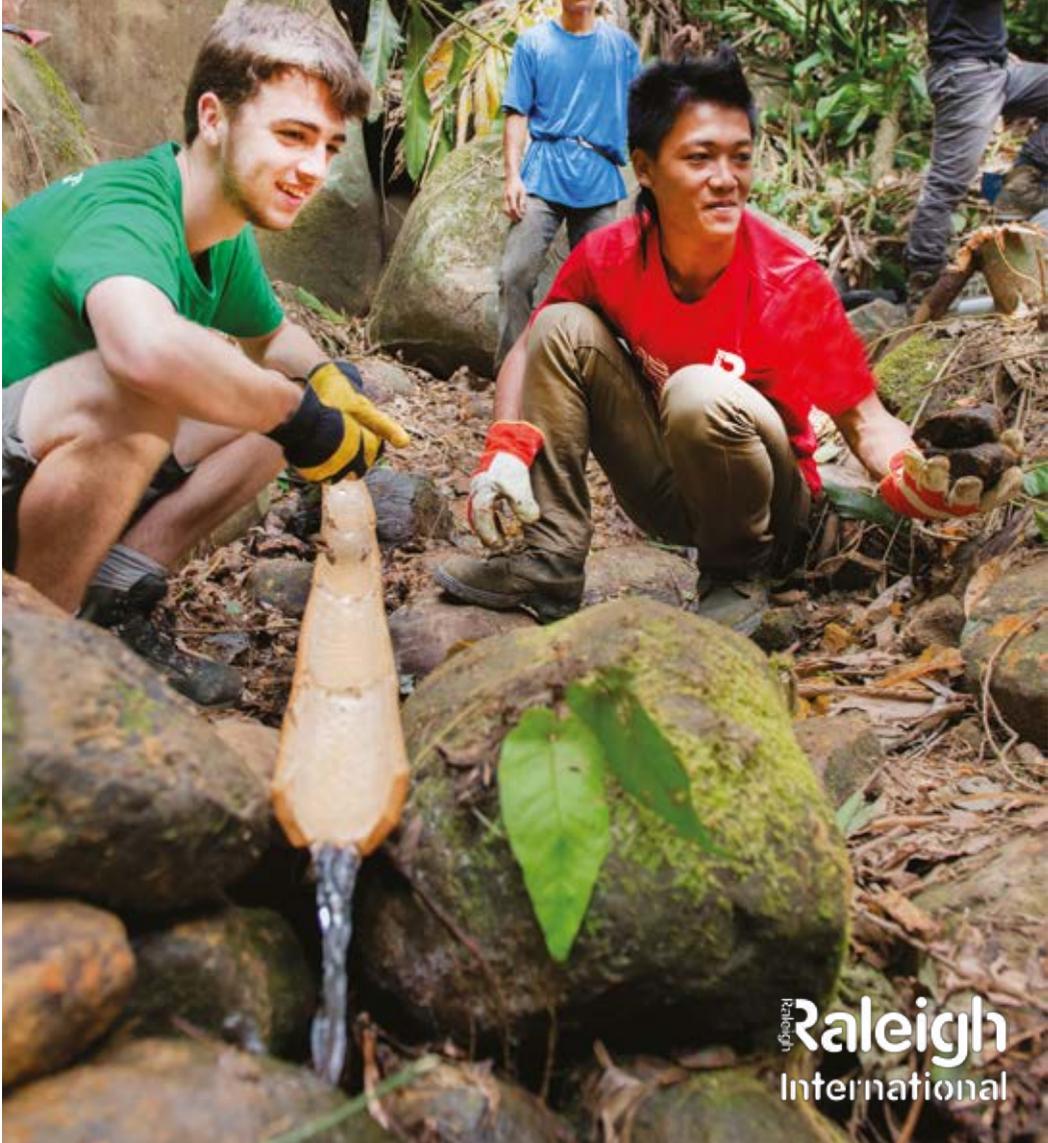


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About Raleigh

Raleigh International connects communities wanting to improve their lives and their environments with passionate people from around the world who want to take positive action.

We believe - and you have seen - that when local communities and young people work side by side, it empowers them. And it's the energy and motivation of empowered people that creates lasting change.

