

● Planning expeditions and fieldwork – Geography Outdoors

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If you are looking for expedition safety management advice, Land Rover driver training, or how to use geographical information systems (GIS) in the field for humanitarian projects, the Society's Geography Outdoors team can offer training and advice for all levels of fieldwork and expeditions.



Shane Winsor, who leads the Geography Outdoors team, says: "Most important is to identify the central purpose of a trip and to ensure that the activities are safely planned and undertaken. Our support can advise on these factors and more. We do encourage everyone to enjoy, learn from and share their experiences."

Geography Outdoors' regular programme of training events plus the thousands of reports written and available online by previous expedition teams provide an invaluable planning resource, alongside the Society's Collections of maps, images and journals. If a project has a more extensive planning requirement, such as the provision of specific research or training, Geography Outdoors is able to undertake a limited number of commissions to develop this work on a bespoke basis. For younger members who might be planning a gap year overseas, the online Gap Year Toolkit is full of useful advice and guidance (and it is a good read for parents too).

The highlight of the Society's expedition and fieldwork advisory service is the annual Explore weekend. Held at the Society's, headquarters in London it provides lectures, workshops, presentations and contacts for the next generation of expeditioners and field researchers. This year's event took place between 18 November 2011 and 20 November 2011.

Website: www.rgs.org/go

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