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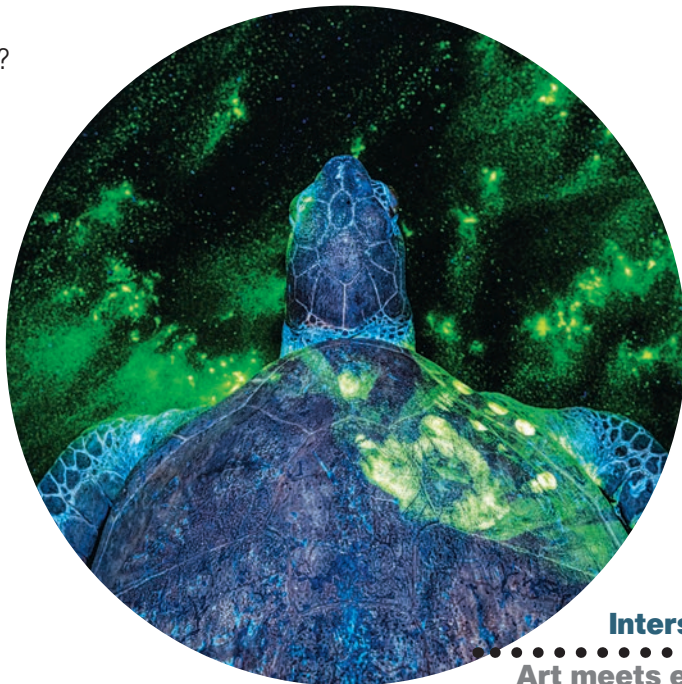
Autumn 2026

**Royal
Geographical
Society**
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

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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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A message From the President

It is extremely heartening and invigorating to myself and our Council to see the work going on behind the scenes at the Society to strengthen its impact today and for the future. The results of many of these actions will come to bear fruit in both the long and short term. You'll see barriers removed to Society benefits for both schools and young people, our Collections protected and given the chance to shine, and our building better prepared to serve everyone who walks through our doors.

The RGS continues, as it has for nearly 200 years, to act in the best interests of geographers and geography. In the years ahead we want to play an even bigger role as a convener of ideas, a source of inspiration and a foundation of excellent practice. We have ambition to keeping growing the Society's work as a beacon of knowledge about our world and a conduit for progress on a larger scale.

Word of mouth remains one of the Society's most powerful tools. Every Member and Fellow can help us to expand our vibrant community and hence amplify the value of geographical insights in the world today. I encourage you all to spread the word about our events, resources and opportunities.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jane". The script is elegant and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Professor Dame Jane Francis
President

Society News



© Erdiola Kanda Mustafaj

Hidden Narratives Residency

Artist Erdiola Kanda Mustafaj will spend a year immersing herself in our historic Collections and engaging with materials relating to the environment and humanitarian themes as part of the Hidden Narratives Residency. The Residency is a partnership between the Society, Photoworks and the Italian Cultural Institute in London which develops archive residencies and programmes for Italian photographers to access career-defining opportunities.

W www.rgs.org/hidden-narratives

Esmond B. Martin Prize 2026

This year the Esmond B. Martin RGS Prize was awarded to Dr Krithi Karanth, Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS) in Bengaluru, India, and Professor Alexandre Antonelli, Executive Director of Science at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Both were recognised for their crucial contributions to our understanding of the world's ecosystems, as well as working to protect the planet's biodiversity. Members can watch Krithi and Alex's Monday night lecture in Talks on demand.

Nominations for the 2027 prize for outstanding individual achievement in the pursuit and application of geographical research are open now and will close in December 2026.

W www.rgs.org/ebmrgsprize



Collector grade platinum prints

In partnership with Salto Ulbeek, we are pleased to present two new folios of platinum-palladium prints drawn from our extraordinary photographic collections.

The first folio comprises nine prints – including three magnificent panoramas – selected from George Mallory's photographs of the 1921 Mount Everest Expedition.

The second brings together twelve of Frank Hurley's most celebrated images from Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914-17 *Endurance* expedition.

Printed using the platinum-palladium process – renowned for its exceptional tonal richness, subtlety, and archival permanence – each image reveals a depth of detail and material presence seldom encountered in conventional reproductions.

W www.rgs.org/platinum-prints

Geographers changing geography

Inspiring Heads is our new storytelling series on YouTube spotlighting racially minoritised geographers across a range of sectors, broadening perceptions of what geography is and where it can lead. This series showcases lived experiences and contributions that are actively reshaping the discipline today.

W www.youtube.com/@RGS_IBG

Saving the Discovery archive

Preserve expedition history at the RGS

On 6 August 1901 Captain Scott's British National Antarctic Expedition, known as the Discovery expedition, left British waters. This journey would launch the careers of some of the most iconic polar explorers and result in substantial geographical accomplishments, including mapping the Transatlantic Mountains and locating the South Magnetic Pole.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the expedition we have launched a significant project to digitise our entire Discovery archive. You can bring this history to life by donating to help fund the project and make the collection permanently accessible for everyone to explore online.

The Discovery expedition was primarily a scientific venture, and the Society cares for around 150 separate categories of archival material related to the crew's investigations, and their daily life.

Within these categories are hundreds of photographs, handwritten manuscripts, maps, planning documents, artefacts, artworks and much more. Together they reveal a remarkable story of determination, offer a lens into the history of Antarctic exploration, and provide substantial material for scientists and researchers.

With your support we can ensure the impact of this remarkably important collection extends far beyond our walls, acting as an educational resource and inspiring engagement with the polar regions and their preservation.

Visit our website today to make a donation and change the course of this collection's next 125 years.

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





Education News

School Members get more for less

We are thrilled to be expanding the ways in which School Membership helps geography teachers stretch their budgets and support exceptional learning outcomes with the introduction of new benefits. We will be launching a new publication with the editorial team behind *Geography Review*. *Geography Today* will engage school students with specification-linked content along with expert insights and practical guidance on studying for and passing A Levels. Starting this autumn, we will publish three issues per year, with digital access to this valuable resource included in School Membership.

Alongside this, School Member students will be able to read informative, educational articles on geography, culture and the natural world with the inclusion of digital editions of *Geographical* magazine being introduced later this year.

With new discounts provided by Geopacks and the Field Studies Council to support fieldwork in schools, and a substantial reduction in the cost of School Membership to just £50 per year, we are pleased to offer outstanding value while recognising, and responding to the budgetary constraints of the school community.

W www.rgs.org/school-membership

Virtual work experience is a hit

Evidence shows that those who study geography enjoy strong employment prospects and competitive salaries, yet many young people are not aware of these opportunities.

Our free virtual work experience programme, developed in collaboration with Springpod, allows young people (and others) to explore future pathways, build skills, and connect learning to life beyond school.

Initial feedback has shown the programme is popular and having an impact. After completing the programme students are more aware of careers using geography, more likely to consider such careers and more confident about finding a job in the future.

“ This course was really interesting and insightful. Thank you for helping me understand more about the industry and the different roles within it.”

Springpod user

At the time of writing 1,213 students have enrolled from 526 institutions, with strong participation by students in demographic groups historically underrepresented in the discipline.

W www.rgs.org/springpod



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Self-led fieldwork CPD

We recently collaborated with field-expert Chloë Searl to create a free suite of curriculum-linked self-led fieldwork CPD modules for teachers. These videos, which include activities and reflection points for individuals and departments, help teachers fully embed meaningful fieldwork opportunities into their curriculum, showcase what we really mean when we talk about high quality fieldwork and explore the progression of fieldwork skills across key stages.

W www.youtube.com/@RGS_IBG/playlists



From the field

News

Exploration grants

The 2026 grants cycle was a landmark year with two new awards for exploration. Overall more than 380 applications and 98 projects have been supported. And 2027 looks even bigger, with increased award values and the inaugural Kensington Fieldwork Grant. This new grant is designed to support innovative geographical field research and expedition projects with the potential for significant impact. The four annual awards of £25,000 for experienced researchers, explorers, and storytellers are made possible thanks to the generous support of Jeff Willner, CEO and founder of Kensington.

W www.rgs.org/grants

Your new essential podcast

Hosted by Matt Pycroft, the new RGS podcast series *RGS presents: The Future of Exploration* is an inquiry into what it means to explore in a rapidly changing

world. In each episode we'll speak with leading thinkers, scientists, and explorers to examine both the practical and philosophical questions that define modern discovery. Catch up on the episodes released so far with Bruce Parry, Tim Marshall and more!

W www.rgs.org/podcasts

Explore turns 50

The first RGS Explore Weekend brought together a community of aspiring and experienced expeditioners to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and inspire one another. It has evolved into a cornerstone of the Society's work, where curiosity meets expertise, and future projects are born.

