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Spring 2023

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About the Society

Need to know

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is the UK’s learned society for geography and professional body for geographers. We are also a membership organisation and a registered charity.

The Society was founded in 1830 to advance geographical science and this remains our core purpose. We achieve this through supporting geographical research, education, and fieldwork and expeditions, as well as by advocating on behalf of the discipline and promoting geography to public audiences.

We value our independence as well as the breadth of our activities that support the understanding of the world’s people, places and environments.

Everyone with an enthusiasm for geography, travel and exploration is welcome to join.

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I would like to thank all of you who engaged in the process of approving the changes to the Society’s Bye Laws proposed by Council. At the Special General Meeting on Monday 3 October, 97% of votes cast by the Fellowship were in favour of the changes to the size and make-up of Council, and to petition the Privy Council for a Supplemental Charter which includes those changes.

Current members of Council will complete the terms of office they were elected for, but from next year’s Council elections, we will start to see the changes coming into effect and Council will be brought into line with the Charity Commission’s Charity Governance Code over the coming couple of election cycles.

You can read the amended Bye Laws and draft Supplemental Charter on our website. 

www.rgs.org/ByeLaws

And if you’re interested in standing for election to Council in 2023, or in future years, all the information on how to do so is on our website.

www.rgs.org/Council

You’ve hopefully seen our current campaign asking existing members to encourage a friend, colleague, or family member to join the Society. When you refer a friend, and they join before 16 December, you will both receive 15 months of membership for the cost of 12. All you need to do is give them your membership number and ask them to fill in the form on our website.

www.rgs.org/ReferAFriend

Professor Joe Smith
Director
Society News

**Esmond B. Martin Prize**
As the result of an endowment by the late conservationist Esmond Bradley Martin, the Society is launching an annual prize ‘to recognise outstanding international achievement by individuals in the pursuit and/or application of geographical research… with a particular emphasis on wildlife conservation and environmental related studies’. A lecture on Monday 3 April will launch the prize and honour Esmond’s achievements.

W www.rgs.org/EsmondBMartinPrize

**Special General Meeting result**
At an SGM in October, the Society’s Fellowship voted to amend the Bye Laws as proposed by the Society’s Council. These changes relate to the size and make-up of Council, our board of elected Trustees, in line with Charity Commission’s Charity Governance Code.

W www.rgs.org/bye-law-changes
Join a regional committee
We have nine regional committees across England, Northern Ireland and Wales, which are managed by groups of local volunteers. They offer the opportunity to advance idea-sharing and support the Society by organising events and activities for members and the public in your area.

Joining a regional committee can give you the opportunity to interact with other people who are passionate about geography, to develop your career, and to do more for geography in your community. All of the regional committees welcome new members and the new ideas they bring.

Thank you for completing our survey
Thank you to the more than 800 members who completed our survey this autumn. Your vital feedback helps guide our future decisions, leading to a better experience for you and all who engage with us. If you have any comments or feedback about your membership please get in touch.

Collections bequest
The Society has received a generous Collections bequest from author and founder of the Wild Camel Protection Foundation, John Hare OBE FRGS (1934-2022). The bequest comprises archive material, photographs and film from John’s travels in Central Asia and Northern Nigeria. The material is currently being accessioned and will be available via the online catalogue and Foyle Reading Room.

www.rgs.org/regions
www.membernews@rgs.org
www.rgs.org/collections
Geography Ambassadors

The Society is inviting all secondary schools to participate in our Geography Ambassador scheme, which aims to promote geography to students as a valuable and exciting option at GCSE, A Level and beyond. The scheme sends undergraduate and professional Geography Ambassadors into the classroom, at no cost, to enthuse students and to talk to them about the benefits of studying geography.

Ambassadors can provide interactive classroom activities, present informative assemblies, support options evenings and more. Sessions could focus on anything from ‘Why I love geography’ to geography-related careers or have a specific focus on curriculum topics such as climate change. Our Ambassadors are positive role models for students, drawing on their own reflections and experiences, while illustrating the transferable skills and interests they have developed as geographers. The scheme is funded by Esri UK, one of the Society’s Corporate Partners, and we work with a variety of university departments across the UK to source Ambassadors. Find out more and book your visit now.

W www.rgs.org/ambassadors
Support for school fieldwork
We have recently redesigned and improved our school fieldwork webpages. Sections now include skills progression in fieldwork, presenting your fieldwork ideas to senior leaders, a fieldwork planning toolkit, an introduction to key fieldwork experiences and techniques, legal requirements and laws, risk management, dealing with incidents, safety around water, and using fieldwork providers. We also link from these pages to our wealth of fieldwork resources and materials, as well as to our range of fieldwork CPD sessions for teachers.

www.rgs.org/schoolfieldwork

Geography for all update
The Geography for all project launched in May 2022 and more than 200 teachers have already joined this national equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) network. Free online and in-person events have been organised to support network members in making their teaching more inclusive. A group of Geography Mentors have been recruited and trained, and are visiting schools to work with students from diverse backgrounds to support and encourage their aspirations through geography.

www.rgs.org/geographyforall
Supporting students gaining experience in the field

After a two-year pause, we are delighted to be able to once again support students getting their first experience of field research.

