

Learning & Leading: AS/Higher student summer school

- Fully funded fieldwork summer school for AS/Higher geography students
- Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire 20-24 August 2012

Each summer the RGS-IBG *Learning & Leading* programme is providing 16 bursaries for students to participate in a geographical fieldwork summer school at the end of their first year of AS/Higher studies. The focus for this programme is to support individuals who may not, through a range of circumstances, have had the opportunity to participate in high quality fieldwork.

The aim is to develop participant's geographical skills and experiences and enhance their aspirations. Through this we hope to increase the opportunities for self development and promote participants further study in geography at university.

In 2012 we are providing 16 places for geography AS/Higher students to attend a fieldwork residential summer school at the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire over the period Monday 20 to Friday 24 August 2012.

All the costs of attending the summer school, including travel to and from the field centre, will be covered by the Learning & Leading bursaries.

Eligibility guidelines

Applicants must:

- Be studying AS/Higher (or equivalent) level Geography. It is expected that students will participate in the fieldwork school in the summer period at the end of their first year of AS/Higher studies
- Have expressed an interest in further study in the subject at university
- Be studying in a maintained school/sixth form/FE college
- Be nominated by their teachers

Judging Criteria

Applicants should:

- Demonstrate how their participation in such a fieldwork summer school is outside their previous experience

- Outline why they are interested in taking part in the Learning & Leading fieldwork summer school
- Give a clear argument for why and how this opportunity would make a difference to themselves, in terms of their personal development, later study of geography/related subject, career etc
- Demonstrate why it is an opportunity that would not otherwise be available to them
- Demonstrate their commitment to taking part in follow up activities and to sharing experiences after the summer school

Application procedure

Full application details and guidance notes are available to download from www.rgs.org/learning&leading

The student should complete the **student summer school application form** electronically. Only application forms will be accepted. The application form should be submitted by **Friday 4 May 2012** as an email attachment to the Learning & Leading Project Co-ordinator at the Society: landl@rgs.org

If the student is successful in their application we will require a written statement of agreement from their parents/guardians.

A **student nomination form** also needs to be completed by the student's geography teacher and submitted by **Friday 4 May 2012** as an email attachment to the Learning & Leading Project Co-ordinator at the Society: landl@rgs.org

This should outline:

- How the summer school would make a difference to the student – particularly in relation to their personal development, geographical learning and motivation for further study at university
- How the summer school offers an opportunity that is outside the student's previous



experience and which would not otherwise be available to them. To the extent possible providing explicit evidence of challenging circumstances experienced by the student

- An assessment of the student's ability to participate in the programme responsibly
- Any additional information that might help the selection panel

Selection process

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility and judging criteria. Students will *not* be required to attend an interview.

Contact/ Applications

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

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