This year we recognise the fiftieth Explore with a programme of events which both celebrate what has been achieved and act as an invitation to look ahead.

W www.rgs.org/explore-50



Research and higher education News

New scholarly publication

We are very pleased to announce the latest addition to the RGS book series, *Geography and a Geographer: Reimagining the Discipline After Ron Johnston*. Producing a prolific research record that spanned six decades, Ron Johnston was one of the most celebrated geographers of his generation.

Did you know? Recent data reinforces the benefit of studying geography at university. Graduate employment rates remain high with 85% of graduates in paid employment or further study 15 months after graduation. With higher than average full-time employment rates the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) data proves that geography remains a stable and rewarding discipline.

The new publication brings together contributors whose work speaks to the geographies he helped to shape, and reflects on where his work can take us next. Read this book, and other titles released under our open access publishing partnership with LSE Press.

W www.press.lse.ac.uk/books/series/rgs-ibg

Annual International Conference 2026

This year's conference is poised to be our biggest programme yet. With over 600 sessions across 1 - 4 September there will be something for just about everyone. Alongside sponsored lectures delegates will enjoy keynotes, walking tours, film screenings, exhibitions, workshops, and more. There's still time to register in-person or online and explore the complexities of spatial inequalities and injustices.

W www.rgs.org/annual-conference

Professional News

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Amplifying professional expertise

Our new Professional Insight series, featuring geographical experts and thought leaders from across industry and government, offers a unique opportunity to showcase topical issues and emerging themes. Each article reveals the impact professional geographers make across a wide range of sectors.

The series began with an international focus. Head of Geography and Geospatial

at ONS, Olive Powell explored how the UN Global Statistical Geospatial Framework is helping to provide insight into many of the themes underpinning the Sustainable Development Goals. This is enabling more targeted action on the ground. This was followed by Ed Parsons, who discussed his role as a digital geographer and why geography matters.

Looking ahead, the series will explore topics as diverse as global flood models, property markets, AI and geospatial technologies, ethics, and much more.

Together, these articles help demonstrate the impact of geography in professional practice, alongside our events, case studies, webinars and geo-visualisations. Collectively, they form a substantial resource that showcases the breadth and depth of geography.

W www.rgs.org/latest-news

Events Highlights



Ice Station © James Tye

Autumn events programme

Our autumn events programme explores some of the most pressing questions facing our planet. Our Monday night lectures begin with Lord Stern examining why we must move beyond the idea that climate action and development are opposing forces. Surrounding the RGS Explore Weekend,

Lucy Hawkes and Børge Ousland reveal new perspectives on wildlife tracking and polar exploration. As the year turns colder, Peter and Lisa Fretwell explore penguin evolution and the impact of Antarctic sea-ice loss, followed by the return of Ice Station RGS, an immersive exploration of ice, connection and climate change.

Autumn 2026 events

Monday night lectures at a glance

6.30pm-7.45pm

Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR
or online at [W www.rgs.org/livestream](http://www.rgs.org/livestream)

For	Date	Title	Speaker
MG	21 Sep	The growth story of the 21st century: the economics and opportunity of climate action	Professor Lord Nicholas Stern
MG	28 Sep	Exploring volcanoes	Professor Sir Steve Sparks
MG	5 Oct	Saving seahorses to help save our seas	Professor Amanda Vincent
MG	12 Oct	Putting the news on the map	Adam Fleming (chair), Hannah Lucinda Smith, Michelle Jana Chan
MG	19 Oct	Glaciers and ice sheets in a warming world: impacts and outcomes	Professor Robert Bingham, Dr Caroline Clason, Professor Noel Gourmelen, Dr Hamish Pritchard, with Professor David Drewry
MG	26 Oct	The wild is still full of secrets: why we haven't finished exploring the world yet	Anna Dimitriadis
MG	2 Nov	Lost, found and followed: remarkable tales from tracking wild animals	Dr Lucy Hawkes
MG	09 Nov	40 years of polar expeditions: what I have learned	Børge Ousland
MG	16 Nov	Following in the footsteps of Frank Hurley	Frans Lanting
MG	23 Nov	The future of British farming	Mary-Ann Ochota with Guy Shrubsole and Sue Pritchard
MG	30 Nov	Penguin pandemonium	Dr Peter and Lisa Fretwell
M+	7 Dec	Countries on the edge	Sir Michael Palin with Neil Ferguson

Events

Key to events

B Book tickets in advance

M+ Members only

MG Members plus one guest

S Supper to follow lecture
(advance booking required)

E Exhibition



Continuing professional development
for the Chartered Geographer scheme

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 **W** www.rgs.org/livestream. If you haven't previously logged in, you can set a password using the 'forgot 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 take bookings to guarantee you a seat in the Ondaatje Theatre, and be able to contact you should there be any late changes to the programme.

Suppers

Stay for supper at the Society after Monday night lectures on 9 November and 7 December and meet other members and their guests. Supper is served at 8.00pm, finishes by 10.00pm and is £48 per person (two courses, two glasses of wine or soft drink, and coffee).

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

Events booking

You can find more information and book tickets online **W** 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, 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 **W** 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.

W www.rgs.org/talksondemand

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** access@rgs.org. Registered assistance dogs welcome. The Ondaatje Theatre has an induction loop for those with hearing impairments. An accessible toilet is available.

W www.rgs.org/access

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Events listings

In chronological order

E Until Tuesday 6 October

Exhibition (Presteigne)

Earth Photo: Sidney Nolan Trust

Visit Sidney Nolan Trust to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [Sidney Nolan Trust](#), [The Rodd](#), LD8 2LL. £6.30.

E Friday 7 August - Sunday 20 September

Exhibition (Hereford)

Earth Photo: Canwood Gallery

Visit Canwood Gallery to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [Canwood Gallery](#), [Checkley](#), HR1 4NF. Free.

E Friday 21 August - Sunday 27 September

Exhibition (Chester)

Earth Photo: Chester Zoo

Visit Chester Zoo to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [Chester Zoo](#), [Upton-by-Chester](#), CH2 1EU. £42.

E Wednesday 26 August - Sunday 4 October

Exhibition (Faversham)

Earth Photo: Mount Ephraim Gardens

Visit Mount Ephraim Gardens to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [Mount Ephraim Gardens](#), [Staplestreet Road](#), [Hernhill](#), ME13 9TX. £10.

B Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 September

Conference (London and online)

RGS-IBG Annual International Conference

Chaired by Professor Peter Hopkins

The Chair's theme is *geographies of inequalities: towards just places*. The 2026 conference theme focuses on charting the complexities of spatial inequalities and injustices, including those relating to society, culture and politics, to the economy, and community, and to development, climate and the environment. [At the Society](#) and online. See [website](#) for delegate rates.

E Tuesday 1 - Wednesday 30 September

Exhibition (County Down)

Earth Photo: Castle Ward

Visit National Trust Northern Ireland Castle Ward to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [Castle Ward](#), [Strangford](#), [Downpatrick](#), BT30 7BA. £15.

E Saturday 5 September - Sunday 4 October

Exhibition (Wrexham)

Earth Photo: Erddig Hall

Visit National Trust Erddig Hall to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. [National Trust Erddig Hall](#), [Erddig](#), LL13 0YT. £19.



B Monday 9 September 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Webinar (online)

Understanding and communicating risk through geospatial applications

Hear from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) geospatial team on the range of tools developed to support risk assessment and decision-making across the organisation. [Online. Free.](#)



B Thursday 10 September

7.30pm - 10.00pm

Film screening (Bath and online)

Climate and conservation stories

An evening of inspiring and thought-provoking short films highlighting climate change and conservation. Organised by the South West regional committee with Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution. BRLSI, Queen Square, BA1 2HN. £8, members £4 with code RGS50.

**E Saturday 12 September
- Wednesday 21 October**

Exhibition (Kingswear)

Earth Photo: Coletton Fishacre

Visit National Trust Coletton Fishacre to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. Coletton Fishacre, Brownstone Road, TQ6 0EQ. £18.

