



2021 EXPLORER AWARDS

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SIR CHARLES BLOIS EXPLORER AWARD FOR SCIENCE & ADVENTURE

An award of £5,000 and the exclusive title

SIR CHARLES BLOIS EXPLORER 2021

Supported by Sir Charles Blois Bt

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



The Sir Charles Blois Explorer Award has been created to support a scientific adventurer and trailblazer. The applicant should be undertaking an adventurous expedition with strong physical requirements, in a challenging environment which aims to produce new scientific studies of the physical, social, economic and cultural life of communities, ideally in more remote regions of the world.

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



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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 2021

Supported by Family and Friends of Elodie Sandford

*Actual Award balance could be higher depending on donations (e.g. the 2020 award was £7,000), but only the minimum is guaranteed.

Elodie Sandford was a highly regarded Honorary Vice-President of SES, a keen amateur photographer and participant in many of John Blashford-Snell's expeditions.



The Elodie Sandford Explorer Award has been created by family and friends in memory of Elodie. The applicant will be an amateur photographer who partakes in an adventurous and innovative project and can demonstrate how their photography will be of real benefit to the people, environment, wildlife, fauna or flora targeted by the expedition.

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, wildlife, 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 2021 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 2021

Supported by Viscount Gough

Viscount Gough's long association with 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 has been created to support an individual leading an expedition. The applicant should be clear that the main focus of which is to carry out either medical aid, and/or associated research within communities, ideally in more remote regions of the world.

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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JUDITH HEATH EXPLORER AWARD FOR BOTANY & RESEARCH

An award of £5,250 and the exclusive title

JUDITH HEATH EXPLORER 2021

Supported by the Judith Heath Family

The Judith Heath Explorer Award has been created in memory Judith Heath, a longstanding member of SES, to support an individual leading an expedition.



The applicant should be clear that the main focus of their expedition must be to carry out a scientific study of plants, ideally in more remote regions of the world – the findings of which should be shared with relevant parties and to a wider audience.

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

- is the instigator and leader of a bespoke expedition focussing on botany, associated research and dissemination
- 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 FILMMAKING

An award of £7,000 and the exclusive title

NEVILLE SHULMAN EXPLORER 2021

Supported by Neville Shulman CBE

Neville Shulman CBE is an explorer, mountaineer, adventurer, author and long-time member and supporter of SES. He is personal consultant and advisor to film directors, producers and film studios and has a wide and varied interest in film, culture, the arts and exploration.



This award is to support expeditions combining adventure and scientific purpose focusing on the intangible and/or tangible heritage, ideally in more remote regions of the world. The applicant should be someone who has filmmaking experience and is either organising or closely involved in the planning of a scientific, cultural or geographical expedition. The winner will produce a short film to communicate the expedition journey and results.

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

- is an aspirant or an experienced filmmaker
- is taking part in an expedition combining challenge and scientific purpose and focusing on intangible and/or tangible heritage overseas
- is either the instigator and leader of the expedition, or a key team member who is participating in the expedition and involved in the planning
- will produce a short film communicating the purpose of the expedition to a wider audience
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration and creates a 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 2021 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 2021

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 wellbeing of young people. Alan Rivers, chairman of The Rivers Foundation is a long-time friend and supporter of John Blashford-Snell and SES.



The Rivers Foundation has an interest in health and humanities and would love to hear from individuals who are passionate about education, social development and medical wellbeing within communities, ideally in more remote regions of the world.

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/or humanitarian purpose
- is leading an expedition that has strong local community engagement and collaboration in developing regions of the world
- is leading an expedition which will assist in medical and/or 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 INSPIRATIONAL & SCIENTIFIC TRAILBLAZING

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SES EXPLORER 2021

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 SES and combined forces to create this special award.



The supporters are looking for someone unique. The applicant should be an inspirational Scientific Trailblazer whose expedition 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.

This award may also support a scientific explorer who has previously received funding from SES for their project or expedition and who wishes to continue their research.

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

- is the instigator and leader of an 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
- may previously have been the recipient of an SES Explorer Award and will use this award to further develop their project and associated research
- may be leading a potentially ground-breaking expedition in terms of location, logistics or similar
- can demonstrate the expedition includes local engagement and collaboration that 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