The Fieldwork Apprenticeships scheme enables undergraduate students, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, to participate in an overseas fieldwork project led by an academic member of staff at their university. Eleanor Hall (University of Hertfordshire) joined a field research project led by Dr Oliver Bartlett investigating permafrost thaw and landslides in Adventdalen, Svalbard, while Alice Jardine and Christopher Edmunds (University of Oxford) joined the DRY-CAB project in Zambia, taking meteorological measurements and using weather balloons to study atmosphere dynamics through rainfall cycles.

The Geographical Fieldwork Grants supported undergraduate and master’s students this summer working on topics from biogeography to glaciology. Cassie Dummett and Joe Langley, MSc students at University College London, investigated the social, ecological and botanical aspects of the central Congo peatlands. They successfully conducted studies of the community’s use of peatland forests, and of the diversity and community composition of peatlands.

Apply now for our upcoming grants

Every year we support over 60 student fieldwork projects with our range of grants, many of which have application deadlines coming up in the new year. Early career and established researchers can obtain funding up to £6,000.

www.rgs.org/grants
Research and higher education News

**Annual International Conference 2023**
Next year’s conference will be held from Tuesday 29 to Friday 31 August 2023 at the Society, and it will be chaired by Harriet Bulkeley from Durham University. The theme will be *Climate changed geographies*. Key dates and timelines will be announced on our website.

W [www.rgs.org/ac2023](http://www.rgs.org/ac2023)

**Doing geography series**
The Society has recently published a report which considers the ethical and methodological challenges of carrying out research with refugee and asylum-seeker youth in European cities.

Written by a team of researchers based across Europe, the report discusses research encounters that worked well, and those where challenges arose, from their work in Brussels, Amsterdam, Leipzig and Newcastle.

This report is the first in the new *Doing geography* series, sharing and promoting the contributions of geography and geographers. We welcome suggestions for additions to the series.

W [www.rgs.org/refugee-youth](http://www.rgs.org/refugee-youth)

**Grant reviewer resources**
We have brought together a new series of resources on reviewing grants, with topics including good practice for reviewing, conflicts of interest, unconscious bias and the benefits for those who give their time and expertise to review.

Our grants programme relies on over 30 academic reviewers each year, reviewing more than 180 grant applications.

We are also seeking new researchers and academics at all career stages to join our reviewers, broadening and diversifying the range of perspectives that provide input.

W [www.rgs.org/grant-reviewing](http://www.rgs.org/grant-reviewing)
New geovisualisations
Geovisualisation provides the opportunity to explore issues, present data and communicate in a unique and creative way. A recent geovisualisation in our series demonstrates how Dr Anshuman Bhardwaj and Dr Lydia Sam at the University of Aberdeen used earth observation data to model, and understand, avalanches in the Himalayas. The visualisation has raised community awareness and interest in mountain hazards, and is hoped to be a small but key step in developing hazard warning systems and policy interventions.

CPD accreditation
Continuing Professional Development is an integral part of applying for, and maintaining, Chartered Geographer accreditation. The Society now offers a mark to recognise activities and events which support geographers in their professional development. This gives recognition to high quality and relevant training for geographers and raises the profile of those offering them.

W www.rgs.org/CPDmark

W www.rgs.org/avalanche-geovis
Chartered Geographers reach 1,000
We are celebrating the accreditation of the 1,000th Chartered Geographer, a landmark for the scheme which is the Society’s internationally recognised accreditation for professional geographers.

Chartered Geographers are found wherever geographers are working in professional practice and they demonstrate the range of roles and expertise of professionals across many sectors. We are pleased that the recent cohort of successful applications continues this diversity, with teaching, journalism, geomorphology, public sector and GIS consultancy represented.

We look to recognise geographical knowledge, skills and behaviours wherever geography is being used, whether that is in green finance, sustainable tourism or green energy, or many other sectors.

W www.rgs.org/cgeog

Associate Fellowship for early career geographers
Associate Fellow (Early Career) offers geographers who are within five years of graduating from an undergraduate degree affordable access to networks, professional development opportunities, webinars and more. Join our December online networking event for Associate Fellows as a guest or catch up on the year’s Professional insights series including the recent event on geovisualisation which covered what makes a good geovisualisation and how to get started.

W www.rgs.org/associate-fellowship
Events Highlights

Spring events programme
This spring we will be bringing you another packed schedule of lectures, CPD, networking opportunities, regional events, exhibitions, and so much more. Book your tickets now to guarantee your place and ensure you will receive the most up to date booking information.

Our events, both online and in-person, will help you explore your interests and allow you to develop your knowledge and networks.

Discover new perspectives with our Monday night lecture series. In March we will take you on a journey to learn what it takes to capture the beauty and diversity of the UK’s landscapes and wildlife with the producers behind David Attenborough’s Wild Isles. We will also delve into global issues, such as sustainable travel and energy security.

We will be introducing a new ‘lates’ event, Icestation RGS, this March with an exciting interactive evening of music, talks, activities and performances connecting all things ice related.

If you want to receive regular email updates about events in your area or online, then update your communications preferences in the Members’ Area of our website.

www.rgs.org/email-preferences
Spring 2023 events
Monday night lectures at a glance

6.30pm - 7.45pm
RGS-IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, SW7 2AR or online at www.rgs.org/livestream

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Monday night lectures
Fellows and Members can access the live stream of our Monday night lectures by logging in to the Members' Area and accessing our live stream page [www.rgs.org/livestream](http://www.rgs.org/livestream). If you haven't previously logged in, you can set a password using the ‘forgotten password’ link on the login page.

