

Learning & Leading: Geography teacher master-classes

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● Funded teacher weekend fieldwork master-classes

Twice each academic year the RGS-IBG *Learning & Leading* programme is providing geography teachers from UK maintained schools, the opportunity to attend weekend fieldwork master-classes.

This will bring together teachers to enhance their field teaching skills, to develop and share teaching resources for A Level and to reflect on how their learning can be adapted to provide quality fieldwork locally to their school.

Our aim is to support teachers particularly working in challenging circumstances or where attainment in geography is low. We aim to enhance the skills and motivation of teachers and thus the quality of the geography lessons and fieldwork in their schools.

Course activities will involve field visits, case studies, introduction to and use of a variety of fieldwork techniques, ideas for low cost and local activities, safety management, sharing of ideas and adapting for use with own school.

One master-class will be held at the Society in Kensington, London and in locations across London from Friday 23 March (arrival from 6.30pm) to Sunday 25 March 2012 (finish 2pm). The course theme is 'Investigating change in a World City'.

The second master-class will be held at the Cranedale Centre in Malton, North Yorkshire from Friday 20 April (arrival between 4.45-5.15pm) to Sunday 22 April 2012 (finish 2pm). The course will focus on investigating coastal geomorphology and coastal management, managing risk in fieldwork and exploring opportunities for local fieldwork.

Course programmes are available to download from www.rgs.org/learning&leading

There are 16 places on each course.

The course fees, accommodation and meal costs are all covered by the Learning & Leading project. Participants need to arrange and pay for their own travel to get to the field centre.

Teachers attending the course will be expected to:

- Share examples of the fieldwork their school currently undertakes
- Review their experiences with and against others and good practice
- Actively participate in different approaches and techniques showcased in the master-class
- Undertake work relevant to the specific site of the master-class
- Upon return to school, to redevelop their existing programmes, document their experiences and new schemes of work

Eligibility guidelines

Applicants must:

- Be teaching geography in a maintained/state school in the UK
- Be working in a school that presents challenging circumstances in its provision of geography

Judging criteria

Applicants should:

- Give evidence for how your school presents challenging circumstances in its provision of geography
- Give evidence of the levels of achievement for the geography students in your school
- Outline how you as a teacher are helping to address and overcome students' disadvantaged circumstances in their geographical education
- Outline how you plan to embed the learning from the master-class programme in your school
- State your commitment to undertake follow-up work to provide fieldwork resources for the website for the benefit of other teachers



Application procedure

Application forms are available to download from www.rgs.org/learning&leading

Applicants should complete the **teacher master-class application form** electronically. Only application forms will be accepted. The application form should be submitted as an email attachment to the Learning & Leading Project Co-ordinator at the Society: landl@rgs.org up to 6 weeks before the course start date. Priority is given to early applications (see selection process). Applicants can apply for a maximum of two Learning & Leading Master-classes.

Selection process

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility and judging criteria. Priority in awarding a place on the course will be given to early applications which meet these criteria.

Cancellation deposit

A cancellation deposit cheque of £50 will be requested from you if you are offered a place on the course. If you attend the course or give more than 4 weeks' notice that you are unable to attend the course the cheque will not be cashed and will be destroyed immediately following the course. If you cancel your place within 4 weeks of the course start date without, at the Society's sole discretion, having good reason to do so, the cheque will be cashed.

Contact and applications

For applications or any questions about the programme, please contact:

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