

# Fieldwork & Expeditions

- BS 8848 compliance workshop
- Thursday 30 September 2010

A new British Standard, BS 8848: *a specification for visits, fieldwork, expeditions and adventurous activities* outside the UK has recently been published. It specifies operational requirements for organizers of adventurous and educational activities abroad. It is aimed at organisers of overseas activities including university and academic fieldwork, gap year experiences, adventure holidays, charity challenges and research expeditions.

Over 400 organisations have now purchased the standard and several major providers are declaring conformity with its requirements. BS 8848 is nationally recognised as an important way in which organisations can demonstrate that they have good safety practices in place when offering to provide any venture outside the UK.

BS 8848 has been designed and built on existing UK guidance and through wide consultation to create an agreed national standard that will benchmark current good practice in safety management procedures. It is aimed at both those who organise such ventures and those who participate. All who understand BS 8848 will be better informed about the risks and safety management procedures that good practice indicates should be in place before any agreement to take part is distributed and signed.

## Who should attend?

This workshop is designed to assist those organizations wishing to use BS 8848 to benchmark existing safety management systems within their organisations, and the evidence required to make a claim of compliance with the new British Standard.

The workshop will provide details on:

- What BS 8848 conformity means
- Understanding the key concepts and requirements of BS 8848
- Evidence required to make a claim of compliance with the new British Standard
- The role of Third party providers in BS 8848 compliance
- What protection does BS 8848 provide consumers / parents / organisations?

## Workshop facilitators

The workshop is being run by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) in association with Sentinel Consulting, a leading innovator in the development of operations, safety and management systems for research organisations and travel companies worldwide. Those facilitating the workshop are members of BSI's technical committee for BS 8848.

## Pre-workshop requirements

It is strongly recommended that all attending the workshop become acquainted with BS 8848 before the meeting. Copies of the standard are available as a PDF download from BSI [www.bsi-global.com/BS8848](http://www.bsi-global.com/BS8848)

**Date:** Thursday 30 September 2010

**Timing:** 09.30 – 17.00

**Venue:** Royal Geographical Society (with IBG),  
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

**Cost:** £176.25 including VAT at 17.5% including lunch and refreshments.

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