You are part of a global community of more than 42,000 inspiring and inspired people. Whether you volunteered this year, or 30 years ago, we would love you to stay involved with Raleigh.

Our vision is for a world in which people live and work together as a global community to build a sustainable future. Together, we can make this a reality.

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Welcome

It's an exciting time for Raleigh International as we embark on our new strategy. Our ambitious approach for 2017-2020 will ensure young people are at the heart of sustainable development. The world is facing huge development challenges. We will equip young people with the skills, confidence and experience they need to develop solutions and make decisions.

We also plan to identify how we can better support you, our amazing alumni. We know that Raleigh leaves a positive legacy in the lives of the volunteers and communities with whom we work around the world. We look forward to learning from and collaborating with you to grow this network to make a bigger impact locally and globally.

As well as sharing our new strategy with you, in this edition we also shine a spotlight on our work over thirty years in Malaysian Borneo and highlight some of the inspiring actions recently taken by Raleigh alumni.



Thank you for being part of Raleigh's global family. I'm certain that over the next four years we will achieve even greater things together.

Stacey Adams

Our new strategy

Young people driving sustainable development 2017-20

Raleigh has always believed that young people have the energy, optimism and creativity to change the world for the better. We're going to engage more young people than ever before in the exciting years ahead.

Our new four-year strategy puts young people at the heart of everything we do - from delivering our work alongside communities, to designing and measuring our programmes.

What will we be working on over the next four years?

Across our four programme areas, we will help our volunteers apply behavioural science techniques to help create lasting, sustainable change where new behaviours become norms.



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Youth in civil society



We want to see young people as connected and valued partners in development. We will create an environment which supports and encourages youth participation in decision making wherever we work.

Livelihoods



Our work will focus on young women and rural youth who face poor employment and training opportunities. We will boost the skills of local young people and help them find sustained, safe, dignified and fair work.

Water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH)



We will continue to focus our projects in disadvantaged rural communities, ensuring they have use of safe WASH facilities. Our work will also reflect the fact that women and girls are disproportionately affected by health and sanitation issues.

Natural resource management



We want to create a generation of champions and protectors of the natural environment, educating people on environmental issues, changing consumption habits, and helping increase the resilience of rural and marginal communities to climate change.

Creating a global movement

Over the next four years you, our amazing alumni, will form a crucial part of delivering our new strategy.

We're proud to have an engaged and committed network of more than 42,000 alumni in nearly 100 countries. We want to help you grow and develop into a global movement creating lasting change and building a sustainable future.

We want to encourage the creation of new national societies, while helping

to build the capacity of our 16 existing societies, so they can develop and deliver their own exciting localised projects which support our vision.

We will also make you central to our global awareness raising efforts. We want you to help us educate 25 million people about the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

Our vision for the next four years is bold and ambitious, but it is one we can achieve together.

Photo from Shamsuddin Osman from the first Raleigh Expedition to Sabah



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30 years in Borneo

This year we are marking 30 years since Raleigh’s first Expedition in Malaysian Borneo.

In 1987, Expedition 10D was invited to the island by Y.M Dato’ Seri Tengku Dr. Zainal Adlin Bin Tengku Mahamood and the Sabah Foundation. Dato’ Tengku Adlin was working with scientists in the Danum Valley rainforest, who needed the help of volunteers.

But it’s no Raleigh Expedition without several projects – and the international and Malaysian volunteers also forged a new routeway up Mount Kinabalu for scientists to research the as-yet-undiscovered biodiversity on the mountain’s east side. They also built a community centre in a rural community, complete with solar panels, and carried out marine conservation surveys on coral reefs.

