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EXPLORER AWARDS 2020

SIR CHARLES BLOIS EXPLORER AWARD FOR SCIENCE & ADVENTURE

An Award of £5,000 and the exclusive title 2019 SIR CHARLES BLOIS EXPLORER

Kindly supported by Sir Charles Blois Bt

Sir Charles Blois is a long-time friend to and supporter of the SES. His passion for travel and adventure is unquenchable and on a par with that of SES Founder John Blashford-Snell who he hails as his inspiration.

The Sir Charles Blois Explorer Award is to support a *Pioneer with Purpose* who:

- is the instigator and leader of a bespoke expedition* combining adventure and scientific purpose
- is leading an expedition in a physically challenging environment
- aims to produce new scientific / physical information, or anthropological insight into little known people
- may be undertaking a journey which re-traces the tracks of a famous explorer or scientific pioneer – aiming to go one step further in their exploration of scientific research
- is leading a potentially ground-breaking expedition in terms of location, logistics or similar
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
- has the filmmaking / photographic / digital expertise within the team to deliver this

*not a commercial venture, repeat university expedition or fieldwork trip

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ELODIE SANDFORD EXPLORER AWARD FOR AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

An Award of at least £4,000* and the exclusive title

ELODIE SANDFORD EXPLORER 2020

Kindly supported by Family and Friends of Elodie Sandford

*Award minimum

Elodie Sandford was a highly regarded Honorary Vice-President of the SES, a keen amateur photographer and participant in many of John Blashford-Snell's expeditions, particularly in South America. This award has been created by her family and friends in her memory.

The Elodie Sandford Explorer Award is to support a *Pioneer with Purpose* who:

- is an amateur photographer
- is taking part in a bespoke expedition** combining adventure and scientific purpose
- is either the instigator and leader of the expedition, or a team member who is joining the expedition in a supporting role but very much involved in the planning
- can demonstrate how the result of their photography will be of real future benefit to the people, environment, fauna or flora targeted by the expedition
- can demonstrate the value of photography as a means of communicating their passion for the purpose of the expedition to a wider audience
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
- has the filmmaking / photographic / digital expertise within the team to deliver this

The sharing of images from the expedition is an important part of the expedition output, and a tangible means by which the Award winner can inspire others interest in the particular issues the expedition seeks to address. It is suggested therefore that the Award recipient be asked to reserve up to £300 to help disseminate photographs through Social Media and other channels to the widest relevant audience possible, and facilitate a photographic display at the 2019 SES Explorer Awards event. Their proposal for how this can best be achieved should be included in their application.

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GOUGH EXPLORER AWARD FOR MEDICAL AID & RESEARCH

An Award of £4,000 and the exclusive title

GOUGH EXPLORER 2020

Kindly supported by Viscount Gough

Viscount Gough's long association with the SES began when he joined the Operation Drake expeditions in Papua New Guinea and Kenya in 1978-80. Since then, he has remained a loyal friend to and supporter of the Society.

The Gough Explorer Award is to support a *Pioneer with Purpose* who:

- is instigating and leading a bespoke expedition* combining adventure and scientific purpose
- main focus is to carry out medical aid and / or associated research within communities in developing regions of the world
- leading an expedition in a physically challenging environment
- may be undertaking a journey which re-traces the tracks of a famous explorer or scientific pioneer – aiming to go one step further in their exploration of scientific research, remoteness or innovative re-creation of a past journey or discovery
- leading a potentially ground-breaking expedition in terms of location, logistics or similar
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
- has the filmmaking / photographic / digital expertise within the team to deliver this

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NEVILLE SHULMAN EXPLORER AWARD FOR EXPEDITION FILMAKING

An Award of £7,000 and the exclusive title

NEVILLE SHULMAN EXPLORER 2020

Kindly supported by Neville Shulman CBE

Neville Shulman CBE is an Explorer, Mountaineer, Adventurer, Author and long-time member and supporter of the SES. He is personal consultant and advisor to Film Director/Producer Ridley Scott, and has a wide and varied interest in film, culture, the arts and exploration.

The Neville Shulman Explorer Award is to support a *Pioneer with Purpose* who:

- is a filmmaker
- is taking part in a bespoke expedition* combining adventure and scientific purpose and focusing on the intangible and/or tangible heritage in a foreign land
- is either the instigator and leader of the expedition, or a team member who is joining the expedition in a supporting role but very much involved in the planning
- will produce a short film as a means of communicating their passion for the purpose of the expedition to a wider audience
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
- has the filmmaking / photographic / digital expertise within the team to deliver this
- the Award of £7,000 should be the major financial contribution to the overall expedition budget
- the expedition must take place within sufficient time for an edited and approved film to be ready for showing at the 2020 SES Explorer Awards Presentation Evening
- Within the application process, applicants must detail their plan for a film, at least 5 minutes in length, to be made post expedition and shown at described above

Neville Shulman has very kindly offered pre and post-production mentoring if logistics allow

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RIVERS FOUNDATION EXPLORER AWARD FOR HEALTH & HUMANITIES

An Award of £5,000 and the exclusive title

RIVERS FOUNDATION EXPLORER 2020

Kindly supported by the Rivers Foundation

The Rivers Foundation has for many years provided support for children and young adults, both in the UK and internationally. It particularly focuses on the education, social development and medical well-being of young people. Alan Rivers, chairman of The Rivers Foundation is a long-time friend and supporter of John Blashford-Snell and the SES.

The Rivers Foundation Explorer Award is to support a *Pioneer with Purpose* who:

- is the instigator and leader of a bespoke expedition* combining adventure with a medical and humanitarian purpose
- is leading an expedition that has strong local community engagement and collaboration in deprived and under-developed regions of the world
- is leading an expedition which will assist in medical and humanitarian development or practices within those communities
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
- has the filmmaking / photographic / digital expertise within the team to deliver this

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SES EXPLORER AWARD FOR INSPIRATION & SCIENTIFIC TRAILBLAZING

An Award of at least £3,650* and the exclusive title

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*Award minimum

The Rowan Bentall Charitable Trust, The O’Hea Family Trust, Avocet Insurance Consultants, Pam Coleridge, Egerton Sykes and SES Trustees are all committed and enthusiastic supporters of the Society and have combined forces to create this special award.

The SES Explorer Award is to support a Scientific Trailblazer who:

- is the instigator and leader of a bespoke expedition** combining adventure and scientific purpose
- has that ‘special something’ be it in terms of the nature of research, the legacy it offers, or any other inspiring aspects of the expedition
- may be undertaking a journey which re-traces the tracks of a famous explorer or scientific pioneer – aiming to go one step further in their exploration of scientific research, remoteness or innovative re-creation of a past journey or discovery
- leading a potentially ground-breaking expedition in terms of location, logistics or similar
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a lasting legacy
- can evidence a clear and strong communication plan (both within scientific and wider audiences) that will include a digital presence on multiple platforms
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