the Mentoring Programme, BSES can offer:

- The BSES Bursary - Top-up funding of up to £500 for YEs who require it

#### **What's involved?**

The programme kicks off with an initial meeting in which both you and your mentor will agree and commit to a six to nine month plan to raise the target amount. This will involve:

- Assessing the total required, including expedition contribution, travel costs, briefing weekends and kit
- Setting fundraising targets and milestones
- Brainstorming possible fundraising events, companies to approach for sponsorship and trust grants
- Creating a timetable of fundraising activities

The Mentor will be on hand to advise and encourage you throughout the fundraising process. Weekly contact by email and phone is expected, with meetings every 6-8 weeks as required.

#### **To qualify for Mentor support you will need to:**

- Explain and justify why you need mentoring support
- Commit to a fundraising programme with the Mentor that starts a minimum of six months before expedition departure
- Be able and willing to communicate readily by email and telephone

#### **How to Apply**

##### **If yet to apply for an expedition**

1. Complete the BSES Application Form and the additional Mentoring Application Form below
2. Attend BSES interview
3. If successful at the interview you will then receive an offer to join the expedition and the Mentoring programme.

##### **If already on an expedition**

1. Complete the Mentoring Application Form below
2. Return it to your Expedition Coordinator



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### Young Explorer Application Form

<b>Full Name:</b>		<b>Expedition applied for:</b>	
<b>Please give the main reasons why you would like to take part in this expedition:</b>			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
<b>Please give reasons why you would like assistance with fundraising:</b>			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
<b>To be completed by applicant</b>			
<b>Name</b> _____		<b>Signed</b> _____	
<b>Date</b> _____			
<b>To be completed by a Parent or Legal Guardian (if applicant under the age of 18)</b>			
I agree to my son / daughter / ward becoming a member of the BSES Bursary and Mentoring Scheme. I will support their activities and those of the Mentor to the best of my ability. I have read the guidelines and supporting notes and understand the requirements of the Scheme.			
<b>Name</b> _____		<b>Signed</b> _____	
<b>Relationship to applicant</b> _____			

NB Please note that BSES will make every attempt to link each Mentoring Applicant to a Mentor living close to them. This may not always be possible; therefore flexibility may be required of both parties. **Participation in the Mentoring Scheme is not an absolute guarantee of successful fundraising**, concentrated efforts will be required by both applicant and Mentor alike.

**Return this form to the Expedition Coordinator at the BSES Office:**  
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