You will need to book in advance to attend our Monday night lectures in-person at the Society. We are continuing to take bookings to guarantee you a seat in the Ondaatje Theatre, be able to contact you should there be any late changes to the programme or if we are required to reduce the capacity of those in attendance.

Suppers
Stay for supper at the Society after Monday night lectures marked S and meet other members and their guests. Supper is served at 8.00pm, finishes by 10.00pm and is £38 per person (two courses, two glasses of wine or soft drink, and coffee).

Suppers following Monday night lectures are open to RGS-IBG members and one guest. Book by noon on the preceding Thursday. Payment will be taken at the time of booking and is non-refundable.

Accessibility
Wheelchair spaces are available in the Ondaatje Theatre. A personal assistant or carer can usually be accommodated. Please contact the Events Office in advance on T 020 7591 3100 E events@rgs.org. Registered assistance dogs are welcome. The Ondaatje Theatre has an induction loop for those with hearing impairments. An accessible toilet is available.

Events

Key to events
B Book tickets in advance
M+G Members plus one guest
S Supper to follow lecture (advance booking required)

Continuing professional development for the Chartered Geographer scheme
E Exhibition

Events booking
You can find more information and book tickets online [www.rgs.org/events](http://www.rgs.org/events), email E events@rgs.org or call us on T 020 7591 3100 (10.00am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday). Our staff will be more than happy to guide you through the booking process and answer any questions you may have.

Please note that unexpected changes to events may occur, especially those planned to take place in person, please check our website for up-to-date information.

Online events
All Society-organised online events can be booked and watched via our website. Search for the individual event page on [www.rgs.org/events](http://www.rgs.org/events). You will be able to ask your questions and interact with the speakers if you join live. Fellows and Members are able to catch up on many of our events, including our Monday night lectures, online [www.rgs.org/lecturesonline](http://www.rgs.org/lecturesonline).
Events listings
In chronological order

E Until Friday 20 January 10.00am - 5.00pm
(Monday to Saturday) Exhibition (London)
**Everest through the lens**
The Society’s new exhibition marking the centenary of the Everest expeditions in the 1920s, explores how Captain John Noel’s films shaped the British public’s imagination of the mountain while obscuring the role of local intermediaries. Closed 24 December to 2 January inclusive.
At the Society. Free.

E Until 23 March
Exhibition (Corby)
**Earth Photo 2022 at Fineshade Wood**
Photographs and films which stimulate conversations about our world, its inhabitants and our treatment of both have been submitted to Earth Photo 2022, an international photography project developed jointly by Forestry England and the Society.
Fineshade Wood, Top Lodge, Fineshade, Northamptonshire, NN17 3BB.
Free.

E Until Sunday 23 April
Exhibition (Hawkshead)
**Earth Photo 2022 at Grizedale**
Visit Grizedale this spring to see a stunning selection of the shortlisted images which stimulate conversations about our world, its inhabitants and our treatment of both. Developed jointly by Forestry England and the Society.  Grizedale, Forestry Commission Visitor Centre, Grizedale Forest, LA22 0QJ.
Free.

E Until Monday 30 October 10.00am - 5.00pm
Exhibition (Charlestown, Cornwall)
**Shackleton’s legacy and the power of early Antarctic photography**
Documenting the role of photography and literature throughout Shackleton’s career, the exhibition presents the influences and motivation which led him to a lifetime commitment to the polar region, building public awareness and understanding of the continent.
Shipwreck Treasure Museum,
Quay Road, St. Austell, PL25 3NJ.
£12.50, RGS-IBG members £8.
W www.shipwreckcharlestown.co.uk

B M+G Monday 9 January 6.30pm - 7.45pm
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
**Wales and the well-being world**
Sophie Howe
In Wales we are trying to do things differently. That means putting the well-being of our people and planet first. The wellbeing of Future Generations Act is world leading, embedding sustainability into law and requiring our leaders to make good decisions today for tomorrow.
At the Society and online. Free.
Monday 16 January
6.30pm - 7.45pm
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
The hidden universe: biodiversity
Professor Alexandre Antonelli
Join Kew’s Director of Science in this talk where he’ll share his personal journeys into our planet’s extraordinary biodiversity. Will we ever understand and protect it before it’s gone?
At the Society and online. Free.

Tuesday 17 January 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Workshop (online)
Aspiring leaders: progressing from teacher to leader
Chris Hoare
Moving into school leadership isn’t easy. Chris will explore some fundamentals of leadership, assess what we really mean by leadership and look at how leadership is not actually that difficult to seek.
Online. Free.

Wednesday 18 January 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Forum (online)
Teaching and Scholarship Forum
A forum for meeting, sharing and supporting teaching and scholarship in higher education. Organised by the Geography and Education Research Group.
Online. Free.

Thursday 19 January 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Lecture (online)
Limits to re-wilding?
Andy Lester
Andy explores the nation’s fascination with re-wilding and asks the question does it have limits and if so can those limits be overcome? Organised by the South regional committee.
Online. Free.

