

EXPLORE 2009

13, 14-15 November 2009

Royal
Geographical
Society

with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

● The annual RGS-IBG expedition and fieldwork planning weekend

Inspiration – Contacts - Advice

Are you planning fieldwork or an expedition in 2010? Whether your objective is field research, conservation or adventure, this 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 as well as a comprehensive selection of expedition **publications** available to purchase.

Exhibitions

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

Event cost

Standard price £100 for the weekend
Students / un-waged £65 for the weekend.

Group concessions available (see booking form for further details. All price includes VAT at 15%, refreshments, lunch and course notes.

Event details

Friday evening talk:

George McGavin explorer, entomologist and TV presenter. *'To the Ends of the Earth: exploration and biological discovery'* with film clips from his three BBC expeditions including his most recent *Lost World of the Volcano*. A free event for Explore 2009 participants.

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, polar, desert, 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, education and mapping & surveying. The afternoon workshops will cover photography, journalism 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
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Friday 13 November: Pre-Explore talk

A free pre-Explore evening event to open Explore 2009. Speaker: George McGavin , explorer, entomologist and TV presenter. *'To the Ends of the Earth: Exploration and Biological Discovery,'* a talk on his three recent BBC expeditions including *Lost World of the Volcano* to Papua New Guinea..

Saturday 14 November: Expedition Planning and Logistics

Morning lectures cover:

- Project planning and organisation
- Marketing and PR
- How to raise the funds
- Health and safety in the field
- Communication and navigation
- Inclusive expeditions
- Insurance and legal liability
- Risk Assessment & safety management

Afternoon logistics workshops include mountaineering, tropical forest, polar, desert, and marine. One-to-one advice sessions and lectures also take place.

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

Sunday 15 November: Ideas for Field Research & 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

Fieldwork & skills workshops both morning and afternoon include human, earth and biological sciences, schools and expeditions, mapping and surveying, photography and film-making. One-to-one advice sessions and lectures also take place.

RGS-IBG Geography Outdoors
- the centre supporting field research, exploration and outdoor learning
(formerly known as the RGS-IBG Expedition Advisory Centre)

The Royal Geographical Society with IBG is the UK's main organisation for screening and funding small independent research expeditions. These assist in furthering geographical knowledge and encourage life-long learning, leadership and team skills.

The Society provides information, training and advice to anyone planning an expedition overseas through a range of training seminars and workshops, publications and information resources. For more details including information on projects and fieldwork supported in the past please go to: www.rgs.org/go

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Friday – evening lecture by George McGavin, explorer, entomologist and TV presenter.
'To the Ends of the Earth: Exploration and Biological Discovery,' with film clips from his three BBC expeditions.

- I would like to attend the free Explore event Friday 13 November at 6.30pm

Saturday - Expedition Planning and Logistics

Information and advice on training, the choice and use of equipment, food, communications, travel, risk and opportunities and other logistical considerations will be covered along with case studies and discussion.

Please tick ONE of the following

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trekking and Mountaineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Desert / Savanna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Forest / Jungle | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Dependant Expeditions (motorbike & car) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans, incl. Underwater | <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polar Journeys | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please suggest) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling expeditions | |
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- Please book me on to the **InspireMe!** session early Saturday morning
The aim of the InspireMe! session is to give real novices an opportunity to talk to someone on a one-to-one basis, to help you get the best out of the weekend. Numbers for this session are strictly limited, for novices only please.
- I would like to stay for the **Explorers bar** on Saturday evening

Sunday - Ideas for Field Research and Specialist Fieldwork Skills

For each research project or fieldwork techniques workshop there will be a general introductory talk on research priorities and opportunities, followed by short case studies from recent expeditions.

Please tick TWO of the following (one am, one pm)

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| MORNING – Research projects | AFTERNOON – Communicating your discoveries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Sciences Includes: people orientated research, tourism, anthropology, conservation education, community projects, ethnobiology, medical research projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences Includes: botany, ecology, herpetology, ornithology, small and large mammals, entomology, forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for newspapers and magazines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences Includes geomorphology, glaciology and hydrology, geological mapping, pollution monitoring, soils and sediments, remote sensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio and Sound recording |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIS and field mapping | <input type="checkbox"/> New media (websites) and film |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education making your expedition relevant to schools and pupils in your expeditions both in home and host countries, as well as taking young people overseas | |

YOUR EXPEDITION PLANS & EXPERIENCE

Please email details of you past expedition and fieldwork experience, and details of any future plans. You can also register past and planned expeditions via the website www.rgs.org/expeditionregister

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Return completed form to

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