**E Monday 14 - Tuesday 29 September
10.00am - 5.00pm**

Exhibition (London)

Westminster kids photo exhibition

A vibrant exhibition showcasing the creativity and perspectives of young photographers from across Westminster, capturing everyday moments, diverse communities, and fresh visual stories through bold, thoughtful and inspiring imagery. [At the Society. Free. Open Monday to Friday.](#)



B Wednesday 16 September

12.00pm - 1.00pm

Webinar (online)

Chartered Geographer introductory webinar

Join this webinar to learn more about the benefits of becoming a Chartered Geographer and how to apply. [Online. Free.](#)



B Wednesday 16 September

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Geography in practice webinar (online)

The open geography portal

Jade Fawcett

Get an early look at the brand new open geography portal being developed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Geography team. You'll learn about the datasets available, see demonstrations of key features, and discover how the portal can support your work or research. [Online. Free.](#)

B Thursday 17 September
2.00pm - 3.00pm or 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Guided tour (London)

Guided tour of Lowther Lodge

Join us as we delve into the stories, contexts, and interpretations of the objects on display throughout Lowther Lodge, the 'home of geography'. Part of Heritage Open Days' festival of history and culture where stories are told, buildings are explored and histories brought to life. [At the Society.](#) [Free.](#)



B Thursday 17 September
7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Panel discussion (London and online)

The geography of global health

This discussion explores the geography of global health, examining how location, mobility and inequality shape vulnerability and resilience. Reflecting on recent case studies, speakers consider what geography can teach us about future health preparedness. [At the Society and online.](#) [In person: £12, £10 members. Online: £6, members £5.](#)

B Sunday 20 September 10.00am - 1.00pm
Field visit (Kendal)

**A walk for World Car Free Day:
Kendal to Sizergh Castle**

Join us to celebrate World Car Free Day with a guided walk from Kendal town centre along the River Kent to Sizergh Castle. Organised by the North West regional committee with the National Trust. [Kendal War Memorial, Stricklandgate, Kendal LA9 4RF.](#) [Free.](#)



B MG Monday 21 September
6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

The growth story of the 21st Century: the economics and opportunity of climate action

Professor Lord Nicholas Stern

Challenging the idea that we must choose between climate action and development, Lord Stern will explore why this transformation is essential, what it entails, and how we can achieve it. [At the Society and online.](#) [Free.](#)



B Tuesday 22 September
12.00pm - 1.00pm

Professional insights webinar (online)

Using mentoring to elevate your career

Join our interactive lunchtime webinar to gain valuable insights from experienced professionals as they share their knowledge, experiences and practical advice.

[Online.](#) [Free.](#)

B Tuesday 22 September 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Lecture (Exeter)

Shackleton and West Somerset: uncovering the explorer's ties to the South West

Jeff Cox

This talk was inspired by a local newspaper report from 1923 about a wealthy businessman showing a rare film in Watchet capturing Shackleton's *Endurance* crushed in Antarctic ice. His further research led him to discover two men from West Somerset who played a crucial role in Shackleton's Antarctic explorations. Organised by the South West regional committee. [The Devon and Exeter Institution, 7 Cathedral Close, Exeter, EX1 1EZ.](#) [Free.](#)

**B Tuesday 22 September****4.00pm - 4.30pm**

Webinar (online)

Digimap for schools: using overlays and historical data at KS3

Find out how the online GIS Digimap for Schools can be used in the classroom. In partnership with Ordnance Survey. [Online](#). [Free](#).

**B Wednesday 23 September****5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Webinar (online)

Online TeachMeet: embedding careers education into the curriculum

In this online session, we will ask geography teachers to share their ideas for implementing careers education into the geography curriculum. [Online](#). [Free](#).

B Friday 25 September 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Workshop (online)

Map collections and historical geography

A panel of experienced academics will offer advice to historical geographers on how to find and successfully use the Society's map collections. Organised by the Historical Geography Research Group. [Online](#). [Free](#).

**B MG Monday 28 September****6.30pm - 7.45pm**

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Exploring volcanoes

Professor Sir Steve Sparks

Volcanoes are spectacular evidence that we live on a dynamic planet. There are many ways to explore volcanoes to reveal how they work, from sophisticated technology to expeditions to remote places to observe their activity. [At the Society and online](#). [Free](#).

**B Tuesday 29 September****5.00pm - 6.30pm**

Webinar (online)

What comes after fieldwork at KS3 and KS4?

We will consider what you can do after your fieldwork to present and analyse your findings in a way that helps embed learning. In partnership with Field Studies Council. [Online](#). [Free](#).

**B Tuesday 29 September****7.00pm - 8.30pm**

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Panel discussion (London and online)

Britain and beyond:**discovering Islamic heritage**

Imran Mulla (Chair), Tharik Hussain, Sadiya Ahmed

Our expert panellists will discuss the geographical and historical threads linking Britain to Islamic worlds, the significance of material culture in telling these stories, and the ways in which these narratives enrich wider understandings of place and history. [At the Society and online](#). In-person: £12, £10 members. [Online](#): £6, members £5.

**B M+Wednesday 30 September
5.00pm - 6.00pm**

School Member lecture (London)

**The Slapton Sands gravel barrier system:
a classic case study for physical geography**

Professor Gerd Masselink

Join our School Member lecture this autumn to explore the Slapton Sands barrier system in Start Bay. [At the Society.](#) Free, School and Student Members only.

B Wednesday 30 September 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Lecture (Whitehaven)

**Solo motorcycle touring
and the geography of wellbeing**

Dr Jason Wragg

This talk explores the intersection of solo adventure travel, remote landscapes and human health and wellbeing. University of Lancashire, Westlakes Campus, Westlakes Science Park, Moor Row, CA24 3JY. Free.

E Sunday 1 November - Sunday 28 February

Exhibition (South Ayrshire)

Earth Photo: Culzean

Visit National Trust for Scotland Culzean to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. Culzean Castle, Maybole, South Ayrshire, KA19 8LE. £22.



**B Thursday 1 October - 22 Thursday
October 12.00pm - 1.00pm**

Workshop (online)

Chartered Geographer application accelerator

A four-week accelerator for those eligible for Chartered Geographer to focus on preparing your application portfolio. [Online.](#) Free.



B Thursday 1 October 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Webinar (online)

**Support candidates for
interviews and Oxbridge**

John Snelling

A webinar to help teachers understand the Oxbridge application process. [Online.](#) Free.

E Saturday 3 October - Sunday 29 November

Exhibition (Bristol)

Earth Photo: Tyntesfield

Visit National Trust Tyntesfield to see a stunning selection of shortlisted images from this year's Earth Photo competition. Tyntesfield, Wraxall, BS48 1PA. £21.

E Monday 5 October - Monday 16 November

10.00am - 5.00pm

Exhibition (London)

Explore 50: a legacy of discovery

Celebrate 50 years of RGS Explore, from its beginnings as the 'planning a small expedition seminar' to a leading force supporting global exploration, shaping generations of explorers, researchers, and groundbreaking fieldwork. This exhibition tells the story. [At the Society.](#) Free.



B Monday 5 October 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Webinar (online)

Teaching sensitive issues in geography

Fiona Sheriff

We will explore how to tackle challenging topics in a student-friendly way without compromising the knowledge taught. [Online.](#) £45, members £35.



B MG Monday 5 October
6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Saving seahorses to help save our seas

Professor Amanda Vincent

Director and Co-Founder of Project Seahorse, Professor Amanda Vincent, is driven by a determination to protect our oceans. This lecture will discuss her research and action to improve the status of marine species and habitats. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.



B Tuesday 6 October 9.45am - 4.30pm

Workshop (London)

Educational visits coordinator training

Essential training for new EVCs responsible for policies and practice around risk management for out-of-school visits. [At the Society.](#) £280, members £252.

B Tuesday 6 October 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Webinar (online)

Applying for grants to support your research

This webinar is designed to help you navigate the process with confidence, offering practical guidance on identifying, applying for and successfully securing grants to support your research. [Online.](#) Free.



B Wednesday 7 October 9.45am - 4.30pm

Workshop (London)

**Educational visits coordinator
update workshop**

This course gives trained educational visits coordinators the opportunity to revalidate while exploring current issues and sharing good practice. [At the Society.](#) £280, members £252.

B Wednesday 7 October 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Lecture (Oxford)

Adventures in Maps

Debbie Hall

Maps and journeys intersect in many ways, and Debbie Hall's recent book *Adventures in Maps* tells the story of these routes and adventures. Organised by the South East regional committee. [Cheney School, Headington, Oxford. OX3 7QH.](#) £5, members and students free.



B Thursday 8 October 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Webinar (online)

Choose geography: careers in changing places

A careers webinar for geography students exploring jobs linked to A Level Changing Places topics. [Online.](#) Free.

B Thursday 8 October 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Lecture (London and online)

**Gladys West: a life of achievements
that underpin GPS**

Philip Moore

This year's EGR Taylor Lecture seeks to do justice to Gladys West, including her early life and studies, her time at Dahlgren, the scientific models she developed, the recognition she received later, and the impact of her work. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.