Thursday 19 January 10.00am - 3.30pm
Conference (London)
Mathematics in A Level geography conference
The conference will explore how level 3 core maths can support the learning of A Level geography as well as considering how your students can best use mathematics when working on their non-examined assessment.
At the Society. £20.

Monday 23 January 6.30pm - 7.45pm
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
World-friendly travel: what does it mean to travel sustainably in 2023?
Sally Davey
The CEO of Travalyst, Prince Harry’s sustainable travel initiative, depicts how some of the world's biggest brands are working together to help travellers make better choices when they are booking trips.
At the Society and online. Free.
**Tuesday 24 January 7.15pm - 9.00pm**
Lecture (Huddersfield)
**Atlantic to Pacific: the story of the Panama Canal**
Norman Harris
Norman takes us on a journey through the history of the canal from its conception to the present day. Organised by the Yorkshire and North East regional committee. Joint event with the Huddersfield and Halifax GA.
Joseph Priestley Building Room JPG/18, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, HD1 3DH. Free.

**Wednesday 25 January 1.00pm - 2.00pm**
Introductory webinar (online)
**Making an application for Chartered Geographer**
Chartered Geographer is the Society’s professional accreditation for those using their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding in the workplace. Join this webinar to learn more about the benefits of becoming Chartered.
Online. Free.

**Wednesday 25 January 5.00pm - 6.30pm**
Workshop (online)
**Supporting geography candidates with university applications**
In this session, we’ll explore some of the timelines and approaches you can take to help your A Level geographers make great choices, become great candidates and prepare them really well for top quality university applications to read geography and similar disciplines at university.
Online. Free.

**Thursday 26 January 7.00pm - 9.00pm**
Lecture (Belfast)
**From Magilligan to Mars**
Professor Derek Jackson
Exploring the surface of another planet in the pursuit of science is fraught with enormous technical difficulties from launch to landing and beyond. Recent advances in orbiting satellites around Mars now provides important information on surface landforms but much more data is still required for understanding the dynamics of surface of the planet. Organised by the Northern Ireland regional committee.
Elmwood Building, School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen’s University Belfast, Elmwood Avenue, BT7 1NN. Free.
**Monday 30 January**

6.30pm - 7.45pm
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
**Global energy dilemmas revisited: energy security and sustainability in a new world**
Professor Mike Bradshaw
This lecture revisits the interrelationship between energy security, economic globalisation and climate change, and examines the geopolitical dimensions of energy system transformation considering the current geo-economic and geopolitical crises.
At the Society and online. Free.

**Tuesday 31 January 7.00pm - 8.30pm**
Lecture (online)
**Celebrating England’s national nature reserves: their past, present and future**
Dagmar Junghanns
This online lecture will explore England’s top nature reserves, their rich history and their place in our future nature. Organised by the South regional committee.
Online. Free.

**Wednesday 1 February 7.00pm - 8.30pm**
(Doors open at 6.00pm)
Panel discussion (online and London)
**Is travel worth the carbon emissions?**
When you go on holiday, do you think twice about getting on a plane? The continuous growth in global air traffic passenger numbers since the 1950s is expected to continue with the rise of the middle class in emerging economies. Our panel will consider the technological innovations of low-carbon transport and the behaviour changes needed to reduce the carbon emissions from travel.
At the Society and online. In person: £12, £10 RGS-IBG members. Online: £6, RGS-IBG members £5.

**Thursday 2 February 10.00am - 4.00pm**
Workshop (London)
**GIS for fieldwork and the NEA**
This workshop for secondary school geography teachers will provide an insight into using ArcGIS for fieldwork and the NEA. It is suitable for beginners and intermediate users. Joint event with Esri UK.
At the Society. £25, RGS-IBG members £18.

**Thursday 2 February 7.00pm - 9.00pm**
Lecture (online)
**Journey to Everest**
Simon Dell
Simon will discuss his trek across the Himalayan plateau and his first visit to Nepal when few western visitors entered the country. Organised by the South West regional committee.
Online. Free.
**B Monday 6 February 2.30pm - 3.45pm**
Be inspired afternoon lecture (online and London)
*19th century phenomenon of pedestrianism*
Nick Fielding
Join us for our next be inspired afternoon lecture where Nick discusses the 19th century phenomenon of pedestrianism.
At the Society and online. £5, RGS-IBG members free.

**B S M+G Monday 6 February 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
*Antarctica: a history in 100 objects*
Dr Jean de Pomereu
What can objects tell us about Antarctic history? Jean presents some of his favourite Antarctic objects from a new book co-authored with Dr Daniella McCahey.
At the Society and online. Free.

**B Wednesday 8 February**

**CPD**
*2.00pm - 5.00pm*
Workshop (online)
*Fieldwork essentials for early career teachers*
Chloe Searl
Join us for this online session which explores everything teachers need to know as they plan and deliver fieldwork for the first time. This event is aimed at secondary geography teachers in the early stages of their career.
Online. £80, RGS-IBG members £70.

**B Monday 13 February 2.30pm - 3.45pm**
Be inspired afternoon lecture (online and London)
*Nellie Bly’s record-breaking race around the world*
Rosemary J Brown
Trailblazing journalist Nellie Bly circled the world faster than anyone ever had in 1890. She travelled alone, with just a Gladstone bag, and shattered the fictional record of Phileas Fogg arriving back in 72 days. Awed by her achievement and shocked by its present-day obscurity, author Rosemary J Brown re-traced Nellie Bly’s global journey 125 years later to get her back on the map.
At the Society and online. £5, RGS-IBG members free.

