

EXPLORE 2016

Weekend 18-20 November

Royal
Geographical
Society
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

● The annual RGS-IBG expedition and field research planning weekend

EXPLORE: the Society's annual expedition and field research planning weekend is the largest gathering of its kind, and celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2016.

Inspiration • Contacts • Advice

If you are planning an expedition involving field research, conservation or an adventurous journey with a purpose, *Explore* is the place to find the inspiration, contacts and practical advice you need. *Explore* is the starting point for hundreds of expeditions each year. The emphasis is on small projects with a research component but anyone planning an overseas expedition or fieldwork is welcome, regardless of age or experience.

Over 100 field scientists and explorers will give lectures, run workshops and exhibits, providing inspiration, contacts and practical advice on projects in a variety of environments and research disciplines.

Highlights of the weekend

- Practical advice on planning geographical field research, conservation and adventurous projects
- Specialist workshops on field research skills, working in remote environments, and communicating discoveries through writing, photography, film and art
- Meet and share ideas with others planning expeditions
- Specialists on hand to share tips on fundraising, social media, mapping technologies, and keeping safe.

Exhibitors

Displays of innovative equipment, clothing, medical supplies and other useful services will be on show, together with organisations offering research opportunities overseas.

Event details

Friday evening talk:

The Explore weekend will open with a series of short TED-talk style presentations on the contributions made by past *Explore* attendees to field science and exploration, and what they think the future of exploration might look like.

Saturday: Expedition Planning and Logistics

Afternoon: **Logistics workshops** include marine, mountain, tropical forest, river, polar, desert, cycling and vehicle dependent expeditions.

The **Explorers bar** in the evening is an opportunity to network and share experiences.

Sunday: Field Research and Expedition Skills

Lectures will cover: designing a research project; working with the host country; field mapping & communicating your discoveries.

Morning fieldwork & skills workshops include human, earth and biological sciences, mapping & surveying, education projects, & route planning for overland journeys. The afternoon workshops will cover photography, journalism, sound-recording & film-making.

Venue

Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Event cost

Early bird discount for bookings before 15 October
Student/under 25 £55, Standard £75
After 15 October 2016 prices will rise to:
Students/under 25 £65, Standard £95

All prices include VAT, lunch and course notes. For group bookings of six delegates or more, please contact go@rgs.org.

Advance booking only. Please return the booking form or book online at www.rgs.org/bookonline.

