



**British  
Exploring  
Society**

# **Dangoor Next Generation 2018 Leader Team**








## Our Leadership Team

### DNG 2018

Exceptional Expedition Leaders have always been critical to the British Exploring Society and are a fundamental part of what makes us a unique charity. We value them very highly. Throughout our history, our leaders have offered their time freely and have shared their professionalism and commitment for the benefit of Explorers in destinations all over the world.

Our leaders come from a variety of professional backgrounds and bring with them a wealth of experience and skills.

As we are sure you will discover, they are outstanding individuals and form a remarkable team.

KEY	
	Senior Leadership Team
	Basecamp Manager
	Social
	Medical
	Adventure



**Tom Abbey**  
Chief Leader

Tom is a Paramedic and Expedition Leader based in the Lake District, Cumbria.

Prior to becoming a Paramedic, Tom was the Manager of a residential children's service based in Carlisle, working with young people with emotional and behavioural problems.

Tom has been involved with DNG since its inception in 2011 and this will be his fifth expedition to northern Iceland.

His spare time is spent with his adventurous 7 year old son and as a member of Patterdale Mountain Rescue team.



**Stuart Meese**  
Deputy Chief Leader

Stu has been teaching and managing outdoor education centres since 1994. Now nearing the end of a MA in Outdoor Education, his focus is on the opportunities for young people to be more involved in the creation of their own adventure programmes.

As Head of the Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre, and as a Leading Practitioner for the Institute of Outdoor Learning, he specialises in developing instructors, teachers and group leaders, in order to provide high quality outdoor learning for all and in getting the best out of residential visits, experiences and journeys.

Time living in Central Europe has developed a love of travel and still enthralled by both the mountains and the sea he divides his spare time between walking and biking in the UK, mountaineering in the Alps and competitive yachting on the south coast.



**Sue Brown**  
Basecamp Manager

Sue is a keen traveller and believes in travel with a purpose, rather than just being a tourist. Her background is in operations management and previous expedition roles with BES and other youth charities have included Base Camp Manager with BES on their 2017 expedition to the Amazon, Deputy Operations Manager in Tanzania, and Logistics Manager in Namibia.

She also trained for seven years as a front-line disaster rescue worker, equipping her for any event from earthquakes to floods to missing person searches.

When not travelling, Sue loves to do CrossFit – a combo of crazy cardio, gymnastics and weightlifting – which keeps her in shape and her physiotherapist busy!



**Chloe Moul**  
Senior Social Leader

Chloe's love for expedition life started when she was invited as a leader in 2012 to complete a British Exploring 15-day, 200km trek across the Sinai Peninsula from the Gulf of Aqaba to the Gulf of Suez with 33 young people from across the UK. This was by far the hardest experience she has ever undertaken in life but by far the most exhilarating.

With over 10 years' experience of working alongside young people – Chloe became the Programme Manager at Catch22 which oversees the recruitment and planning aspects of the Dangoor Next Generation project, giving to young people the chance of seeing Iceland's untouched landscapes, volcanoes and waterfalls.



**Philippa Crocket**  
Social Leader

Pip is originally from Northumberland and loves the great outdoors, especially hiking, skiing and camping. She previously worked in youth charities for over 6 years, supporting young people to take part in overseas volunteering and enjoy the outdoors with Raleigh International, The Scout Association and Y Care International. In 2017, she moved back Up North to train as geography teacher in Durham.

She is a keen traveller and has explored widely in Africa and Asia, including undertaking expeditions and research in India, Borneo, Zambia and Ghana. She's also an avid bookworm, yoga aspirant and keen – if very average – runner.

After an incredible three weeks with a remarkable bunch of young people last summer, Pip is taking on the role of Social Leader for a second year. She's excited to introduce some more young people to Iceland's amazing wilderness, and to get to know a whole new team!



**Rob Waitt**  
Social Leader

Rob is currently a freelance outdoor instructor and leader based on Isle of Purbeck in Dorset.

His previous experience includes working as an Instructor on a wilderness camp in California, as senior instructor an Educational Care Farm and as a Programme Leader for National Citizens Service (NCS). Last summer he also led a 4 week a community project based expedition to Kenya.

Prior to working in the outdoor industry, he completed a degree in Psychology. His long term goal is use his Psychology degree and experience in supporting and developing people in business and the outdoors, to specialise in work that harness the positive effects of adventurous outdoor activities and immersion in nature for personal development and rehabilitation.



**Genevieve Carnell**  
UK Social Leader

Genevieve is a full time History teacher in a busy secondary school, where she also helps out with the school's multiple Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, drawing on knowledge from her own adventures.

After graduating from university and before she became a teacher, Genevieve spent a year travelling round the world and has solo hiked across the wilderness in New Zealand, the Nepalese Himalayas, the US's Yosemite National Park, not to mention in many beautiful British landscapes too.

This will be her first time leading with British Exploring and she is very excited to tackle the new challenges this will pose.



**Anthony Roberts**  
Expedition Medic

With a very mixed background, both as a chemical engineer and as a medic - finishing up as a consultant surgeon specialising in trauma.

Anthony has been on expeditions, both BE and with others, on four continents. On these expeditions, he has been medic, ornithologist and chief scientist.

He has been involved asa surgeon in six international disasters and four wars, the most recent in South Sudan. Medically he is still working with St John Ambulance.

Much of his time now is spent ringing birds, which he is hoping to be able to do and to teach in Iceland. Next week he is off to The Gambia on another ornithological expedition.



**Anthony Harpur**  
Adventure Leader

Tony has been an Adventure Leader on five previous BES expeditions. He has the Summer Mountain Leader Award and he regularly leads RWH groups in Jordan, Italy, Morocco, Costa Rica and the UK.

Tony also organises his own trips and expeditions and in the last 4 years he has led groups of family and friends to Annapurna Base Camp, the French Alps, Lake District, The Coast to Coast Walk, St. Cuthbert's Way, Wainwright's Way, the Irish Coast to Coast walk and the South West Coast Path to name but a few.

Tony worked in the oil industry for 23 years up until his retirement in 2011. On a part time basis, Tony is a volunteer archivist for the British Exploring Society and a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.



**David Buchanan**  
Adventure Leader

Dave has been working as an outdoor instructor in Northern Ireland for the last 6 years.

Dave has lived travelled extensively in Africa, Asia and Australasia. He has climbed Mont Blanc, Kilimanjaro and Mt Fansipan in Vietnam. He has just returned from a 2-month adventure to New Zealand where he cycle-toured through both islands before stopping in Queenstown to indulge in some mountain biking, climbing and mountaineering.

Dave loves using the outdoors to inspire and develop all kinds of people and is currently working in a special needs school where he hopes to use outdoor adventure to complement the school environment.



**Craig Borthwick**  
Adventure Leader

A keen explorer of the outdoors with several related qualifications and a huge amount of experience under his belt, Craig has worked outdoors for many years with all age groups and backgrounds, being passionate about the benefits that nature and exploration brings to people's lives.

He is no stranger to leading expeditions throughout the UK and overseas, including the Alps and the Himalaya. A former UK Mountain Rescue Training Officer, he has taught volunteer rescue teams throughout Indonesia, Borneo and most recently Nepal, where he established trained rescue personnel in all seventy-five Districts following the 2015 earthquake.

A qualified Wilderness EMT, his "free time" is spent teaching specialist outdoors medical and expedition skills, as well as organising and leading expeditions on his own behalf.