B Thursday 8 October 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Lecture (Bath and online)

Driving the ancient sands: recording the archaeology of Libya

Toby Savage

Professional photographer and writer, Toby will share his stories and adventures from 10 expeditions to Libya between 1998 and 2010. Organised by the South West regional committee with Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution. BRLSI, Queen Square, BA1 2HN. £8, members £4 with code RGS50.



B MG Monday 12 October

6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Putting the news on the map

Adam Fleming (chair), Hannah Lucinda Smith, Michelle Jana Chan

Leading journalists and media watchers will place the stories of the week within the wider geographical landscape, making connections across environmental, political and social forces. At the Society and online. Free.

B Wednesday 14 October

Lecture (Falmouth)

The Secret History of Britain's Footpaths

Nicholas Crane

How old are our footpaths? Where do they lead? What are their stories? Why do they matter more than ever before? Join author Nicholas Crane for a coast-to-coast hike, from the Cairngorms to Cornwall, in search of the internet of feet. The Poly, 24 Church Street, Falmouth, TR11 3EG.

B Wednesday 14 October 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Webinar (online)

What do geographers actually do?

A webinar for secondary school students and teachers exploring careers in geography. Online. Free.



B Wednesday 14 October

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Lecture (Oxford)

Carbon colonialism: how rich countries export climate breakdown

Dr Laurie Parsons

Laurie explores the murky practice of outsourcing environmental impact, where emissions and waste are exported from richer to poorer countries. Organised by the South East regional committee. Main lecture hall, Department of Continuing Education, Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA. £5, students £3, members free.

B Wednesday 14 October 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Lecture (Lancaster)

A fearless Victorian traveller: the life and travels of Isabella Bird

Dr Jacki Hill-Murphy

This lecture will explore Isabella's character and motivations, as well as her travels and lasting legacy. Organised by the North West regional committee. Gregson Community and Arts Centre, Moor Gate, Lancaster, LA1 3PY. £5, members free.

B Thursday 15 October 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Lecture (Norwich)

Guardians of the forest: protecting gorillas in a changing Africa

Jillian Miller

This illustrated talk explores how community-led conservation is helping to protect Africa's gorillas, forests and the people who live alongside them. Organised by the East regional committee. [Norwich School, The Close, NR1 4DD.](#) £8 (£10 on the door), members and students free.



B MG Monday 19 October

6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Glaciers and ice sheets in a warming world: impacts and outcomes

Professor Robert Bingham, Dr Caroline Clason, Professor Noel Gourmelen, Dr Hamish Pritchard, with Professor David Drewry

A UK UNESCO initiative reveals the disastrous loss of glaciers and their vital supply of water to mountain communities, and enhanced ice sheet melting that will accelerate coastal flooding worldwide. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.

B Tuesday 20 October 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Webinar (online)

Making the most of your PhD supervisor

This interactive one-hour webinar is designed for postgraduate researchers in geography, offering practical strategies to help you navigate supervision with confidence. [Online.](#) Free.

B Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Lecture (King's Lynn)

The Secret History of Britain's Footpaths

Nicholas Crane

How old are our footpaths? Where do they lead? What are their stories? Why do they matter more than ever before? Join author Nicholas Crane for a coast-to-coast hike, from the Cairngorms to Cornwall, in search of the internet of feet. [King's Lynn Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 5DQ.](#) £20, under 25s £10.

B M Monday 26 October 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Guided walk (London)

New members' welcome tour

Recent joiners are warmly invited to join us at the Society in London to discover more about the history of the Society, who we are today and how to make the most of their membership. [At the Society.](#) Free.

B MG Monday 26 October 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

The wild is still full of secrets: why we haven't finished exploring the world yet

Anna Dimitriadis

Growing up, Anna, a wildlife filmmaker, believed she had missed the age of exploration, however the further she travelled, the more she realised the greatest mysteries lay somewhere entirely unexpected. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.

B Tuesday 27 October 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Panel discussion (London and online)

The rise of the global shadow fleet and the geography of flags of convenience

A hidden fleet of ships is reshaping the world's oceans. Discover how shadow tankers, flags of convenience and weak regulation create risks for people, the environment and the future of maritime responsibility. At the Society and online. In-person: £12, £10 members. Online: £6, members £5.

B MG Monday 2 November 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Lost, found and followed: remarkable tales from tracking wild animals

Dr Lucy Hawkes

From tagging some of the biggest fish in the oceans to accidentally tracking a killer whale, biologist Lucy Hawkes reveals how cutting edge animal tracking technology is transforming our understanding of some of the planet's most exciting wild animals. At the Society and online. Free.

B Tuesday 3 November 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Webinar (online)

Publishing your first journal article

This interactive one-hour webinar will guide you through the process of writing and publishing in academic geography. Online. Free.

B Wednesday 4 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Film screening (London)

Everyone's Everest

Sally Orange MBE

Having faced the uphill battle of cancer recovery, Sally shares the essential tools and wisdom she used to find strength in the wild. Alongside a community of survivors and experts, she shows us that no matter how steep the challenge, nature provides a way up. At the Society. £12, £10 members.



B Thursday 5 November 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Lecture (Norwich)

Sustainable aviation: reducing the climate impact

Dr Andy Jefferson

Delivering net zero aviation by 2050 is one of the most complex challenges we face in the fight against climate change. Dr Andy Jefferson offers an insightful way forward. Organised by the East regional committee. Norwich School, The Close, NR1 4DD. £8 (£10 on the door), members and students free.

B Friday 6 November 2.00pm - 6.30pm

Social event (London)

Explore 50: celebrating 50 years of inspiring exploration

Explore 50 is both a celebration of what has been achieved and an invitation to look ahead. As the challenges facing our world grow ever more complex, the need for thoughtful, inclusive, and impactful exploration has never been greater. Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Explore and help shape the next 50 years of geographical exploration. At the Society. Free.

B Friday 6 November 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Short talks (London and online)

Explore 50: five decades of discovery

Five speakers, each representing a different decade since 1976, will share stories from the field that capture the challenges, research outputs and evolving purpose of expeditionary fieldwork. These short talks chart how exploration has changed, while highlighting the enduring values that unite it. [At the Society and online.](#) In-person £12, £10 members. Online: £6, members £5.

B Friday 6 November 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Dinner (London)

Explore 50 dinner

Dine with members of the Explore community, this gathering is both a celebration of shared achievements and a chance to discuss what the future of exploration will look like. [At the Society.](#) £75.

B Friday 6 - Sunday 8 November

Conference (London)

RGS Explore Weekend 2026

Ready to turn your expedition ideas into actionable plans with the help of those who've gone before? Join us for the special celebratory 50th edition of the Society's flagship exploration community gathering and expedition planning conference. Join like-minded explorers at the Society for the UK's only dedicated event for planning a diverse range of expeditions, field projects and purposeful journeys, packed with inspiration, practical advice, and networking. [At the Society.](#) £135, members £95.

Friday 6 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Lecture (Tiverton)

The spice ports: mapping the origins of global sea trade

Nicholas Nugent

People may think of 'globalism' as a recent development, but Nicholas Nugent, former journalist with the *BBC World Service*, shows that this is not a new phenomenon. This wide-ranging account of a fascinating period in global history uses original maps and contemporary artists' views to tell the story. Organised by the South West regional committee. [Blundell's School, Blundell's Road, Tiverton, EX16 4DN.](#) Free.

E Monday 9 - Monday 16 November

10.00am - 5.00pm (open Monday to Friday)

Exhibition (London)

Exploration now

Discover how exploration thrives today through Society-supported expeditions. Hear firsthand stories from grant recipients and experience artists' creative interpretations translating field discoveries into powerful, contemporary perspectives.

[At the Society.](#) Free.

B Monday 9 November 2.30pm - 3.45pm

(doors open at 2.00pm)

Be inspired afternoon lecture (London and online)

Moving mountains: intrepid women climbers and the peaks named in their honour

Rosemary J Brown

Meet nine extraordinary women mountaineers from the 18th century until present day who defied extreme altitudes, blizzards, avalanches, and rampant discrimination, to achieve an honour long reserved for men and monarchs. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.



B Monday 9 November 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Lecture (Newcastle upon Tyne)

The Missing Lynx Project: the return of lynx to England?

Dr Deborah Brady

This talk will explore the feasibility of returning lynx to a habitat patch in northern England and southern Scotland through a reintroduction in Northumberland. Organised by the North East regional committee. [Northumbria University Ellison Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST.](#) Free.

B MG Monday 9 November 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

40 years of polar expeditions: what I have learned

Børge Ousland

The Society's 2025 Founder's Medal recipient, Norwegian polar explorer Børge Ousland, will be speaking about his polar expeditions over the last 40 years, including his IceLegacy project, and the crossing of the North pole in the dark. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.

