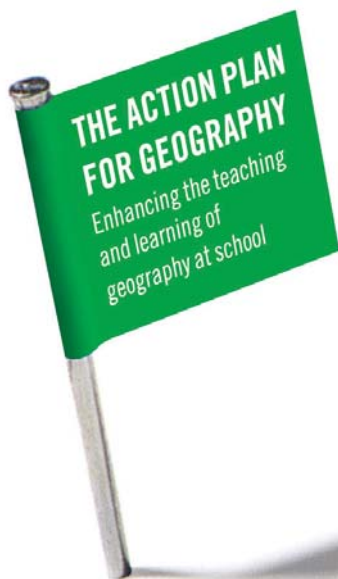




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The GA and the Action Plan for Geography

**Professional Development
Courses and Events**
2006-2008 Programme

Whether you are a geography specialist or non-specialist, recently qualified or more experienced, on your own or part of a large geography team this booklet will help you to find out how to get involved and benefit FOR FREE from the Action Plan for Geography.

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The Action Plan for Geography

The over-arching goal of the Action Plan for Geography (APG) is:

'To provide everyone – opinion formers, policy makers, schools, parents and pupils – with a clear vision of geography as a relevant, powerful 21st century subject; and to equip teachers with the professional skills and support they need so that pupils enjoy and succeed in geography.'

One key aspect of the APG is **curriculum making**; the creative process by which classroom teachers use the subject to excite, stimulate and lead the learning. The courses and events outlined in this booklet are geared to supporting fresh and effective curriculum making appropriate to your school or setting.

The 2006-08 programme, funded by the APG, includes **free of charge** courses and events at over 10 locations throughout the country. These include:

- Curriculum-making courses (for both primary and KS3 levels)
- 'Quality Geography for All' regional conferences
- Geography 21 annual conference

There is a booking form for all events at the back of this booklet.

The new **Geography Teaching Today** (GTT) website www.geographyteachingtoday.org.uk will go live later this term, but until then, more information about all the events mentioned in this booklet is available at www.geography.org.uk/apg or by contacting Diane Swift, dswift@geography.org.uk, tel: 0114 296 0088.



Curriculum-making courses

Primary geography and ICT
Primary geography and citizenship
Primary geography and ESD

KS3 geography and ICT
KS3 geography and citizenship
KS3 geography and ESD

These courses aim to:

- support teachers in developing informed, relevant and enjoyable learning activities that help learners to succeed in geography
- provide practical guidance on current developments in geography education
- explore different resources and strategies appropriate to each cross-cutting theme
- help teachers become more confident about the significance of geography education to the wider education of young people
- exchange views and experiences with others.

The courses are made up of three interconnecting experiences: a face-to-face conference, online and telephone support and an evaluation meeting. The use of cross-cutting themes (ICT, citizenship and education for sustainable development) will enable us to show how geography contributes to the wider education of all young people. We will emphasise geography's potential to:

- link learning in classrooms with young people's real experiences of their place
- extend their geographical understanding by making transparent links and interconnections between their locality and other places at a variety of scales
- develop an understanding of the causes of change in our world

In year 1, the citizenship course will also explore key stage 2-3 transition issues. In year 2, transition will be explored through the sustainable development theme.

These courses will be co-ordinated and led by the GA's Action Plan for Geography team. However, their success depends on the creativity of all participants. More details about each member of the team can be found on the GA's website (www.geography.org.uk/apg).



Curriculum-making resources

As part of the course you can choose a free geography resource pack for your school. These are published by the GA and will be given to you at the start of the course.

Resource Pack A

Early Years Handbook (published jointly with the Curriculum Partnership and edited by Max de Boo)

Primary Geography Handbook and CD-Rom (edited by Stephen Scoffham)

Resource Pack B

Early Years Handbook (published jointly with the Curriculum Partnership and edited by Max de Boo)

Your choice of four *SuperSchemes* booklets and accompanying CDs

Resource Pack C

Primary Geography Handbook and CD-Rom (edited by Stephen Scoffham)

Your choice of four *SuperSchemes* booklets and accompanying CDs

Resource Pack D

Secondary Geography Handbook and CD-Rom (edited by David Balderstone)

Resource Pack E

e-geography - Using ICT in quality geography (Fred Martin)

Learning through Enquiry: Making sense of geography in the key stage 3 classroom (Margaret Roberts)

Resource Pack F

Learning through Enquiry: Making sense of geography in the key stage 3 classroom (Margaret Roberts)

Meeting Special Educational Needs in the Curriculum: Geography (edited by Diane Swift)

Resource Pack G

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For more information about all of the resources visit
www.geographyshop.org.uk



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Curriculum-making courses

Part 1: Conference

At this initial conference, you will receive inputs, curriculum materials and support. You will be asked to think about how you can develop the potential of geography in your school. Ours is a subject that can inspire young people to understand their own lives in a global context. It can help them to face vital issues like climate change in an informed way.

09.00	Arrival and coffee
09.45–10.45	Keynote speech: Subject leadership and curriculum making (David Lambert/Diane Swift)
10.45–11.00	Coffee
11.00–12.30	Session 1: The power and potential of geography
12.30–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.30	Session 2: Exploring your chosen cross-cutting theme
14.30–14.45	Coffee
14.45–15.30	Making plans for your school
15.30–16.00	Plenary and next steps

Part 2: Curriculum-making activities

During this six-month period, participants will use their ideas in school to develop local curriculum initiatives. There will be online support available as well as email and telephone help.

Part 3: Evaluation meeting

This takes place approximately six months after the initial conference and will be your chance to present or display what you have achieved with others and share experiences with them.

