**Useful websites**

**Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA):** http://goo.gl/bCJUvI

**Adventuremark:** www.adventuremark.co.uk

**Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres:** http://ahoec.org

**British Activity Providers Association:** http://goo.gl/7pFoyi

**British Mountaineering Council:** www.thebmc.co.uk

**Council for Learning Outside the Classroom:** www.lotc.org.uk

**edufOCUS:** www.edufocus.co.uk

(offers a managed online service called EVOLVE, which is specifically designed to enable the efficient processing of educational visit proposals)

**Expedition Providers Association:** www.expeditionprovidersassociation.co.uk

**Foreign and Commonwealth Office:** www.fco.gov.uk

**Handsam:** http://handsam.co.uk

(offers an online ‘School trip learning outside the curriculum organisation and management system’ that aids the planning, administration and coordination of off-site visits)

**HSE School Trips and Outdoor Learning Activities – Tackling the health and safety myths:** http://goo.gl/C5igZw

**LOTQuality Badge:** www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk

**Mountain Training (skills and awards):** www.mountain-training.org

**Outdoor Education Advisers’ Panel:** www.oeap.info

(provides the following downloadable information and guidance sheets:

- Guidance document on adventurous activities
- Outdoor learning cards scheme for training in leading local/low level adventure activities and outdoor learning
- Managing and delivering outdoor learning and off-site visits
- A guide to risk management
- Identifying the level of planning and risk assessment needed for different types of visit
- Responsibilities of a visit leader and assistant leader
- Pre-visits
- Preparing for and handling emergencies
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award expeditions
- Using external providers and facilities
- Self-organised visits and the package travel regulations
- Assessing competence in this area of work
- Guidance for visit leaders
- Visit leader checklist
- The role of an educational visits coordinator)

**Royal Geographic Expedition Advisory Service:** www.rgs.org

**Young Explorers’ Trust:** www.theyet.org