B MG Monday 9 November 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Social (London)

Monday night lecture supper

Stay for supper at the Society after our Monday night lecture and meet other members and their guests.

At the Society. £48 per person, including two courses, two glasses of wine or soft drink, and coffee. Please book by 12.00pm on Thursday 5 November and advise us of any dietary requirements you have.



B Tuesday 10 November 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Webinar (online)

Glaciers, landscapes and climate: concepts for A Level teaching

David Anderson

This session is aimed at teachers who would like to improve their understanding of how glaciers work, how they shape landscapes, and their role in the Earth's climate system. [Online.](#) £48, members £36.

B Tuesday 10 November 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Lecture (Bath and online)

Secrets of the jungle: Amerindian archaeological expeditions in Guyana's forests

Joe Trevorrow

Over recent years, Indigenous Amerindian-led expeditions have explored undocumented archaeological sites deep within the jungles of Guyana. Organised by the South West regional committee with Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution. [BRLSI, 16-18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN.](#) £8, members £4 with code RGS50.

B Wednesday 11 November 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Webinar (online)

Choose geography: careers in ecosystems and conservation

A webinar for secondary school students showcasing how classroom geography is applied to real-world jobs in the conservation sector. [Online. Free.](#)



**B Thursday 12 November
12.00pm - 1.00pm**

Professional insights webinar (online)

Acting professionally: codes of conduct, ethics and professionalism

Join this webinar for an interactive lunchtime discussion on acting professionally, including codes of conduct, ethics and professionalism. [Online. Free.](#)



B Friday 13 November 10.00am - 4.00pm
Workshop (London)

Getting started with ArcGIS

This CPD event is for teachers with little or no previous GIS experience. [At the Society. £30, members £22.50.](#)

B Monday 16 November 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Lecture (Kendal)

Global governance: an A Level journey

Professor Emma Mawdsley

Global governance is the system of rules, laws and institutions that manage issues affecting our world, fostering co-operation to address shared challenges such as climate change, trade and pandemics.

Organised by the North West regional committee with Kirkbie Kendal School. [Kirkbie Kendal School, Lound Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7EQ. Free.](#)

[A Level students only, who must be accompanied by a school member of staff.](#)

B Monday 16 November 2.30pm - 3.45pm

(doors open at 2.00pm)

Be inspired afternoon lecture (London and online)

To Lhasa and beyond: Thomas Manning and the making of early British sinology

Dr Edward Weech

Drawing on his notebooks, translations, and correspondence, this talk reassesses Manning's distinctive place in the early history of British sinology and situates his geographical travels within a larger intellectual project: to encounter China on its own linguistic and conceptual terms. [At the Society and online. Free.](#)

B MG Monday 16 November 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Following in the footsteps of Frank Hurley

Frans Lanting

Fascinated by Hurley's work, Frans will discuss retracing his footsteps with a Kodak VPK camera, from South Georgia to Elephant Island and into the Weddell Sea, pitching a camp less than 50 miles from where *Endurance* was trapped in pack ice.

[At the Society and online. Free.](#)



**B Tuesday 17 November
9.45am - 4.30pm**

Workshop (London)

Educational visits coordinator training

Essential training for new EVCs responsible for policies and practice around risk management for out-of-school visits. [At the Society. £280, members £252.](#)

B Tuesday 17 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Panel discussion (London and online)

Living with risk: the geography of disasters

From floods and wildfires to earthquakes and storms, disasters are shaped by both physical landscapes and human decisions. This panel explores how societies can better understand and adapt to risk.

At the Society and online. In-person: £12,

£10 members. Online: £6, members £5.



B Wednesday 18 November

9.45am - 4.30pm

Workshop (London)

**Educational visits coordinator
update workshop**

This course gives trained educational visits coordinators the opportunity to revalidate while exploring current issues and sharing good practice. At the Society. £280, members £252.



B Wednesday 18 November

10.00am - 4.00pm

Workshop (London)

Going further with ArcGIS

This event is for teachers who have previously attended 'Getting started with ArcGIS' or have equivalent experience. At the Society. £30, members £22.50.

B Wednesday 18 November 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Webinar (online)

Chartered Geographer introductory webinar

Join this webinar to learn more about the benefits of becoming a Chartered Geographer and how to apply. Online. Free.



B M Wednesday 18 November

5.00pm - 6.00pm

School Member lecture (London)

**How can biogeomorphology contribute
to a nature-positive future?**

Professor Gemma Harvey

Gemma shares insights from projects on rewilding, restoration and natural flood management to explore how working with natural processes can support nature recovery and ecosystem services. At the Society. Free. School and Student Members only.



B Wednesday 18 November

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Lecture (Oxford)

**Making sense of authoritarianism:
America First, MAGA, and the future
according to Donald Trump**

Professor Melissa Butcher

From her book *The Trouble with Freedom*, Melissa discusses how social, cultural and political divisions opened America to authoritarian leadership, and the implications for politics in the UK. Organised by the South East regional committee. Main lecture hall, Department of Continuing Education, Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA £5, students £3, members free.



B Wednesday 18 November
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Lecture (Portsmouth)

**Impacts of illegal gold mining
in Colombia's Chocó**

Professor Richard Teeuw

Richard presents River Stories: the multifaceted geography of illegal alluvial gold mining in Colombia. Organised by the South East regional committee. Eldon Building, University of Portsmouth, Hampshire Terrace, Portsmouth, PO1 2EG. Free.

**E Thursday 19 November - Thursday 17
December 10.00am - 5.00pm**

(open Monday to Friday)

Exhibition (London)

Vanishing ice

Experience the beauty and fragility of ice through art and exploration. Reflect on its emotional power while confronting the urgent reality of its rapid loss in a changing climate. [At the Society.](#) Free.

B Thursday 19 November 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Lecture (Peterborough)

Peterborough microlectures

Join us for a series of short lectures by students, hosted by Dr Peter Brotherton, Director of Science and Climate Change at Natural England. Organised by the East regional committee. [The King's \(The Cathedral\) School, Park Road, PE1 2UE.](#) Free.

B Monday 23 November 2.30pm - 3.45pm

(doors open at 2.00pm)

Be inspired afternoon lecture (London and online)

**Major Alexander Gordon Laing
and the ancient city of Timbuktu**

Henrietta Butler

Two hundred years ago, Major Alexander Gordon Laing wrote a letter from Timbuktu, 'the first written from that place by any Christian'. This talk recounts Laing's extraordinary, if woeful, Saharan feat. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.

B Monday 23 November 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Lecture (Norwich)

Norwich and Norfolk School microlectures

Shortlisted pupils from local schools present short talks on a broad range of critical geographical issues. Please come along to support them and hear the authentic voices of today's young people. Organised by the East regional committee. [Norwich School, The Close, NR1 4DD.](#) Free.



B MG Monday 23 November
6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

The future of British farming

Mary-Ann Ochota with Guy Shrubsole
and Sue Pritchard

This year, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) celebrates its 100th anniversary. This lecture explores some of the key moments in the history of our countryside, the complex issues that we still need to address and looks to the future of the British countryside. [At the Society and online.](#) Free.



B Tuesday 24 November

5.00pm - 6.30pm

Webinar (online)

Planning a KS3 enquiry curriculum

Rachel Hawke

In this free online session, Rachel Hawke will discuss how to use the enquiry approach to build a KS3 geography curriculum, with practical examples.

Online. Free.

B Tuesday 24 November 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Panel discussion (London and online)

Is the environmental cost of decarbonisation too high?

In the wake of COP31, this panel examines the geography, economics and ethics of decarbonisation, exploring how land, minerals and infrastructure shape the opportunities and challenges of a low-carbon future. *At the Society and online.* In-person: £12, £10 members. Online: £6, members £5.

B Wednesday 25 November

10.00am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Lecture (London)

A Level study day

A Level students will benefit from a series of expert-led sessions focusing on areas of the KS5 curriculum.

At the Society. £16, members £12.

B Wednesday 25 November

10.00am - 12.00pm or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Workshop (London)

Good COP, bad COP: modelling climate negotiations

As COP31 concludes, A Level geography students can join us for a practical, high-energy and engaging workshop that takes you inside the room where it happens. *At the Society.* £16, members £12.

B Wednesday 25 November 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Lecture (Cambridge)

Mount Everest and beyond: looking back on three decades of Himalayan travel and exploration

Rebecca Stephens

Join the first British woman to climb Mount Everest and the Seven Summits as she explores how increasing travel to the Himalaya has impacted its people and environment. Organised by the East regional committee. *Recital Hall, The Leys School, Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 7AD.*

£8 (£10 on the door), members and students free.

