

CHUGD

Committee of Head of University Geoscience Departments

Update Report from The Geological Society Education Department

First Destinations Survey

This was finally received in February and has been loaded onto the GSL website. A direct link to the report can be found at <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/education/careers/page5163.html>

Earth Science Fieldwork training Course

(Full Report in the GEES paper)

<http://www.gees.ac.uk/events/2009.geoskills.geoskills.htm>

This course was fully subscribed and involved one day at Curbar Edge in the Peak District, followed by four days mapping in Grave's Park, Sheffield. Formal presentation, exercises and time for inking-in were provided at the hotel accommodation in the evenings.

Earth Science Olympiad

Through the generosity of the organisers of the Olympiad, it has been now possible to send 2 students to Taiwan, with their teacher, Justine Hope, who also happens to be a member of the GSL's Education Committee. CHUGD will be updated as to how our UK participants fared in the competition!

Lifelong Learning

After a meeting of the GSL Council Lifelong Learning Working Group, it was agreed that the term 'Lifelong Learning' would be interpreted to mean those who have no formal background in Geology, but have some interest in the subject. There is now a list of short courses, primarily for non-professional geologists, on the GSL website. These can be found at <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/op/compa%3c/education/page4805.html>

Public Engagement

The GSL are hoping to launch two new schemes in the very near future – the Schools Affiliate Programme and the Friends of the Geological Society. Both require membership, but offer the opportunity for schools and individuals to belong to the GSL and learn more about its activities. It is hoped that funding for the first years membership for some schools can be found. Full details and benefits of both schemes will soon be available on the GSL website.

Careers Day

Carers Day 2009 will be held at the East Midlands Conference Centre on 25 November 2009. This year the format of the programme will be slightly changed, particularly to encourage more audience participation and reflect the current economic situation that new graduates face in trying to find employment.

Careers Leaflet

This is currently being updated and will be available in the next few weeks.

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