**B M+G Monday 13 February 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
*Secrets of...The architecture the railways built*
Tim Dunn
Hidden gems, secret tunnels and incredible histories: the ever-enthusiastic broadcaster regularly unlocks and explores Britain’s railway heritage for enraptured TV audiences. Tonight expect fascinating facts, behind-scenes stories, and moments of joy.
At the Society and online. Free.
**Monday 13 February 8.00pm - 10.00pm**  
Lecture (Exeter)  
**Race for the future**  
James Levelle  
Award-winning filmmaker, James, shares stories from his 9,000 mile, emission-free, odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis, and what he has learned from his relay race overland and by sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.  
Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street, EX4 3LS. £12, RGS-IBG members £10.

**Wednesday 15 February 1.00pm - 2.00pm**  
Lecture (online)  
**Communicating your research: revising a paper**  
Dealing with reviewers’ and readers’ comments is a key part of getting a journal article published, or producing other written work. So what’s the best way to approach this task? This webinar will bring together the Society’s Managing Editor and experienced academics to offer advice on the best way to approach the review process.  
Online. Free.

**Wednesday 15 February 2.00pm - 3.00pm**  
Forum (online)  
**Teaching and Scholarship Forum**  
A forum for meeting, sharing and supporting teaching and scholarship in higher education. Organised by the Geography and Education Research Group.  
Online. Free.

**Wednesday 15 February 7.00pm - 8.30pm**  
(Doors open at 6.00pm)  
Panel discussion (online and London)  
**Energy and development**  
As the cost of energy and energy security concerns increase in the UK, our panel will consider the role energy plays in the economic development of the world’s major emerging economies and other developing countries. The decisions they make about how to develop secure, clean and affordable energy will determine future levels of investment, energy consumption and fuel choices globally.  
At the Society and online. In person: £12, £10 RGS-IBG members. Online: £6, RGS-IBG members £5.

**Wednesday 15 February 7.30pm - 9.30pm**  
Lecture (Stamford)  
**Race for the future**  
James Levelle  
Award-winning filmmaker, James, shares stories from his 9,000 mile, emission-free, odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis, and what he has learned from his relay race overland and by sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.  
Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary’s Street, PE9 2DL. £14, RGS-IBG members £12.

**Thursday 16 February 10.00am - 10.30am**  
Networking (online)  
**Chartered Geographer virtual coffee morning**  
Join the Chartered Geographer coffee morning to meet with Chartered Geographers through the Wonder platform. Drop in any time to network.  
Online. Free.
**Thursday 16 February 8.00pm - 10.00pm**
Lecture (Darlington)
**Race for the future**
James Levelle
Award-winning filmmaker, James, shares stories from his 9,000 mile, emission-free, odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis, and what he has learned from his relay race overland and by sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.
The Hullabaloo, Borough Road, DL1 1SG.
£13, RGS-IBG members £11.

**Sunday 19 February 7.30pm - 9.30pm**
Lecture (Brecon)
**Race for the future**
James Levelle
Award-winning filmmaker, James, shares stories from his 9,000 mile, emission-free, odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis, and what he's learned from his relay race overland and sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.
Theatr Brycheiniog, Canal Wharf, LD3 7EW.
£13, RGS-IBG members £9.

**Tuesday 21 February 8.00pm - 10.00pm**
Lecture (Southampton)
**Race for the future**
James Levelle
Award-winning filmmaker, James, shares stories from his 9,000 mile, emission-free, odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis, and what he has learned from his relay race overland and by sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.
Turner Sims, University of Southampton, SO17 1BJ.
£15, RGS-IBG members £13.

**Wednesday 22 February 9.00am - 10.00am**
Introductory webinar (online)
**Making an application for Chartered Geographer**
Chartered Geographer is the Society’s professional accreditation for those using their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding in the workplace. Join this webinar to learn more about the benefits of becoming Chartered.
Online. Free.
**B Thursday 23 February 7.00pm - 9.00pm**
Lecture (Belfast)
**Britain’s overseas territories**
Professor Stephen Royle
The UK maintains 14 overseas territories. This lecture explores why these imperial relics persist. Organised by the Northern Ireland regional committee.
Elmwood Building, School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen’s University Belfast, Elmwood Avenue, BT7 1NN.
Free.

**B M+G Monday 27 February 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
**A history of civilization in 12 clocks**
David Rooney
Since the dawn of civilization, we have kept time – but why? Hear how clocks have been used throughout history to wield power, make money, govern citizens, and control our lives.
At the Society and online. Free.

**B Tuesday 28 February 6.30pm - 7.30pm**
Lecture (online)
**My family and other enemies**
Mary Novakovich
A personal travelogue about Croatia from a hugely experienced travel journalist. Organised by the Cheshire and North Wales regional committee.
Online. Free.

**Tuesday 28 February 7.15pm - 9.00pm**
Lecture (Huddersfield)
**Trading with the dragon**
Gillian Miller
Gill questions whether China is investing in Africa for altruistic reasons or to secure resources and influence. Organised by the Yorkshire and North East regional committee. Joint event with the Huddersfield and Halifax GA.
Joseph Priestley Building Room JPG/18, University of Huddersfield, Queensgate, HD1 3DH. Free.