B Monday 30 November 2.30pm - 3.45pm

(doors open at 2.00pm)

Be inspired afternoon lecture (London and online)

Cherry pickings: treasures from the library and files of Apsley Cherry-Garrard

Hugh Turner

Apsley Cherry-Garrard was on Scott's final Antarctic expedition, of which he wrote a classic account titled *The Worst Journey in the World*. His nephew, will share with us previously undisclosed insights into his uncle's annotated files. *At the Society and online.* Free.

B M Monday 30 November 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Guided walk (London)

New members' welcome tour

Recent joiners are warmly invited to join us at the Society in London to discover more about the history of the Society, who we are today and how to make the most of their membership. [At the Society.](#) [Free.](#)

B MG Monday 30 November 6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Penguin pandemonium

Dr Peter and Lisa Fretwell

Peter and Lisa will discuss penguin history, evolution, behaviours and habitats. Followed by an up-to-date synopsis on how emperor penguins are reacting to recent Antarctic sea-ice loss. [At the Society and online.](#) [Free.](#)

B Tuesday 1 December 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Lecture (online)

The life of a swallow: what does this one species teach us about our humanity and our future?

Andy Lester

Join Rustica, a swallow migrating from Cumbria to South Africa, facing storms, habitat loss, water shortages and hunting, while experiencing remarkable nature en route. Organised by the South East regional committee. [Online.](#) [Free.](#)



B Wednesday 2 December

12.00pm - 1.00pm

Webinar (online)

Disaster risk management professional practice group AGM

Join us for the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group AGM. We will review the group's activity and look ahead to plans for 2027. [Online.](#) [Free.](#)



B Wednesday 2 December

12.00pm - 1.00pm

Webinar (online)

Professional pathway to Chartered Geographer introductory webinar

Join this webinar to learn about the Professional Pathway to Chartered Geographer. We will discuss the programme's framework, highlight key professional development activities, and guide you through the application process. [Online.](#) [Free.](#)



B Wednesday 2 December

5.00pm - 6.30pm

Webinar (online)

Preparing and planning for the NEA

In this session, Field Studies Council will support teachers in preparing students for their independent investigation by building a toolkit of fieldwork opportunities, planning considerations and approaches to generating titles. In partnership with Field Studies Council. [Online.](#) [Free.](#)

B Thursday 3 December 6.00pm - 10.00pm

Social (London)

Ice Station RGS

Join us for an immersive late-night celebration of ice, where beauty meets urgency. Experience an evening of music, talks, and performances, exploring our deep emotional connection to frozen worlds and their fragile future. [At the Society and online.](#) £25, members £22.

B Saturday 5 December 2.30pm - 5.00pm

Children's lecture (London and online)

Around the world in one afternoon

Join the Society for our annual children's lecture, where a renowned geographer will bring the world to life through fascinating stories. Afterwards, explore geography through activities, our giant floor map, and squash and biscuits! [At the Society and online.](#) £10, members free.



B M+Monday 7 December

6.30pm - 7.45pm

(doors open at 5.30pm)

Monday night lecture (London and online)

Countries on the edge

Neil Ferguson and Sir Michael Palin

In conversation, Sir Michael will reflect on processes of change witnessed in countries featured in recent documentary series: North Korea, Iraq, Nigeria, Venezuela and the Philippines. [At the Society and online.](#) Free, advanced booking required, members only.

B M Monday 7 December 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Social (London)

Monday night lecture supper

Stay for supper at the Society after our Monday night lecture and meet other members and their guests. [At the Society.](#) £48 per person, including two courses, two glasses of wine or soft drink, and coffee. Please book by 12.00pm on Thursday 3 December and advise us of any dietary requirements you have.

B Tuesday 8 December 6.45pm - 9.30pm

Lecture (Norwich)

The path more travelled: the secret history of Britain's footpaths

Nicholas Crane

An exploration of Britain's footpaths through the ages, from the Ice Age 12,000 years ago to the modern era, including a focus on the ancient footpaths of East Anglia. Organised by the East regional committee. [Norwich School, The Close, NR1 4DD.](#) £15, members and students £10.

B Thursday 17 December 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Social (London)

Christmas quiz

Get ready for a holly, jolly evening filled with festive cheer and brain-teasing fun at our Christmas quiz. Organised by the London regional committee. [At the Society.](#) £15, members £12.

Non-Society events

These events are not organised by the Society but will be held at the Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR.

Monday 7 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

Vigilauntie

Meera Syal

One of Britain's most beloved comedy legends shares hilarious and heartwarming stories that have shaped her life and work. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#) **E** contact@howtoacademy.com

W www.howtoacademy.com/events

Tuesday 8 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

The making of the modern Middle East

Simon Sebag Montefiore

A spellbinding new history of how the Middle East of 1900 became the Middle East of today – and tomorrow. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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Wednesday 9 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

How I've tried to change the world

Alexei Sayle

Alexei has spent a lifetime trying to solve the world's problems by walking down the middle of the street, shouting. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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Thursday 10 September 7.00pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

Interview

The future starts with us:

Gordon Brown in conversation

Gordon Brown and Hugh Muir

When the world feels increasingly unstable, Gordon Brown explores a practical and hopeful roadmap for a more equitable and sustainable future.

[In-person tickets sold out. Livestream tickets £15](#)

E guardianlive.events@theguardian.com

W www.live.theguardian.com/uk/events/2204409

Monday 14 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

What happened to liberal democracy?

Daron Acemoglu

Nobel Prize-winning economist Daron Acemoglu presents a plan to fix our broken political paradigm. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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Wednesday 16 September 7.30pm - 10.00pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

Lecture

Finding of Shackleton's *Endurance*

Mensun Bound

Polar lecture in support of Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute on the expedition that found the wreck of *Endurance* in Antarctica. [£20.](#)

E friends@spri.cam.ac.uk **W** www.shorturl.at/px4ba

Sunday 20 September 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

Comedy show

Zeppelin Entertainment presents***Harsh-O-Ullas Live in London***

Harsh Gujral

Harsh is a renowned Indian stand-up comedian and content creator, celebrated for his acclaimed show *Jo Bolta Hai Wohi Hota Hai*. [From £25.](#)

T +44 7443 821901

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W www.zeppelinentertainment.com/harsh-gujral-live-in-london/

Tuesday 22 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

The end of World War II

Max Hastings and Mark Urban

One of our pre-eminent historians reveals the heroism, horror, melodrama and pathos of the final weeks of the Second World War. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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Saturday 26 September 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe: on freedom

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Nazanin's six-year imprisonment in Iran made her an icon in the fight against tyranny across the globe.

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Sunday 4 October 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

Castles: a fortified history of the world

Dan Jones

A gripping history of the world through its most iconic strongholds, from the walls of Troy to the Tower of London. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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**Monday 5 October - Saturday 31 October
10.00am - 5.00pm**

Exhibition (London)

Midnight Sun

See a stunning exhibition of recent photographic works by Sue Flood OBE and Ian Dawson, award winning polar and wildlife photographers. The exhibition marks the launch of their new book *Midnight Sun*. [At the Society.](#) [Free. Open Monday to Friday.](#)

B Tuesday 6 October 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Book launch and reception (London)

Midnight Sun book launch

Sir Michael Palin, Susan Flood and Ian Dawson

Some places on Earth are disappearing before our eyes. *Midnight Sun* is a photography book by award-winning polar specialists and photographers with a shared commitment to the polar regions, and a body of work that reflects decades of scientific, artistic, and documentary practice. [At the Society](#). £15, £70 with a copy of the book.

Wednesday 7 October 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

Journey to the dark side

Ian Rankin

An unmissable chance to hear from a storyteller at the top of his field. [From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.](#)

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Wednesday 14 October 7.15pm - 10.15pm

(doors open at 6.45pm)

Book launch and reception

Remembering Giraffes: book launch

Margot Raggett MBE, Stephanie Fennessy, Marcus Westberg

A live and online evening celebrating the launch of *Remembering Giraffes*, the 11th book from Remembering Wildlife, dedicated to giraffe conservation and wildlife photography.

[In-person £28, online: £28, VIP in-person £115, VIP online: £115.](#)

E contact@rememberingwildlife.com

W www.rememberingwildlife.com/events/remembering-giraffes-launch

Thursday 15 October 7.00pm - 10.30pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

Lecture

Annual Edward W. Said London lecture: notes on solidarity

Dr Fady Joudah

Palestinian-American poet, translator and physician Dr Fady Joudah will deliver the 2026 annual Edward W. Said London Lecture. [£15, concessions £11.50.](#)

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Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm - 9.30pm

(doors open at 7.00pm)

Conference

The Guardian's environment forum 2026

Damian Carrington, Gareth Thomas, Asad Rehman,

Katie White [MP](#), Andy Haines

Join our panel of experts and activists for a hopeful, solutions-focused evening on how we can work together to protect our planet and shared future.