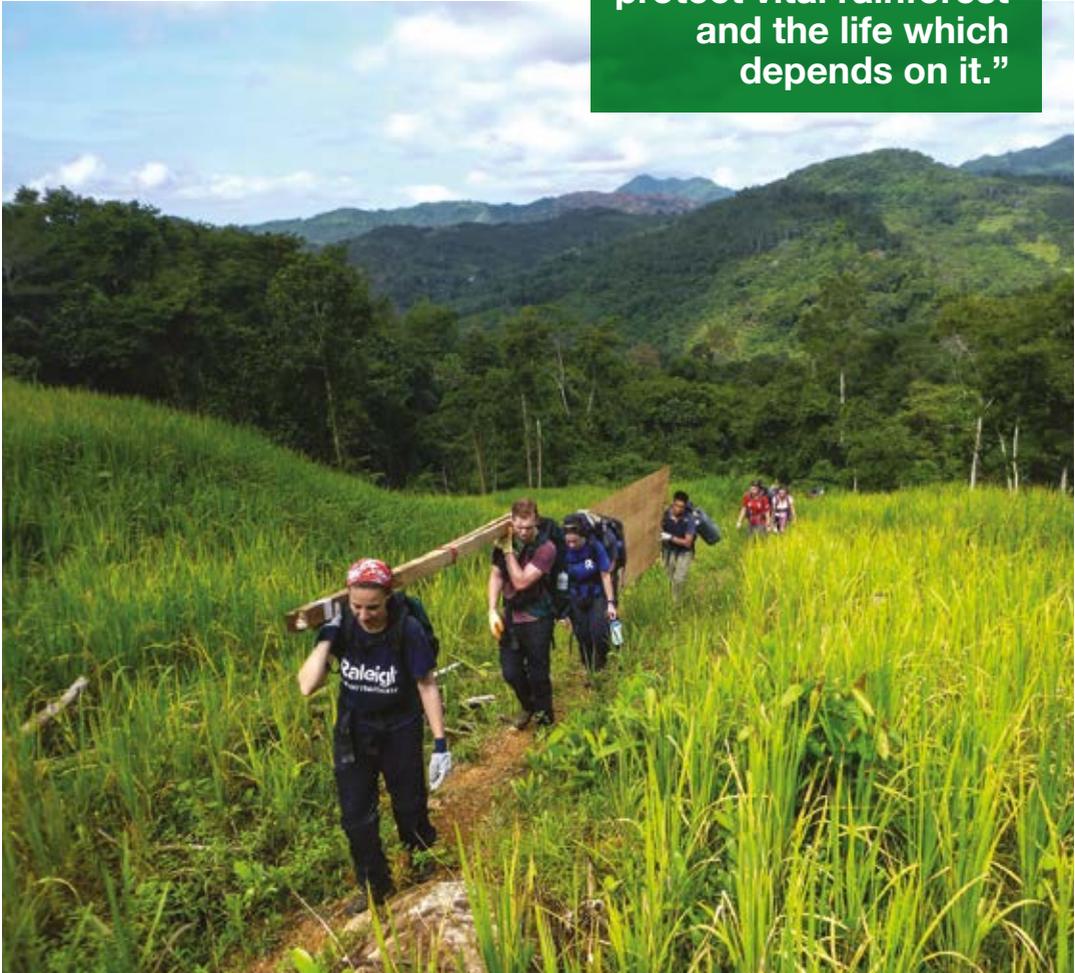


There were 11 more Expeditions before a permanent office was set up in 2002 in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of the Sabah region of Malaysian Borneo.

Over the years Raleigh's work has helped to support the protection of the Sun Bear, safeguard globally-important rainforests in areas like Danum Valley and Imbak Canyon, as well as improve rural communities' access to clean, safe water sources.

In 2012 Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge – both of whom are Raleigh alumni – met Raleigh volunteers and chief executive Stacey Adams during a royal tour to Danum Valley in Borneo.

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Today Raleigh Borneo still welcomes young people from around the world, as well as from other parts of Malaysia, to volunteer on sustainable development projects.

Borneo Country Director Sue Hennessey said: “We are thrilled to mark 30 years since the first Raleigh Expedition in Malaysian Borneo. Over the past three decades, thousands of volunteers have enabled us to complete some incredible projects, changing the lives of people living in rural communities in Sabah and helping to protect vital rainforest and the life which depends on it.

“We’re really proud of our new and innovative programming which is developing sustainable alternative livelihoods for young people in Sabah. We’re working alongside Land, Empowerment, Animals and People (LEAP) on the project, which is being funded by the US Department of State’s Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) and the legacy donation of Sarah Young, in memory of Raleigh Borneo alumna Sarah.”



Hopes for the future

As we mark 30 years since the first Expedition in Malaysian Borneo, we asked our current volunteers in Borneo what changes they would like to see in the world over the next three decades:

In 30 years time I want climate change to have been stopped.

