

Becoming a geography ambassador:

Information for undergraduates

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I am studying geography at university. What would being an ambassador involve?

The scheme will begin with one visit to a school. Ambassadors may work on their own or in a pair if they prefer. Ambassadors are likely to begin by delivering a talk or presentation with activities to groups on a theme such as

- Why I love geography
- Taking geography at GCSE and A Level
- Careers with career
- Gap years or working in another country or region
- My special project or research
- Applying to University and studying geography



How much time am I committing to?

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and time as we recognise that you also have study and work priorities to balance. Some volunteers, after training, may only wish to commit to an initial ambassador visit with a total time commitment of just a couple of hours. Others, finding the experience very rewarding, will develop a longer relationship with the pupils and the school or even visit other schools in their region. You may visit your old school if you prefer to do so. At whichever level ambassadors are involved they are expected to abide by a professional code of conduct and show enthusiasm and full commitment to the aims of the project.

What kind of training is offered?

Ambassadors are required to attend a three hour training session. A variety of dates and regional locations are offered over the coming months. In 2009/10 we ran 25 training sessions around England. Complete the application form to book into one of these upcoming training sessions or check back here for further information to be posted in autumn 2011.

Training will be lively and hands on with the aim of ensuring ambassadors are clear and comfortable in their new role and confident to deliver a presentation to a group of secondary pupils. Additional resources and support will be given to all ambassadors based on the 'menu of activities' above. Ambassadors will also be required to complete a CRB form, register with www.findgeographyambassadors.org to provide details of availability. All costs incurred including travel to schools and training centres will be reimbursed.