

# Chartered Geographer (Teacher) Newsletter January 2012

**Royal  
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Advancing geography  
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Have you moved house or school this term? If so please let me know by emailing [c.wheeler@rgs.org](mailto:c.wheeler@rgs.org)

## Well done to the following people who were approved as CGeog (Teachers) in December 2011:

- Katy Shipman, Roseberry Sports and Community College
- Michael Lewis, Pitsford School
- Ian Selmes, Oakham School
- Victoria Ellis, Swanwick Hall School
- Martin Sutton, Maiden Erlegh School

**Teaching Grants:** The Society supports innovation in teaching geography at secondary and higher education level.

### 'From the Field' Goldsmiths' Award

Five £500 grants for geography teachers working alongside practitioners at the cutting edge of geographical research, to develop educational resources for the classroom. *Deadline 10 February 2012*

**W:** [www.rgs.org/goldsmithsfromthefield](http://www.rgs.org/goldsmithsfromthefield)

Resources from previous grant winners:

[www.rgs.org/schools](http://www.rgs.org/schools)

### 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. And much more!

Cost: Annual membership costs £80 [www.rgs.org/joinus](http://www.rgs.org/joinus)

### Younger Members Micro Lectures

The annual Micro lectures event will take place on Tuesday 13 March 2012. It's open to all and gives the chance for six members to each present an illustrated talk of 10 minutes with a geographical theme in the Ondaatje Theatre. All are welcome to apply to speak, speaker applications should be emailed to [events@rgs.org](mailto:events@rgs.org) by 11 January. More info on [www.rgs.org/membersevents](http://www.rgs.org/membersevents)

A light hearted and fun evening and a great opportunity for budding speakers. 020 7591 3100 (open 9.30am-5.30pm Monday to Friday) or online at [www.rgs.org/whatson](http://www.rgs.org/whatson)

You might be interested in bringing along a group of your A Level Geographers. The event will involve six, short illustrated and geographically themed lectures and will offer the chance for your pupils to learn about some of the exciting travel experiences of the society's younger members.

Whilst this year's speakers have not been finalised, to give you a feel for the evening here is a sample of some the previous lectures:

- Villa Maria del Triunfo: The reality of life in a South American Shanty Town
- Snake bites: The story of venom
- Around the World to Istanbul: A Travelogue of Errors
- India: A Green Dream?
- Goodwood to Ulaanbaatar on The Mongol Rally
- Antarctica: In the Footsteps of my Ancestor 2000-1

The doors open at 6.30pm and the first of the lectures commence at 7.00pm with the evening drawing to an end at 9.30pm. The Map Room bar will be open before the event and during the interval and will offer the opportunity for your pupils to purchase soft drinks and snacks, as well as to socialise with other members of the society. Tickets are £7 for pupils whose schools are members and £10 for non – members and can be purchased from the Event's Office on 020 75913100. Schools may buy as many tickets they require. We do however, have a lower age limit of 16 for the event.

**Miss Caroline Phillips**

**RGS (IBG) Younger Member's Committee**

# Society events, conferences and training

## Upcoming events

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

## 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: China

**Date: Monday 23 January 2012**

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.

#### Topic: Travel and Tourism: Destination Dubai

**Date: Monday 12 March 2012**

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: these courses are for teachers only.  
Members (School Members/Fellows/ECT Members/Young Geographers) £30 including VAT  
Non Members £40 including VAT

#### Topic: Ordnance Survey teaching resources

**Date: Wednesday 28 or Thursday 29 March 2012**

Venue: Royal Geographical Society with IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR  
Time: 4pm to 6pm (registration from 3.30pm for a prompt start). Refreshments will be available.  
Format: Interactive session

Please note: these courses are for teachers only.  
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Non Members £10 including VAT

**Booking forms for all Subject Knowledge Updates available at [www.rgs.org/teachercpd](http://www.rgs.org/teachercpd)**

### FREE EVENT: A basic introduction to Google Earth

**Date: Monday 12 March 2012**

Venue: Brackenhurst Campus, Nottingham Trent University  
Summary: This course will assume no previous knowledge of Google Earth. It will be very practical, allowing people to look at ways Google Earth may be introduced to the classroom. There will also be a session on sources of free data and open source software.

About the speakers: Neil Brown is a Geography AST from The Minster School in Southwell. Dr Steve Godby is the Programme Manager for Environmental Science at NTU.

**Booking form at [www.rgs.org/teachercpd](http://www.rgs.org/teachercpd)**

Funded by Nottingham Trent University

## International Baccalaureate CPD Day

Find out more about geography in the IB. Speakers include Dr Simon Oakes, Chief Examiner for the IB Diploma Programme geography.

*Next event in this series:*

**Monday 16 January 2012, RGS-IBG, London**

Members £100 / Non Members £180 (includes RGS-IBG School Membership)

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## Fieldwork Masterclass Weekends

Aimed at teachers from maintained schools who want to improve field teaching skills at A level and GCSE. The Learning and Leading fieldwork masterclasses are held twice a year with each course focusing on either human or physical fieldwork. Supporting schools facing challenges in their fieldwork.

**Future events include: London (23-25 March 2012) and North Yorkshire 20-22 April 2012.**

These courses are free.

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## Fieldwork summer school for AS students

16 fully funded places are available on a fieldwork summer school for AS geography students. The course is aimed to give students who would not normally have such opportunities a chance to experience high quality residential fieldwork. These courses are free.

**Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire from 20-24 August 2012**

Students investigate and build-up case-studies; use ICT and a variety of fieldwork techniques, plan and carry out group fieldwork investigations and take part in team building and personal development activities.

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For more information about these events and details of how to book, go to <http://www.rgs.org/teachercpd> or contact Claire Wheeler:

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