In-person: £35. Online: £15.

E guardianlive.events@theguardian.com

W www.theguardian.com/guardian-live-events/2026/jun/19/the-guardians-environment-forum-2026

Wednesday 21 October 7.15pm - 11.00pm

(doors open at 6.00pm)

Presentation, auction and short films

Turgwe Hippo: Guardians of the Turgwe Hippo Trust

Karen Paolillo, Peter Egan, Dan Richardson,

Mark Bonnar, Anthony Martin [CBE](#)

The challenge of helping hippos and other animals during the severe 2024 drought, with an auction hosted by actor Peter Egan. £25, members £15 and students £10. **E** karen@savethehippos.info

W www.savethehippos.info

Thursday 22 October 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

SAS: Behind enemy lines

Damien Lewis

Join former war reporter Damien Lewis for the astonishing true story of SAS Captain Lewis 'Archie' Gibson. From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members. **E** contact@howtoacademy.com

W www.howtoacademy.com/events

Sunday 25 October 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

In conversation

Napoleon and his marshals

Andrew Roberts and Matthew D'Ancona

The story of Napoleon and the elite generals who built him up – and ultimately led to his downfall.

From £34, £15 discount for How To plus members.

E contact@howtoacademy.com

W www.howtoacademy.com/events

Thursday 29 October 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(doors open at 6.30pm)

Lecture

The Battle of Isandlwana: the day of the dead moon

Douglas Rattray

Douglas presents a powerful and immersive account of the Battle of Isandlwana, one of the most dramatic and devastating encounters of the Anglo-Zulu War.

£36. **T** +278 309 8247 **E** nicky@fugitivesdrift.com

W www.eventbrite.com/e/1987675740647

Tuesday 10 November 9.00am - 4.30pm

(doors open at 9.00am)

Conference

Sustainable Logistics Live 2026

Kris Bryson, James Rosengren, John Trenchard

The only UK event dedicated to the decarbonisation of logistics activities across domestic and international supply chains. £149.

E sophie.owen@shapetomorrow.co.uk

W www.shapetomorrow.co.uk/sll2026-london

Wednesday 11 November 8.30pm - 7.00pm

(doors open at 8.30am)

Conference

Products of Change conference

The Products of Change conference is not about watching change happen; it is about being part of the group building it. £320. **T** 07775624666

E nicola@productsofchange.com

W www.productsofchange.com/poc-sustainability-conference

Thursday 12 November 9.00am - 5.00pm

(doors open at 9.00am)

In conversation

AGI GeoCom: sovereign data, shared futures

Exploring practical, technological and resilient solutions for the UK geo industry to evolve and maintain global leadership in location intelligence.

Early bird AGI member rate: £115+vat

Early bird non-member rate: £195+vat

including 1 year AGI Membership

Standard member rate: £195+vat

Standard non-member rate: £265+vat

including 1 year AGI Membership

Student rate: £25+vat

T 01489 668340 **E** info@agi.org.uk

W www.agi.org.uk/agi-flagship-geocom

Thursday 12 November 7.00pm - 9.00pm

(doors open at 7.00pm)

Wine tasting

Tanners London tasting

Walk-round wine tasting.

£35. **T** 01743 234500

E events.manager@tanners-wines.co.uk

W www.tanners-wines.co.uk

Thursday 19 November 12.00pm - 5.00pm

(doors open at 12.00pm)

Awards ceremony

Future of food competition 2026

Barney Mauleverer, Host; Henry Dimbleby,

Chris Mitchell - Bramble Partners

A competition designed to inspire entrepreneurial minds to solve tomorrow's food challenges through innovation and collaboration. **Free.** **T** 07403352426

E alice@futureoffood.org.uk **W** www.futureoffood.org.uk

Friday 20 November 10.00am - 4.00pm

(doors open at 10.00am)

Conference

Winter export festival 2026

Barney Mauleverer

The Food and Drink Exporters Association Winter Festival connecting exporters with experts, sharing insights, best practice and fascinating case studies.

[Free for FDEA members.](#)

T 7403352426 **E** alice@fdea.org.uk

W www.collaborative.fdea.org.uk/c/events

Thursday 26 November 7.30pm - 8.45pm

(doors open at 7.30pm)

Panel discussion

***The Times*: year in review**

with Hugo Rifkind (full lineup to be announced)

Times' journalists and broadcasters reflect on the major news stories of 2026. Hosted by Hugo Rifkind, presenter on *Times Radio*, the event offers a comprehensive look at the stories that shaped the year.

£35. W www.thetimes.com/events

Friday 27 November 6.00pm - 9.30pm

(doors open at 5.00pm)

Lecture

For the love of sharks

Paul Cox, Ali Hood, Ross Noble, Tom Hird

The Shark Trust's flagship event: an evening celebrating all things shark. **£35, Shark Trust members £25, children £15**

T +44 (0)1752 672008 **E** enquiries@sharktrust.org

W www.sharktrust.org/Event/flos26

Take part

Get involved in our events

Whether you're interested in proposing a lecture, or joining our regional committees, there's a way for everyone to get involved in our programme of events.

Proposing to speak at the Society

If you are interested in sharing your expertise and passion for geography, we encourage you to propose a lecture for an upcoming event at the Royal Geographical Society. To submit your proposal, please email the Lectures Team at Electures@rgs.org

Include the following details in your email:

1. **Lecture title**

A concise and descriptive title for your lecture.

2. **Overview**

A brief summary of the lecture content, highlighting key themes and topics.

3. **Location**

Let us know if you are looking to speak at the Society in London, as part of our regional programme, or online, or both.

4. **Example**

A couple of links to previous talks for us to view.

5. **Biography**

A short biography outlining your background, expertise, and relevant experience.

Geographical journeys: microlectures

The London regional committee hosts an inspiring series of short talks known as the microlectures. If you are interested in learning more or applying to be a speaker at our next event, please visit [W www.rgs.org/microlectures](http://www.rgs.org/microlectures)

Regional committees

Whether you have a great idea for an event or simply want to volunteer, our regional committees would love to hear from you. Join us in championing geography in your area. For more information, please get in touch with our regional committees.

To find out more scan the QR code or email us at Eevents@rgs.org



Regional committees

We have regional committees across England, Northern Ireland and Wales, as well as two international branches based in Hong Kong and Singapore.

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

North West

Jonathan Stevens
Cumbria, Lancashire

Owen Kelly
Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside

North East

Andy Suggitt

Yorkshire and the Humber

David McEvoy

East Midlands

Vacant

West Midlands

Vacant

East

James Firebrace
East Anglia

Simon Smart
Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex

London

Annabel Illingworth

South East

James Norris

South West

Derry Corey and John Page
Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

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Wales

Vacant

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Tim Campbell

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Access at the Society

We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all our visitors. The Society's building includes a range of features to support individuals with access requirements. If you have specific needs or questions, please contact us in advance so we can help ensure your visit is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Accessible parking

A limited number of accessible parking spaces are available for Blue Badge holders at our Kensington Gore entrance. These must be reserved in advance. Please provide your vehicle make, model and registration details.

Wheelchair spaces

Designated wheelchair spaces are available in the Ondaatje Theatre. Please let us know in advance if you require one, and if anyone is accompanying you so we can reserve a seat next to you. We can also set-up other rooms with spaces for wheelchair users.

Induction loops

Induction loops are available in the Ondaatje Theatre and the Education Centre. Please turn your hearing aid to the **T** position in the Ondaatje Theatre. A portable hearing loop system is also available for use in our meeting rooms. Please let us know in advance if you require this.

Companions and carers

We welcome personal assistants and carers. In most cases, they can attend events free of charge. Please notify the event organiser in advance so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Assistance dogs

Registered assistance dogs are welcome throughout the building.

Event recordings with captions

Many of our events are recorded and made available online. These recordings include auto-generated captions, which help make the content accessible to D/deaf and hard of hearing audiences. We are working to improve caption accuracy over time and welcome feedback to help us enhance this service.

External events

Please note that not all events held at the Society are organised by the Society. For events hosted by external organisers or private hires, accessibility provisions may vary. Additionally, some Society-organised events take place at external venues, which may have different facilities and access arrangements. Where possible, we provide links to the access information for these venues on our event pages. If you have specific access requirements, we recommend contacting the event organiser or the Society team in advance to confirm details.

