

EXPLORE 2011

19-20 November 2011

Royal
Geographical
Society

with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

● The annual RGS-IBG expedition and fieldwork planning weekend

Inspiration – Contacts - Advice

Planning overseas fieldwork or an expedition in 2011? If your objective is field research, conservation or adventure, Explore is the place to find the inspiration, contacts and practical advice you need. A key event in the RGS-IBG calendar, *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.

Over 100 leading field scientists and explorers with a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm will join us for the weekend. The programme comprises a morning of inspirational lectures followed by thematic workshops, one-to-one advice sessions and concurrent lectures focusing on specific topics and recent case studies. As the programme develops, details of speakers and the timetable will be posted on the RGS-IBG website: www.rgs.org/explore

Advice from experts

Throughout the weekend there will also be experts on hand to offer **one-to-one advice** on all areas of planning a safe expedition with sound objectives. A comprehensive selection of expedition **publications** are available to purchase.

Exhibitions

There will be a wide variety of **exhibitors** displaying innovative equipment, clothing, medical supplies and other useful services.

Event cost

EARLY BIRD £75

EARLY BIRD Student / unwaged £55

After 14 October 2011 prices will rise to

Standard **£85** for the weekend

Students / un-waged **£65** for the weekend

All prices include VAT at 20%, refreshments, lunch and course notes. For group bookings of six delegates or more, please contact Geography Outdoors.

Event details

Friday evening talk:

In 2009 the Atlantic Rising expedition embarked on a 28,000 mile journey to discover how climate change is affecting communities around the edge of the Atlantic. The team will be sharing their experiences for this Explore 2011 opening lecture. The event will be free for pre-registered Explore delegates. Additional tickets can be purchased in advance or on the door.

Saturday: Expedition Planning and Logistics

Morning lectures include: Project planning and organisation; Marketing and PR; How to raise the funds; Health and safety; Communication and navigation; Insurance and legal liability; Risk assessment; Safety management.

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

The **Explorers bar** in the evening is the time to make contacts and share experiences.

Sunday: Field Research and Expedition Skills

Lectures cover: designing a research project; working with the host country; survey and mapping; communicating your discoveries; environmental impact; RGS-IBG expedition & research grants.

Morning fieldwork & skills workshops include human, earth and biological sciences, mapping & surveying, education projects, route planning for overlanders.

The afternoon workshops will cover photography, journalism, sound-recording and film-making.

Booking details

Advance booking only. Please return the booking form or book on-line with payment.

For further information contact:

Geography Outdoors – the centre supporting field research, exploration and outdoor learning
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2ART: 020 7591 3030 E : go@rgs.org W : www.rgs.org/explore



Friday 18 November:

The Foyle Reading Room will be open all day for use by Explore delegates. View the Society's collection of maps, expedition reports and travel resources in preparation for the weekend.

Atlantic Rising – Pre-Explore 2011 Lecture – 6.30pm

A free evening event for Explore 2011 delegates. On the door donation of £5 for additional guests.

Saturday 19 November: Expedition Planning and Logistics

Morning lectures cover:

- Getting started
- Project planning and organisation
- Marketing and PR
- How to raise the funds
- Health and safety in the field
- Insurance and legal liability
- Risk assessment & safety management

Afternoon logistics workshops include mountaineering, tropical forest, polar, desert, oceans, rivers, cycling and vehicle dependent expeditions.

6pm - The 'Explorers Bar' on Saturday evening is a great opportunity to make contacts, chat with speakers and delegates and share experiences.

Sunday 20 November: Ideas for Field Research & Expedition Skills

Lectures cover:

- Designing a research project
- Working with the host country
- GIS and field mapping
- RGS-IBG Research Grants
- Communicating your discoveries
- Environmental impact
- Charity Fundraising

Fieldwork & skills workshops both morning and afternoon include human, earth and biological sciences, schools and educational expeditions, mapping and surveying, route planning for overland journeys, photography and film-making.

Please select the workshops you would like to attend when making your booking.

To see details of previous Explore weekends, get updates on speakers and programme details and to find out how to get the most from your weekend visit www.rgs.org/explore or follow 'Explore' on facebook and twitter

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday 18 - 20 November

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Booking Form • Please complete both sides • One form per person

First Name _____ Surname _____ RGS-IBG Member Y/N _____

Organisation/Expedition (for name badge) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone number (day) _____ (evening/mobile) _____

Email address (for joining instructions) _____

Where did you hear about this seminar? _____

Please list any special dietary or other needs (eg. payments not to be taken until a certain date) _____

If you have a disability and would benefit by having help available (NB there is a T loop facility), please list needs below _____

COST (includes VAT at 20%, lunch and refreshments)

Standard rate	Price band	Student / un-waged rate
£75	Saturday & Sunday EARLY BIRD (book before 14 October 2011)	£55
£85	Saturday and Sunday Standard	£65
£55	Saturday OR Sunday	£55

Please circle the relevant sum that you are paying and day you are attending from the table above

PAYMENT

I will be attending EXPLORE 2011, and enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to **RGS-IBG**, OR

Please debit my Visa / Mastercard / Delta / Switch for £ _____

Card Number Expiry Date

Switch Issue Number _____

Date _____

Confirmation of your booking will be sent out on receipt of payment.
No refunds on bookings cancelled less than 4 weeks before the seminar.

