

China - Snapshots in Time: New educational resources from the RGS-IBG

Dear Colleague,

The Royal Geographical Society with IBG is pleased to be able to offer a range of newly developed educational resources to primary and secondary school teachers.

Free online teaching resources:

- New learning resources to accompany the Society's exhibition on China entitled 'Seeing China: Community Reflections' have recently been added to the popular '**Unlocking the Archives**' website for schools. The resources entitled 'China – Snapshots in Time' have been developed by teachers based on photographs, maps and documents from the Society's archival collections and explore themes of exploration, migration and identity. Resources target the Key Stage 2 and 3 Geography, History & Citizenship curricula and are divided into fact sheets providing background information, associated downloadable activities and a gallery of archive images for use within the classroom. The new resources can be accessed by visiting www.unlockingthearchives.rgs.org. Further resources exploring the history and culture of the Punjab will be available in October 2008.

Free INSET Evening and exhibition viewing

- The Society is pleased to offer a free INSET evening for **Key Stage 3 History** practitioners. The evening will provide an opportunity to:
 - Be the first to view a new series of educational resources exploring the Punjab and its past
 - Have a private tour of the 'Punjab: Moving Journeys' exhibition
 - Obtain free resources for use in your teaching
 - Enjoy a glass of wine whilst you are lead through the range of educational work carried out by the Society

The INSET evening will occur on Thursday 13th November from 5 to 7pm at the Society's premises in Kensington, London. Places are limited and teachers are advised to check availability and book their place early by calling the education officer on 0207 591 3057 or by emailing h.sanghera@rgs.org.

Show an exhibition at your school:

- Many of the exhibitions developed by the Society can be hired by schools to display free of charge. Exhibitions available for hire include:
 - 'The Punjab: Moving journeys' – An exhibition revealing the history of the Punjab and its people.

- 'Seeing China: Community Reflections' – An exhibition exploring the legacy of centuries of contact between Britain and China.
- 'Bombay Africans 1850-1910' – An exhibition charting the stories of Africa's forgotten explorers.
- 'From Kabul to Kandahar' - An exhibition exploring the history and culture of Afghanistan.
- 'Changing Climates - Changing Lives?' – A look at how we live impacts our environment and how scientists measure this.

For further details and to hire an exhibition please contact the Project Co-ordinator on **0207 591 3052** or at crossingcontinents@rgs.org.

Expeditions and Fieldwork

- The Society continues to work with teachers to encourage and train those involved in fieldwork and expeditions. Advice, inspiration and support are provided through courses and one to one advice. Having trained over 160 teachers in the use of Google Earth in the classroom, the RGS-IBG along with Digital Explorer have now developed an advanced course taking place in October 08. This is free to Chartered Geographers (Teacher). Google™ has also agreed to sponsor a further 10 free standard Google Earth training workshops to take place across the UK in November 2008 and January 2009. Other courses include: Overseas Expeditions and Fieldwork planning course (Feb 09), Off-Site Safety Management courses, Educational Visits Coordinator training and compliance workshops for the new British Standard BS 8848. A 10% discount is offered to Schools Members of the RGS-IBG. For details of all courses and publications available to assist with expeditions and fieldwork please visit: www.rgs.org/GOseminars or call 020 7591 3030.

For further information about the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) and its events and courses for teachers please visit www.rgs.org.

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