To do this I will change the way I live, my diet and the transport I use. I will also spread the word about it.

In 30 years the number of people without access to clean water should have decreased.

To do this I will tell as many people as possible about my Raleigh experience and convince them that they should do the same.

In 30 years I want every child to go to school and get an education.

To do this I will continue to support NGOs, try to do volunteer work in the next years and try to spread the word and encourage other people to do the same. Maybe if I have enough experience I will work for a charity myself and make it happen.

In 30 years I want to have had a positive influence on other peoples' lives and stay involved in the world's problems.

To do this I will be kind and caring, and selfless and considerate. I want to do more volunteering and keep learning.

In 30 years I want the world to be less dependent on palm oil.

To do this I will be more aware as a consumer when buying products with palm oil. I will also look for alternatives and support sustainable palm oil products.

In 30 years I want to reduce and prevent the torture, death and punishment of the public, particularly within less economically developed countries.

To do this I will become a human rights' lawyer, working closely with charities.

In 30 years I will only use renewable energy resources.

To do this I will encourage others to do the same and only use renewable resources to prove that it is possible.



Latest News

Raleigh Tanzania Society #50MillionTrees

The Raleigh Tanzania Society are making an impact across their country through their '50 Million Trees for 50 Million People' campaign. Partnering with local communities, NGOs and the Tanzanian government, their amazing campaign is working to inspire every Tanzanian to tackle deforestation by planting a tree!

Abinav is a UNDP Champion for the Global Goals

Raleigh ICS alumnus Abinav recently returned from China where he represented the UK as a UNDP Global Goals Champion. In China, Abinav met the UNDP's first animal champions, pandas Qiqi and Diandian, and has since been raising awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals with the UNDP in the UK and Germany.

The amazing legacy of Sarah Young

An innovative new project in Borneo has been made possible through the legacy of alumna Sarah Young, who passed away in April 2016. Sarah's legacy donation to Raleigh has, alongside funding from the United States government, enabled the launch of the Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods for Youth in Borneo (SALY-B) project, which works to protect rainforests, wildlife and indigenous communities in Sabah, where she volunteered in 2008 and 2009.



Costa Rica alumni jump aboard the Ship for World Youth

Three members of the Raleigh Costa Rica Society recently returned from travelling between Japan, Fiji and New Zealand on the prestigious Ship for World Youth programme. Keiner, Adriana and Deiber joined delegates from across the world on board the ship, evoking memories of Operation Raleigh, where they participated in workshops and seminars about global issues.



Launch of the Raleigh Mongolia Society

This year we are excited by the launch of our newest Raleigh society, Raleigh Mongolia! Raleigh Mongolia was set up by Chile alumna Solongo and Mongolia alumnus Ganaa, after they were inspired by the 2016 Global Alumni Conference in London. They have set up the society with the aim to raise awareness about Raleigh among young Mongolians and to support them to take part in a Raleigh Expedition.

Raleigh alumni celebrate World Youth Skills Day

On 15th July, Raleigh alumni in the UK and Tanzania attended various events to celebrate the UN's World Youth Skills Day. In the UK, alumni gathered with other ICS alumni in Newcastle where they took part in inspiring workshops to develop skills that will make an impact. The Raleigh Tanzania society also provided skill-building workshops on digital marketing and baking for alumni in their country.





Business class

New partnership with Buildbase and Hirebase

We are excited to announce a new partnership with UK businesses Buildbase and Hirebase. Together they are providing vital funding for Raleigh's development work by supporting a project improving access to sanitation for children at a school in the Kilombero District of Tanzania. As well improving hygiene behaviour at the school, the project aims to increase the attendance of girls who currently miss

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out on schooling due to a lack of adequate facilities.

Buildbase and Hirebase will also be sending 8 employees aged between 17-24 to volunteer on the project with Raleigh. CEO Kate Tinsley recognises that their employees will develop valuable leadership and teamwork skills, as well as increased confidence and resilience, as part of Raleigh's Expedition programme.

Kate says of the partnership: “We're delighted to support Raleigh International. It presents a unique experience for those colleagues that get involved. As well as making a practical contribution to a worthy cause, they will develop skills that they can use back in the workplace.”



