

# Free Fieldwork on the Jurassic Coast



The **Jurassic Coast of Dorset and East Devon**, is a very popular location for fieldwork due to its wide range of sites and the opportunities it provides for teaching and learning in Geography.

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is offering teachers and A Level students the chance to find out more about this fantastic coastline – **for free** – with two separate courses led by experienced staff from the Townsend Centre, the Society and other professionals.

**Venue:** The Townsend Centre, Swanage, Dorset ([www.widehorizons.org.uk](http://www.widehorizons.org.uk))  
(Full costs will be covered including travel to and from the centre).

## For Geography Teachers **Fieldwork Masterclass**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>–Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008**

Bringing together teachers from schools facing challenging circumstances.

Working together to **enhance field teaching skills, share experiences**, participate in **different approaches and techniques**, develop **teaching resources for GCSE and A Level**, and adapt for the school's local area.

## For AS/A2 Geography Students **Summer School**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>–Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Bringing together students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to undertake such an activity for a **week of high quality fieldwork**.

Provides opportunities for **personal development, geographical learning** and **preparation for further study** at university.

To apply for a place or for further information contact **Amber Sorrell**, Learning & Leading Project Coordinator, RGS–IBG:  
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The Learning & Leading programme aims to increase opportunities and motivation for self development among young people through the use of fieldwork.

# Learning and Leading: Geography Teachers

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## ● Bursaries for geography teachers for fieldwork masterclasses in Swanage 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008

Each summer the RGS-IBG *Learning and Leading* programme is providing 16 geography teachers from UK schools the opportunity to attend a fieldwork masterclass. This will bring together teachers to enhance their field teaching skills, to develop and share teaching resources for GCSE and A level and to reflect on how their learning can be adapted to provide quality fieldwork locally to their school.

Our aim is to support teachers particularly working in challenging circumstance or where attainment in geography is low. We aim to enhance the skills and motivation of teachers and thus the quality of the geography lessons and fieldwork in their schools. In 2008 we are providing 16 places for geography teachers to attend a fieldwork summer school based at the Townsend Centre, Swanage over the period 18-22<sup>nd</sup> August. **All the costs of attending the summer school, including travel to and from Swanage, will be covered by the *Learning and Leading* bursaries.**

Teachers attending the course will be expected to:

- Bring and share examples of the fieldwork their school currently undertakes in their local area
- Review their experiences with and against others and good practice
- Actively participate in different approaches and techniques showcased in the master class
- Undertake work relevant to the specific site of the master class, (the Jurassic coast in 2008)
- Upon return to school, to redevelop their existing programmes, document their experiences and new schemes of work, and share these through the *Learning and Leading* web pages

### Eligibility guidelines

- Teaching geography in a maintained (state) school in the UK
- Working in a school that presents challenging circumstances in its provision of geography. E.g. higher than average social deprivation or disadvantage for the pupils (demonstrated

through the proportion of pupils having free school meals, Ofsted data; or 'Value Added' information etc) or other forms of challenge which impact on the provision of geography.

### Application procedure

Applications (no longer than 2 sides of A4) should be submitted by email in Word format to the Learning and Leading Project Co-ordinator at the RGS-IBG by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008** and must contain the following information:

- Name and full school and home contact details (include an email address)
- Evidence of why your school is facing challenging circumstances and how you as a teacher are helping to address and overcome young peoples' disadvantaged circumstances in their geographical education
- Information about the achievement of young people in geography in your school
- How you plan to embed the learning from the master class programme in your school
- Supporting statement from a senior colleague
- Stated commitment to undertake follow-up work to provide fieldwork resources for the website for the benefit of other teachers

### Selection process

- Applications will be assessed by an external panel of experts (there are no interviews)

### Contact/ Applications

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# Learning and Leading: AS/A2 students

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## ● Bursaries for A Level students for fieldwork summer schools in Swanage 25-29 August 2008

... The RGS-IBG *Learning and Leading* programme provides 16 bursaries for AS/A2 Level students to participate in geographical fieldwork summer schools. The focus for this programme is to support individuals who may not, through a range of circumstances and disadvantage, have had the opportunity to participate in high quality fieldwork.

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

In 2008 we are providing 16 places for AS/A2 Level students to attend a fieldwork summer school based at the Townsend Centre, Swanage over the period 25-29<sup>th</sup> August. **All the costs of attending the summer school, including travel to and from Swanage, will be covered by the Learning and Leading bursaries.**

### Eligibility guidelines

- Students are studying AS/A2 Level Geography and have expressed an interest in further study in the subject at university. It is expected that students will participate in the fieldwork school in the summer period between the completion of their AS studies in geography and the start of their A2 year
- Students to be studying in a maintained (state) school/6<sup>th</sup> form college in the UK
- Students must demonstrate how their participation in a fieldwork summer school might be outside their previous experience, and what circumstances or disadvantage might have prevented them from undertaking such activities
- Pupils must be nominated by their teachers

### Application procedure

Applications (no longer than two sides of A4) should be submitted by email in Word format to the Learning and Leading Project Co-ordinator by

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008** and must contain the following information:

- Name and full home contact details of the nominated student (please include an email address). Please also include the school and home contact detail for the nominating teacher

To be completed by nominating teacher:

- A statement explaining why the young person would benefit from the field course – particularly in relation to their personal development, geographical learning and motivation for further study at university.
- Clear evidence for why the young person would be unlikely to undertake such an activity – through a range of circumstances or potential disadvantage - without the support of the *Learning and Leading* programme

To be completed by the student:

- Written statement explaining their interest in this programme. This can be complemented by a personal statement provided in video/audio etc if desired
- A signed statement providing parental/guardian consent for the application

### Selection process

- Applications will be assessed independently by a panel of the Society's educational advisors. Students will *not* be required to attend an interview.

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