**B Wednesday 1 March 1.00pm - 2.00pm**
Lecture (online)
**Wellbeing during your postgraduate studies**
Postgraduate study is challenging, academically and personally. This webinar offers advice and insights on how to manage your wellbeing throughout the PhD process and where to look for further help and support.
Online. Free.

**B M+G Monday 6 March 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
**David Attenborough’s *Wild Isles*: behind the scenes**
Alastair Fothergill OBE
In a lavishly illustrated lecture, the producers of David Attenborough’s *Wild Isles* tell the stories behind the making of this landmark series celebrating the natural history of Britain and Ireland.
At the Society and online. Free.
Wednesday 8 March 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Lecture (Southampton)
The United Nations and global geospatial information
James Norris
Learn how the UN uses geographic information and is helping all nations to improve it locally and globally. Organised by the South regional committee. Ordnance Survey, Adanac Drive, SO16 0AS. Free. Advanced booking and photo ID required.

Thursday 9 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Short talks (Online and London)
Geographical journeys: microlectures
An informal evening of short illustrated talks packed with tales of adventure and discovery to entertain and inspire. Organised by the Younger Members’ Committee. At the Society and online. In-person: £12, RGS-IBG members £10. Online: £6, RGS-IBG members £5.

Monday 13 March 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Monday night lecture (online and London)
Nuclear dreams: Fukushima and Japan’s lost futures
Dr Makoto Takahashi
In 2011, Japan faced its greatest test since WW2. But how are the Tohoku earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster still shaping Japan today? And what happened to those visions of the crisis as an opportunity? At the Society and online. Free.

Tuesday 14 March 10.00am - 4.00pm
Workshop (London)
Teach with GIS: getting started with ArcGIS Online in your classroom
This CPD event is for teachers with little or no previous GIS experience and includes: an overview of GIS pedagogy; using ArcGIS as a geography visualiser; adding data and making your own maps in 2D and 3D; StoryMaps for classroom use. At the Society. £25, RGS-IBG members £18.

Wednesday 15 March 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Lecture (online)
Placements during your postgraduate studies: how and why?
Placements in industry, museums, cultural institutions, and the public sector can provide fantastic opportunities for postgraduate researchers to develop skill and build networks. This webinar will introduce such placements, offering insights on how to set up and make the most of a placement. Online. Free.

Wednesday 15 March 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Forum (online)
Teaching and Scholarship Forum
**Wednesday 15 March**

**2.00pm - 5.00pm**

Workshop (online)

**Geography and history**

- **together stronger, but separate…?**

Ben Ballin and Alf Wilkinson

This participatory course will support you in planning primary history and geography in ways that strengthen links between the subjects and amplify learning. Joint event with the Historical Association.

Online. £80, RGS-IBG and Historical Association members £70.

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**Wednesday 15 March**

**7.15pm - 8.45pm**

Lecture (online and Portsmouth)

**Volcanic hazards as shown by recent eruptions across the world**

Dr Carmen Solana

Volcanic eruptions continuously reshape our planet and pose serious hazards at varying scales. Illustrated by recent eruptions, the talk explores the features they create. Organised by the South regional committee.

University of Portsmouth, Buckingham Building, Lion Terrace, PO3 1HE and online.

Free.

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**Thursday 16 March**

**6.30pm - 9.30pm**

Geographical late (London)

**Icestation RGS**

Join us for an exciting interactive evening of music, talks, activities and performances connecting all things ice related.

At the Society. £20, RGS-IBG members £18.

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**Monday 20 March**

**9.45am - 4.30pm**

Workshop (London)

**EVC update workshop**

This course gives trained EVCs the opportunity to revalidate while looking at current issues and sharing good practice.

At the Society. £280, RGS-IBG members £252.

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**Monday 20 March**

**6.30pm - 7.45pm**

(Doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (online and London)

**Sanitation for all? Cities and the right to citylife**

Professor Colin McFarlane

Sanitation is one of modern urban life’s most neglected issues. This lecture makes the case for sanitation for all, arguing for renewed, equitable investment in a foundation of urban life.

At the Society and online. Free.

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**Tuesday 21 March**

**9.45am - 4.30pm**

Workshop (London)

**Educational Visits Coordinator Training**

Essential training for new EVCs responsible for the policies and practice around risk management for out-of-school visits.

At the Society. £280, RGS-IBG members £252.
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Online. Free.

**B Wednesday 22 March 5.00pm - 6.00pm**  
Workshop (online)  
**Digimap for schools for KS2 and KS3 geography**  
Darren Bailey  
Darren from the Ordnance Survey will work through its functionality, map layers and more during an online demonstration, and will also provide ideas on how to use Digimap for Schools with KS2 and KS3 students. Joint event with Ordnance Survey.  
Online. Free.

**B Saturday 25 March 10.00am - 12.00pm**  
Field visit (Seaham)  
**Seaham Garden Village and the Dawdon minewater treatment scheme**  
Charlotte Adams  
A guided visit to the construction site of Seaham Garden Village, the first large scale mine energy district heating scheme in the UK. Organised by the Yorkshire and North East regional committee.  
Seaham Garden Village.  
£3, RGS-IBG members free. Places are limited.

