

Explorers' green trail to the pole

A POLAR expedition being launched in Bristol aims to get young people involved with environmental issues. In May, Alan Chambers and Peter Herbert will lead an educational trek across Greenland.

The pair will be completing the 400 mile journey in about 40 days and will be in contact with schools back in the UK.

The project is being run through the Bristol-based Feet of Green campaign and the HTI Go4it initiative, which campaigns for schools to encourage children to be more adventurous and to take risks.

Rich Hale, business and education director of Feet of Green, said: "We came up with the concept last year. The explorers will be visiting schools before and after the expedition to talk them through their plans and experiences."

"The children will then be able to follow their journey across Greenland through web cams and blogs."

"There will also be weekly competitions for the children which will be about issues relevant to the expedition and will be judged by the two men on the ice."

The polar project has been made possible by business sponsorship, such as support from the Great British Mobility Group.

Managing director Peter Kitson said: "Alan Chambers and Peter Herbert, with their crossing of Greenland expedition, are great role models, broadening the horizons of those young people who will realise what they personally can achieve."

An expedition launch takes place on March 3 at Queen Square.

For more information go to www.feetofgreen.com.