

Chartered Geographer (Teacher) Newsletter July 2011

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Congratulations to Rob Morris from Shrewsbury School who was awarded CGeog (Teacher) status in June.

The Rex Walford Award for PGCE students and NQTs

The Society is delighted to announce a new element of the Young Geographer of the Year competition - The Rex Walford Award for PGCE students and newly qualified geography teachers. Reflecting Rex Walford's passion for training new geography teachers, this award will be given to a PGCE student or NQT who creates the best set of teaching resources, scheme of work or lesson plans linked to this year's Young Geographer competition. The winner will receive a Society Fellowship for one year plus a cash prize of £150 and their materials will be hosted on the Society's website. <http://www.rgs.org/ygoty2011>

OS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2011



This year these awards were presented to Bob Lang CGeog from King Edward VI Five Ways School in Birmingham and Ruth Ware CGeog from Bishop Justus School in Bromley. Well done Bob and Ruth!

Young Geographer of the Year 2011 competition

Question to answer for 2011: What should every good geographer understand?

Geography surrounds us: on the world map on your classroom wall, in events on the news, or the changes taking place in your local area and further afield. Geographers strive to better understand the connections between the world's people, places and environments and the interactions taking place between them.

To help us understand our world we ask questions such as; Where is this place? Why is it like this? How is it connected with other places? How is this place changing? and Why are these changes taking place? We like to zoom between the local and the global scales and are fascinated with maps, not just to find out where places are but to also show how places are connected, their human and physical characteristics, and the differences between them.

So if you've ever wondered where your ipod was made, where the plastic in your recycling bin ends up or why climate change is on the news you've already been developing your geographical understanding.

Without geography we'd be lost and this year's Young Geographer of the Year gives you the chance to answer the question, 'What should every good geographer understand?'

Closing date 7 October 2011. The winners and three highly commended entries in each category will be invited to an awards ceremony held at the Society 18 November 2011.

<http://www.rgs.org/ygoty2011>

Grants for Teachers

Innovative Geography Teaching Grant
Several grants of up to £800 are available annually for secondary school teachers.
Deadline: 14 October 2011

Ray Y Gildea Jr Award
A single award of £1,000 is given annually to one innovative teaching project. This award is open to secondary teachers or university lecturers in the UK and the USA. Deadline: 14 October 2011

'From the Field' Goldsmiths' Awards
Bursaries of up to £500 to develop teaching resources alongside researchers.
Deadline: 11 February 2011

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Grants+for+teachers.htm>

Moving house or school over the summer?

Please let Claire know your new contact details
E: c.wheeler@rgs.org T: 020 7591 3053

Society events, conferences and training

Upcoming events

Full details of all Autumn Society events can be found here <http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/Whats+on.htm> and here <http://www.rgs.org/teachercpd>

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CPD Opportunities from the RGS-IBG

Every year the RGS-IBG offers a series of events, courses and conferences for geography teachers. **RGS-IBG Fellows and Members (including School Members) are eligible for discounts on all our upcoming CPD events.**

Subject Knowledge Updates:

Subject Knowledge Updates are a series of evening sessions each focusing on a different theme, covering the basic information for teaching that topic and providing up to date case study material and resources.

Topic: UK Flood Hazard Management

Date: Wednesday 28 September 2011

Venue: Royal Geographical Society with IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Time: 5pm to 7pm (registration from 4.30pm for a prompt start). Refreshments will be available.

Format: 90 minutes lecture style followed by 30 minutes of discussion and questions.

Please note: this course is for teachers only. Members (School Members/Fellows/ECT Members/Young Geographers) £30 including VAT
Non Members £40 including VAT

Booking form at www.rgs.org/teachercpd

Topic: Weather and Climate

Date: Monday 31 October 2011

Venue: Royal Geographical Society with IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Time: 5pm to 7pm (registration from 4.30pm for a prompt start). Refreshments will be available.

Format: 90 minutes lecture style followed by 30 minutes of discussion and questions.

Please note: this course is for teachers only. Members (School Members/Fellows/ECT Members/Young Geographers) £30 including VAT
Non Members £40 including VAT

Booking form will be available from September at www.rgs.org/teachercpd

A2 Study day at the RGS- IBG in London Tuesday 18 October 2011

A day of engaging presentations by HE lecturers designed to fit with your A Level specs while stretching and challenging your students.

There will be choice at the time of booking of two sessions from the following list plus a session on exam success.

Understanding the development process
Biodiversity and ecosystems
Tectonic hazards
The geography of conflict
UCAS advice
Meet a geography undergraduate

£10 for School Members and Young Geographers and £15 for others. Teacher places free.

To book contact Kate Amis on k.amis@rgs.org

Stepping up to EBacc Geography

Helping geography departments meet the challenges and reap the rewards offered by the EBacc. Ideas for working with all ability groups and promoting geography at GCSE.

Date: Thursday 10 November 2011

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

Time: To be confirmed

School Members/Fellows/Early Career Teacher Members/Young Geographers: £100 including VAT

Non Members: £180 including VAT (includes RGS-IBG

School Membership package, usually £80).