**B M+G Monday 27 March 6.30pm - 7.45pm**  
(Doors open at 5.30pm)  
Monday night lecture (online and London)  
**Migration, food insecurity and the Covid-19 pandemic**  
Professor Kavita Datta  
This lecture will explore food poverty and provisioning among UK migrant communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. Highlighting spatial and temporal dimensions, it will argue for relational approaches to understanding food insecurity.  
At the Society and online. Free.

**B Monday 27 March 6.30pm - 9.30pm**  
Lecture (Chichester)  
**South members and supporters evening**  
Join us in the historic town of Chichester for an evening of short presentations on geography-related topics and personal journeys. Organised by the South regional committee.  
Cathedral Room, Chichester College, Westgate Fields, PO19 1SB.  
£12, RGS-IBG members £10 (includes buffet).
**B M+G Wednesday 29 March 10.45am - 2.00pm**
(arrive for 10.45am)
Field visit (Shipton-under-Wychwood)
**FarmED walk and talk**
You’ll visit the meadows, heritage orchard, kitchen garden, natural flood management, woodland and other areas and hear about all that’s been going on at the farm. There’ll be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and find out about everything from regenerative agriculture and sustainable food, to micro dairies and growing heritage wheat for artisan bread making. Organised by the Midlands regional committee.
FarmED, Honeydale Farm, Station Road, OX7 6BJ.
£30 including lunch or £15 without.

**B Wednesday 29 March 1.00pm - 2.00pm**
Lecture (online)
**Applying for postdoctoral fellowships**
How do you find, apply, and interview for postdoctoral research fellowships? This webinar will offer advice for postgraduate researchers about the process of applying for a postdoctoral fellowship and how to increase your chances of getting one.
Online. Free.

**Wednesday 29 March 1.00pm - 2.15pm**
Lecture
**Travels in Jordan by bicycle and camel**
Andrew Wright
Andrew follows the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia with cuttings of Lowel Thomas as addition guidance while travelling by bicycle and camel. His tales relate to extraordinary people and places. Organised by the Cheshire and North Wales regional committee.
The Guild for Lifelong Learning, 1 Bourne Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5HD.
£5, RGS-IBG members free.

**B M+G Monday 3 April 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
(Doors open at 5.30pm)
Monday night lecture (online and London)
**Informing action: Esmond Bradley Martin’s legacy in tackling the illegal wildlife trade**
Dr Chris Thouless, Professor Bhaskar Vira, Dr Lucy Vigne
Our panel, chaired by Gillian Burke, will explore Esmond's conviction that data is essential to wildlife protection. His generous bequest to the Society creates a major new prize to recognise such work.
At the Society and online. Free.
Non-Society events

The following events are not organised by the Society but are held on our premises (1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR). For further information and tickets please contact the organisers listed directly.

Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 January 9.30am - 5.00pm
Conference
Coastal futures 2023
The UK’s leading annual event for coastal and marine practitioners. E jayne.onions@coastms.co.uk
W www.coastal-futures.net

E Monday 6 February - Friday 3 March 10.00am - 5.00pm
Exhibition
Early British women explorers in Arabia
Five women, one destination, five objectives. The second in a series of exhibitions about British explorers in Arabia.
Free. T 07968 028072 E ann@mia.gb.net

Tuesday 28 February 6.30pm - 9.45pm
Film screening
Independence of the Dominican Republic
One Island: Two Republics by one of our leading contemporary historians, Frank Moya Pons. This film presents the ecological and social differences, faced by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Introduction by Professor Joe Smith and Professor Frank Moya Pons.
Free. T 07946 117743 E pa@dominicanembassy.org.uk
W www.dominicanembassy.org.uk

Friday 31 March 9.00am - 5.30pm
Conference
CityJS conference London 2023
Kyle Simpson, Kent Dodds, Matteo Collina, Sara Vieira
The conference is for developers, solution architects, and other tech individuals aiming to stay in touch with the industry. Our aim is for individuals to be updated on innovative changes around the industry and Javascript as an entity.
£150-£250. T 07809 468179 E cityjsconf@gmail.com
W www.london.cityjsconf.org

Friday 31 March and Saturday 1 April
Conference
Student global leadership conference
The conference theme is women in leadership: an equal future for all.
In-person: £95, early-bird £80.
Online: £25. early bird £20.
E conference@fie.org.uk
W www.fie.org.uk/sglccconference
Regional events

Events are open to all unless otherwise stated. Please bring your Society membership card to events and contact venues directly about the facilities available and accessibility.

Thank you to all our Fellows and Members who are involved in organising regional events.

For more information on any of the events run by the regional committees or to get involved yourself please see the website or get in touch with a Regional Event Organiser.

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The Neville Shulman Challenge Award was established in 2001 for the Society by Neville Shulman CBE. Each year an award of £5,000 is given to a research project or expedition which is challenging – intellectually, physically, and in terms of the issue being studied.

We invited this year’s awardees, Eileen McDougall, a writer from the UK, and Rejina Tamang, a geology Master’s student from Nepal, to share their journey and what they learned.