09.00	Arrival and coffee
09.45–10.45	How have you been getting along?
10.45–11.00	Coffee
11.00–12.30	Sharing experiences in small groups
12.30–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.30	What have we learnt?
14.30–14.45	Coffee
14.45–15.30	Plans to disseminate via the Geography Teaching Today website
15.30–16.00	Evaluation



Curriculum-making courses: timetable 2006-07

Location	Dates	Courses	Event Code
Newcastle	Conference 16 Jan 2007 and Evaluation 7 Jun 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2a
Birmingham	Conference 23 Jan 2007 and Evaluation 14 Jun 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2b
London	Conference 30 Jan 2007 and Evaluation 21 Jun 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2c
Manchester	Conference 1 Feb 2007 and Evaluation 5 Jul 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2d
Cambridge	Conference 27 Feb 2007 and Evaluation 12 Jul 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2e
Bristol	Conference 8 Feb 2007 and Evaluation 28 June 2007	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2f



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Curriculum-making courses: timetable 2007-08

Location	Dates	Courses	Event Code
Newcastle	Conference 9 Oct 2007 and Evaluation 10 Jun 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2a2
Birmingham	Conference 13 Nov 2007 and Evaluation 19 Jun 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2b2
London	Conference 27 Nov 2007 and Evaluation 26 Jun 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and ESD KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and ESD	2c2
Manchester	Conference 16 Oct 2007 and Evaluation 17 Jun 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2d2
Cambridge	Conference 20 Nov 2007 and Evaluation 24 Jun 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2e2
Bristol	Conference 6 Dec 2007 and Evaluation 8 Jul 2008	Primary geography and ICT Primary geography and citizenship KS3 geography and ICT KS3 geography and citizenship	2f2



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Quality Geography for All regional conferences

These free, half-day regional conferences provide a great opportunity to discuss and develop what we mean by 'quality geography' in both the primary and secondary phases. Teachers already participating in the Primary and Secondary Geography Quality Mark schemes will lead workshops and share how they have supported and developed quality geography in their schools.

- 13.00-13.30 Arrival and light refreshments
- 13.30-14.15 Keynote speech (All)
- 14.15-15.15 What is 'quality geography'? (phase workshops)
- 15.15-15.30 Coffee
- 15.30-16.30 'Quality geography' in practice (phase workshops)
- 16.30-16.45 Break
- 16.45-17.30 Introducing the Geography Quality Mark (phase workshops)
- 17.30-18.00 Next steps (All)

The Primary or Secondary Geography Quality Mark can underpin the development of geography in your school. They are linked to the Ofsted *Self-Evaluation Form (SEF)* and support the TDA's new *Professional Standards for Teachers*. If you would like to find out more about the Quality Marks visit www.geography.org.uk/primaryqualitymark or email Wendy North (primary): wnorth@geography.org.uk or John Lyon (secondary): jlyon@geography.org.uk.



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Quality Geography for All regional conferences: timetable 2007-8

Location	Dates	Event Code
York	13 March 2007	R1
Durham	20 March 2007	R2
Southampton	27 March 2007	R3
Chester	12 June 2007	R4
Norwich	19 June 2007	R5
Leicester	26 June 2007	R6
Worcester	15 January 2008	R7
Central London	22 January 2008	R8
Plymouth	29 January 2008	R9





Geography 21 annual conferences: Developing GCSE geography

The pilot geography GCSE has had a successful start, with over 70 schools already involved and many others wishing to join.

This conference aims to:

- share the goals of the pilot GCSE and its vision for 14-16 geography
- highlight innovative approaches to GCSE geography teaching and learning
- provide support for developing GCSE geography in your own school.

Classroom practitioners who have been involved in the development of the pilot GCSE will lead a variety of workshop sessions that will share innovative GCSE practice.

Location	Date	Event code
Birmingham	10 July 2007	G1
Birmingham	10 July 2008	G2

As a taster for this event, you may want to take part in the 'virtual conference' that will be on the Pilot GCSE website during the last week in September and first week in October 2006. This will highlight innovative approaches to geography that the OCR pilot geography GCSE has encouraged. Visit the GA website www.geography.org.uk for further details.

Via the **Geography Teaching Today** website, the GA will continue in its support and advocacy for the pilot GCSE. Colleagues will also continue to share their curriculum materials, exchange experiences and engage in dialogue about this significant development for geography.

Booking form

Due to limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment. Registration deadlines are 14 working days before each event.

Name _____

Organisation _____

GA membership No _____ or please send me membership details

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone No _____ Fax No _____

Email _____

I would like to reserve place(s) on the following Action Plan for Geography Events/Projects:

Event	No. of places	Event	No of places
2a	_____	R7	_____
2b	_____	R8	_____
2c	_____	R9	_____
2d	_____	G1 (2007)	_____
2e	_____	G2 (2008)	_____
2f	_____	2a2	_____
R1	_____	2b2	_____
R2	_____	2c2	_____
R3	_____	2d2	_____
R4	_____	2e2	_____
R5	_____	2f2	_____
R6	_____		

I want to book on a primary/secondary* phase course

*please delete where applicable

I am interested in (first and second choice)

Citizenship Sustainable Development ICT

I would like resource pack (see page 4)

A D G
 B E
 C F



Please could you also supply us with the following information:

The reason that I would like the opportunity to participate in this course is (in 50 words). Please photocopy if more than one person is applying, or if you are applying for more than one project/event.

In some cases we would like to partner schools on each project. It would therefore be very helpful to us if you could describe your school, size, type, situation, catchment etc.

Signed _____
Teacher

Signed _____
Senior Teacher with responsibility for CPD

Date _____



Please return your booking form to:
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