Booking forms and programme will be available in September at www.rgs.org/teachercpd

Geography Outdoors courses and seminars

Tuesday 29 November 2011

Educational Visits Coordinator training

Essential training for EVCs in the importance of forward planning and proper risk management helping to fulfil Health & Safety obligations for out-of-school visits.

Cost: Standard: £190 / Member: £171 incl. VAT. Includes notes, lunch and refreshments.

Wednesday 30 November 2011

EVC Update course for existing Educational Visits Coordinators

Safety management practices and procedures evolve over time. This course gives trained EVCs the opportunity to look at recent materials and share good practice through scenario-based discussion.

Cost: Standard: £190 / Member: £171 incl. VAT. Includes notes, lunch and refreshments.

Tuesday and Wednesday 6 – 7 December 2011

Off-Site Safety Management Course

This course is a must for those involved in planned visits in the UK or overseas. It covers the safety management issues involved in planning, managing and evaluating local visits, fieldtrips, residentials and exchanges.

Cost: £240 incl. VAT. Includes notes and lunch. Accommodation is not provided.

To book: T 020 7591 3030 E go@rgs.org W www.rgs.org/GOseminars

Upcoming regional CPD meetings:

Are you a network leader running any events that aren't listed here? If so let me know the details and I'll post them online. More regional network information can be found here <http://www.geographyteachingtoday.org.uk/chartered-geographer/regional-cpd-opportunities/>

Other Society news

Book a Geography Ambassador for the new academic year

You can do this easily on our booking website www.findgeographyambassadors.org. If you already have a profile simply log in and 'add a visit', if not please register your school on the home page. Then view ambassador profiles and message your local ambassadors to invite them to visit your school. Please book as soon as possible for an ambassador for the new term.

For more details contact Bryony Collins b.collins@rgs.org

£4,000 Gap Year Scholarships

Do you have a student who could benefit from a geographical gap experience – but wouldn't be able to do it without support? You can nominate them for a Gap Year Scholarship through our Learning and Leading programme. It is easy to apply and we will provide:

Grants of up to £4,000 towards a meaningful overseas gap experience
Expert support from the Society to ensure the student's travels are useful and well planned
A dedicated mentor with experience of an overseas gap year to support the student in planning and researching their experience.

Apply by: 30 September 2011 (students commencing A2 in September 2011)

For full details and application forms: W: www.rgs.org/learning&leading

To express an interest: E: landl@rgs.org T: 020 7591 3180

Health and Safety Guidance for Schools

On 4 July the Department for Education introduced new Health and Safety Guidance for Schools and a single consent form for school trips:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/healthandsafety/f00191759/departmental-health-and-safety-advice-on-legal-duties-and-powers-for-local-authorities-headteachers-staff-and-governing-bodies>

The RGS-IBG offers a number of training courses for those responsible for out-of-school visits. For further information go to www.rgs.org/GOseminars

Young Geographer Membership – let your students know!

If you've got a burning interest in climate change, international development or globalisation – share your passion by becoming a member. With discounts on kit, books and a monthly copy of Geographical magazine all included, being part of the Society won't cost you the earth: 1 year membership £40, 2 year membership £72, 3 year membership £99.

Enjoy all these benefits:

- Free entrance to our famous London talks and weekly lectures online
- Advice, expertise and training to prepare you to go off the beaten track
- Unlimited use of our library of maps, books and travel guides
- Access to our website www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org - great for revision topics
- A monthly copy of Geographical magazine - each edition packed with excellent features
- Discounts at Cotswold Outdoor, Stanfords and Nomad
- Come to our London, City and regional lectures

If you are studying, have recently graduated in geography or a similar subject at a UK university, or are aged between 14 and 24, you are eligible to join. <http://www.rgs.org/JoinUs/Membership/Young+Geographer.htm>

Exhibitions

Rivers of Ice: Vanishing Glaciers of the Greater Himalaya

Depicts the work of photographer and mountaineer David Breashears, Executive Director of GlacierWorks. The exhibit matches Breashears' contemporary photographs with historical images, revealing dramatic glacial loss in the Greater Himalayan region.

Monday 3 October 2011 – Friday 11 November 2011, RGS-IBG, London.

Revisited

Visiting 8 countries on 4 continents, Nick Danziger returns to the same people he photographed 5 years ago to see how the United Nations Millennium Development Goals are transforming their lives.

Monday 21 November 2011 – TBC January 2012, RGS-IBG, London

W: www.rgs.org/whatson

School Membership – support the Society's work in Education

Become a Schools Member of the RGS-IBG and gain access to our dedicated teaching resources website *Geography in the News*.

- Bring students to our renowned Monday night lectures and 21st Century Challenges discussions.
- Discounts on our CPD courses, 50% off the Geographical Magazine and Philips Atlases.
- Specialist curriculum, GIS, fieldwork and expedition advice.
- Monthly updates on the Society's activities
- Access for you, and your students, to our study centre of 2 million maps, photographs and books.
- The chance to become involved in leading geographical projects.

Cost: Annual membership costs £80 www.rgs.org/joinus