“Bordering Tibet, Dolpo is a high-altitude region of Western Nepal, which has long been a religious centre and refuge for the more eclectic and marginalised elements of Tibetan religion. Today, it is home to 13,000 followers of Bon, a religion believed to have been practiced across the Tibetan plateau prior to the arrival of Tibetan Buddhism in the 7th century.”
“This year the Neville Shulman Award supported us to journey, mainly on foot, through the highly inaccessible Bon settlements and places of worship of Dolpo. Our journey was motivated by a desire to learn about this mysterious and little-known religion, and to understand what challenges these remote communities are facing today, particularly those caused by the changing climate.

“Visiting the valleys of Upper Dolpo requires a minimum commitment of a month. The scarcity of hotels and services means a high degree of self-sufficiency is also required. The Award funded our travel and allowed us to transport our equipment and supplies independently and safely through the region. We also hired a local guide, which was crucial as the language, which is similar to Tibetan, is not understood by speakers of most other languages in Nepal.
“On the edge of the inhabitable world, climate change is undoubtedly affecting the lives of the Bonpos. Locals consistently talked of increasingly erratic monsoon rains and winter snow in recent decades. This has caused water shortages, flash hailstorms and flooding, destroying irrigation canals, degrading animal pasturelands, and causing significant problems in agriculture.

“One of the main sources of income in the area is from the collection of yartsa gunbu, a unique biological interaction between mushroom spores and moth larvae. The fungi are highly valued in Chinese medicine and according to locals, has significantly increased living standards in the region in the last few decades. However, yartsa yields have been steadily decreasing, which locals say is due to over-picking and weather changes.

“Recently, the Dolpo-Tibet border has been closed due to COVID-19, having a huge effect on Dolpo communities. Before the pandemic most goods came from China. Now goods must be transported long distances by mule and yak caravans from the rest of Nepal at high cost.

“We found vibrant and vehemently religious Bon communities throughout Dolpo. Many communities of Bonpos (followers of Bon) rely entirely on their natural surroundings to survive. Their physical and spiritual relationships with their surroundings are strong – they worship mountains, rivers, stones as deities and protectors in the absence of most state safety nets and services, most many turn to local lamas, both Bonpo and Buddhist, when they face challenges in their lives.”

www.rgs.org/nevilleshulman
Sharing research with new audiences

Lost lands

The Society regularly partners with geographers who are leading funded research projects to advance geographical science and further our understanding of the world, its people, places and environments.

Our role includes working with the project teams to disseminate the research findings to geography students through educational resources, to professionals through our Environment-Society event series, and the wider public through our public events programme, website and social media.

In the last year we have worked with the Stay Home Stories project to develop award winning educational resources; created podcasts on tropical peatlands and the circular economy; and recently collaborated with a NERC-funded team from the University of Southampton to...
host an online exhibition, *Lost lands – hidden stories of sand mining on the Mekong River.*

For over a decade, an international team of geographers from the UK, Vietnam and Cambodia have undertaken a study of the Mekong River and observed how the Tonle Sap lake systems function as well as the relationships that local people have with these water resources.

The team collaborated with a Cambodia-based photographer to document the nature and scale of sand mining (the removal of sand from the bed of the river by mechanical extraction) activity in the region. A huge global increase in construction, and therefore mining activity, means sand is now the world’s second most used natural resource.

This study also seeks to give a voice to some of the communities who are impacted by it and shine a light on the hidden stories behind the global headlines of sand mining.

Research by the team has shown how, locally, sand mining lowers the riverbed and increases riverbank instability, leading to bank collapse. Studies have also shown impacts further afield, resulting in reduced sediment supply to the delta and a shrinking of the Tonle Sap lake, which supplies an estimated 70% of Cambodia’s protein through fish.

These insights are highlighted in the exhibition and will be accompanied by further resources for schools to communicate this new research with broad audiences.

[www.rgs.org/lost-lands](http://www.rgs.org/lost-lands)
Early images from Everest
Take home a piece of history
“Mountain shapes are often fantastic seen through a mist: these were like the wildest creation of a dream… Gradually, very gradually, we saw the great mountain sides and glaciers and arêtes, now one fragment and now another through the floating rifts, until far higher in the sky than imagination had dared to suggest the white summit of Everest appeared.”

George Mallory, from his account in the official publication of the expedition *Mount Everest: the Reconnaissance*, 1921, Edward Arnold & Co Ltd.

The first photographs of Mount Everest from the 1920s still have the power to capture our imagination and enable us to connect with these early expeditions organised by the Mount Everest Committee, which itself was created by the Society and the Alpine Club, London.

The Society is now home to the world’s finest Everest photographic archive including work by skilled amateur George Mallory, from the reconnaissance expedition of 1921, alongside highly accomplished work of John Noel, who convinced the Mount Everest Committee about the importance of documenting expeditions on film and in stills photography. Noel employed the latest innovative technology of the day to create memorable and lasting images from the 1922 and 1924 expeditions.

He was the first to create an expectation from the public for images of Everest ascents, arguably culminating in the impact of the iconic images of Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary at the summit of Everest in 1953. These, along with images from all nine Everest expeditions organised by the MEC, are held within our archives.
The Society has recently completed a programme of digitisation to protect and preserve the images from the 1920s for posterity. In addition to enabling digital access for research and study by a wider range of users, it is now possible to purchase prints in various formats, including a selection of luxury platinum prints, produced in partnership with the publishers Salto-Ulbeek.

For more information on how to order prints, please visit our online print store or contact the Picture Library for specific requests.

E images@rgs.org
W www.rgsprintstore.com
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