Contact us

If you have any additional access needs or would like to discuss your visit in advance, please contact us:

E access@rgs.org

T 020 7591 3100

We are happy to provide additional information or support to help make your visit as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

Meet the medalists

2026 gold medal recipients



Dr Enric Sala

The recipient of the Founder's Medal for the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to work in conservation?

"The advice I would give to people who want to get into marine biology or marine conservation is spend as much time in the ocean as possible."

Why do the world's oceans matter?

"Think of the astronauts at the space station. Without their life support system, they would die. We need to make sure that they have oxygen, water, food, that we can recycle their waste. The ocean is exactly like that for the entire planet. A life support system. Without the ocean, there would be no us."

What's the biggest misconception people have about the health of the ocean today?

"That it's too big to fail. But the truth is that we have exploited the ocean on an industrial level, globally. So the ocean is not big enough for human greed and for human exploitation. That's why we need to protect at least a third of the ocean by 2030."

What role can geographers play in tackling global challenges, such as climate change and biodiversity loss?

“Today geography is understanding how human activities determine the shape of everything else on the planet. The distribution of species, the abundance of species, the structure of ecosystems, it all depends on how humans use that place. That’s the role of geography today: to understand what we are doing for our planet and work towards a future that is a little more kind to the natural world.”

© James Iye



Professor Loretta Conway Lees

The recipient of the Patron's Medal for contributions to geographical science.

How did you first get interested in cities and urban geography?

“That goes back to History of Art A Level, where we did a module called Design for Living, which looked at architecture and the design of cities, and was absolutely fascinating. Then when I got to university,



I learned all about graffiti as a territorial marker in cities, then increasingly more and more work on social injustice.”

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

“It is a slightly unusual one. It’s actually being involved in a public inquiry giving evidence about the displacement of a long-standing, low-income, predominantly Black and minority ethnic community in London. I was able to use my geography and my geography research in a way that had incredible public value.”

When does urban regeneration become gentrification?

“Regeneration is a good thing. Regeneration is a policy and a practice that’s there to improve the quality of life and the quality of the environment for people who are actually living in it. Gentrification is quite different.

Gentrification changes that landscape, not for the advantage of the people previously living in it, but for newcomers. And the result of that is that people get displaced, predominantly working class, low-income communities. So the people regeneration is actually for, when it becomes gentrification, get pushed out.”

Why should young people study geography?

“The one thing that you get from geography is you learn about the whole world, you learn about the physical environment, the human environment, the cultural social environment. It’s an incredibly interdisciplinary body of work. I think it’s one of the very few subjects that really tells you about the world that you’re living on a day-to-day basis.”

W www.rgs.org/medals-and-awards-showcase

Nearly 400 years and counting

Saving one of the world's rarest maps

In 2026, the Society is embarking on an ambitious campaign to preserve one of its icons, the *Kunyu Wanguo Quantu* [Map of the Ten Thousand Countries of the Earth] (ca. 1644). One of the earliest maps to enter our Collections, it was donated to the Society in 1858 by William Lockhart, a missionary who had served in China.

When the Map Room was built in 1930, a custom niche and frame were made to house the map. It has hung there for nearly a century, delighting visitors ever since. However, we must ensure that this important map continues to teach and inspire for centuries to come.

Commonly associated with Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary who brought European maps with him to China at the end of the sixteenth century, the map is the work of Chinese artisans and scholars.

The xylograph (wood block print) is printed on six panels. Unlike most European world maps, this map centers on the Pacific Ocean. It shows five continents (Libya [Africa], Europe, Asia, America, and Magellanica, a southern continent) and four oceans (Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Arctic). Flanking the oval projection is a geographic treatise, a table showing the distance between the planets and earth, and two insets of the northern and southern hemispheres.

The example held by the Society is from ca.1644, identifiable due to its mention of the change of dynasty from the Ming to the Qing. It is the only Ricci-type map in the UK, one of two known examples of this state of the map in the world, and it continues to be the subject of intensive study by scholars from around the world.





In March this year, a team of paper conservators came together to assess the condition of the *Kunyu Wanguo Quantu*. The map urgently needs cleaning, repair, and rehanging to stabilize the paper and pigment, prevent damage, and ensure that it endures for another four hundred years.

While the map is out of its frame for conservation, we will also have an opportunity to perform non-invasive tests, presenting researchers with a unique opportunity to gather data and create new knowledge. Undertaking conservation now will secure the map's continued display, supporting future research, interpretation, and wider understanding of this significant work of cartographic history.

We are therefore thrilled to have been accepted to participate in the Big Give Christmas Challenge to raise £100,000 between 1-8 December 2026 to conserve

and share the *Kunyu Wanguo Quantu*. During that week all public and RGS member donations can be doubled through match funding, allowing supporters to make twice the difference.

Details of how you can donate to the campaign will be shared over the coming months so please mark the campaign dates in your diaries! You can contact Chrissie Quigley for more information:

E c.quigley@rgs.org

As we prepare the map for its next chapter, we are also seeking stories about the map *from you*. Has the map played a role in a life event? Do you have any memories of the Map Room and the map? Please share your story at **E** membernews@rgs.org

W www.rgs.org/kunyu-wanguo-quantu-map

Earth Photo 2026

Intersections in imagery

Border Officer with Lion Trophy © Britta Jaschinski



This summer our annual Earth Photo awards recognised the most outstanding still and moving image makers who showcase the issues affecting the climate and life on our planet.

A judging panel of experts from the fields of photography, film, geography and the environment selected the Earth Photo 2026 shortlist: 160 images and films by 33 photographers and filmmakers from around the world. Eight outstanding works were chosen as the Earth Photo 2026 award winners.

Britta Jaschinski was selected to receive the Earth Photo 2026 Award for her project documenting the illegal wildlife trade and the forensic science being developed to fight it.

Working with border force operations, customs investigators and wildlife crime



Forensics Finger Prints © Britta Jaschinski

units across the UK and Europe, Jaschinski's photographs bring viewers inside a global illegal trade estimated to be worth \$23 billion a year. From confiscated elephant tusks dusted for fingerprints by Metropolitan Police forensic investigators at Heathrow, to lion paws repurposed as bottle openers and reptile leather seized at Hamburg customs, the work transforms evidence into art, making the scale and strangeness of wildlife crime impossible to look away from.

Born in Germany and based in London, Jaschinski has been published in *National Geographic*, *Time* and *GEO*, and her photographs are exhibited in galleries and museums internationally. Her work with forensic experts at the Institute of Zoology in London documents new techniques, including fluorescent fingerprinting powder and magnetic dusting, that are now being distributed to border forces across 40 countries.

Lion Paws Bottle Openers © Britta Jaschinski



Her distinctive photographic style sheds light on environmental and wildlife crimes, often serving as powerful evidence to urge governments, lawmakers, businesses, and the public to take meaningful action towards a more sustainable future.



Sea Turtle Head Print © B. Jaschinski

In 2024, the annual international operation, Operation Thunder, coordinated around 500 arrests and more than 2,000 seizures of animals and plants protected under CITES across 133 countries. Jaschinski's work sits at the intersection of photojournalism and activism, using precise, unflinching imagery to spark action.

Earth Photo is a world-leading programme co-directed by the Society, Parker Harris and Photoworks. The shortlisted and award-winning works are on view in the Earth Photo 2026 exhibition around the UK and the 2027 open call is now accepting entries from across the world.

W www.rgs.org/earth-photo



Society venue hire

The perfect location for your event

With a unique mix of modern facilities and historical charm, our Grade II* listed building could be the perfect space to make your gatherings extra special.

Fellows and Members benefit from discounted rates for venue hire and can make use of our iconic rooms and exceptional catering service to host a wide range of personal and professional events, including drinks receptions, conferences, intimate dinners and weddings.

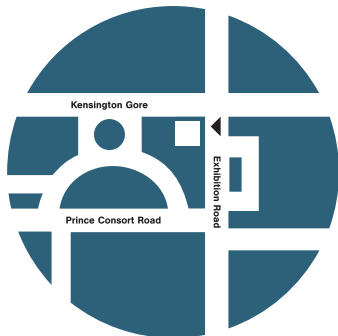
The Society's Main Hall is the original reception room to Lowther Lodge, built by William Lowther in 1874 and designed by the famous architect Norman Shaw, and offers a flexible event space.

The iconic Map Room, home to the *Kunyu Wanguo Quantu* map, is a light, spacious area to host a variety of events.

Visit our website to find out how we could create phenomenal memories for you with tailored packages in the Main Hall, Map Room or many other spaces suitable for a wide range of events.

W www.rgs.org/venue-hire

How to find us



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