Alumni stories: Borneo

Shamsuddin Osman

Shamsuddin Osman was 19-years-old when an advert in the local newspaper caught his eye.

“It was very brief. It just mentioned about adventure, scientific and community projects. It gave you a phone number and a place to attend the interview.”

Sham responded and became one of 15 young people to join Raleigh’s first Expedition in Malaysian Borneo in 1987. He took part in three phases, first learning to dive and survey coral.

“I had no gear whatsoever and everything I could borrow was so big. There was underwater stinging coral and I had to wear something protective. So I wore a long shirt and jeans. It was so hilarious.”

Kit was a continual source of amusement for the Malaysian volunteers. “All the international venturers had rucksacks as tall as them. People brought two water bottles, we just have a small water bottle. Everyone had two sets of boots. We have rubber Adidas



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Kampungs and sandals. They had leech socks up to their knees – we had no idea what they are. We had a yellow button up anorak down to our knees. Everyone else had breathable Gor-Tex.

“But I don’t remember having any problems at all.”

Sham also helped build a scientific research hut in Danum Valley rainforest and a community hall and hostel for school children in a community called Kampung Makatip.

“We saw children going through hardship just to get to school and gave them a little bit of comfort by building the hostel. The government provided solar panels so it had a system of electricity, which for the people who lived there was almost like magic.”

Sham, who is now 51, said: “The Expedition was so fulfilling, I had learnt so much.”

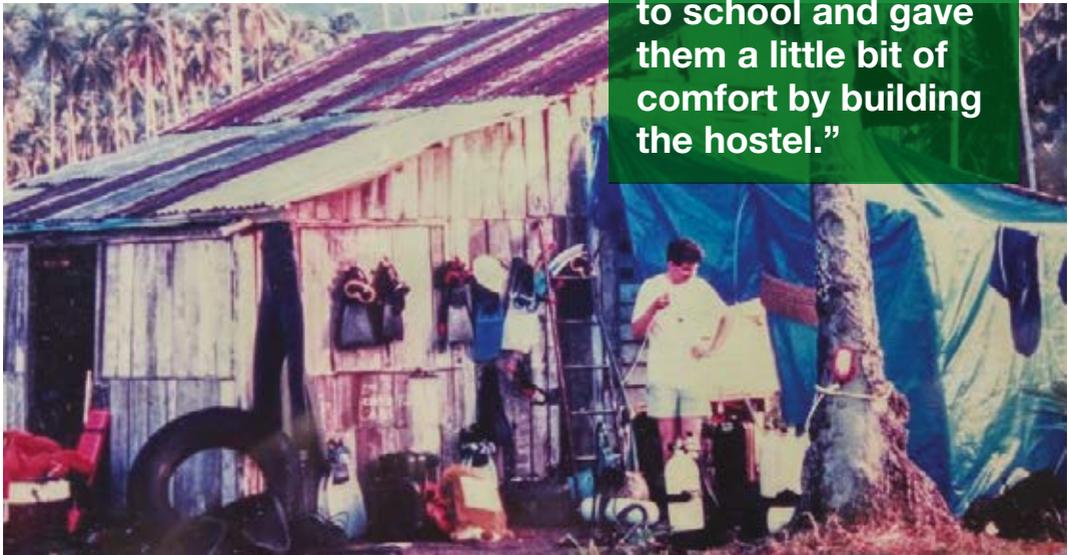
He continued to support Raleigh’s Expeditions in the region for years. His Expedition sparked a passion for an environment and he went on to work in Sabah’s national parks as well as for the Malaysian government.

His roles included working undercover to gather intelligence on illegal wildlife trafficking and hunting, before carrying out raids and arrests himself and then moving into prosecution.

His final role was as the Director of the Institute of Biodiversity, learning about best practice for wildlife conservation from around the world.

“My passion for the environment developed through Raleigh. Since then I have never been able to get enough.”

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An Adventure Worth Sharing



What is the greatest memory from your Raleigh Expedition?

We're working to inspire a new wave of young people to join a Raleigh Expedition. We need you guys to share your story and inspire someone's next adventure! Tweet, share and Instagram using #AdventureWorthSharing, and change someone's life.

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