



Community Action Project

RGS Ambassadors

Community Action Partner

Royal Geographical Society

Aim: The RGS aims to promote geography and geographical learning. Aside from its education work, the RGS works with the research and higher education community, publishes three academic journals, assists with the organisation of fieldwork and expeditions, hosts a popular lecture series, awards research grants and has a vast collection of photos, documents and artefacts which are accessible to the public.

Role: The Geography Ambassador Scheme has been set up as part of the Action Plan for Geography: a two-year DfES funded project to promote geography in schools. The ambassadors are recruited from universities in London, the South East and the North East and will visit schools in their local area to give a presentation about one of the following things: Why I love geography; My career and how geography has helped me; Using geography as a career; Working in another country or region; Gap years; My special project or research; Studying geography at university. There is a commitment of attending a two hour training session, followed by one visit to a school. However, over time they hope that ambassadors will become regular visitors to the schools and become involved in geography clubs, special projects and events. The ambassador scheme aims to strengthen links between schools and universities in their area, as well as providing undergraduates with the opportunity to contribute to the local community, gain confidence and enhance their CVs. Ambassadors must be passionate about geography and outgoing enough to give a presentation in front of a class of young people. No experience of working with children is necessary.

Training: Training will take place on various dates (weekdays) 5.30-8pm. This will be a two hour hands-on training session to cover presentation ideas and techniques, information on working with young people, health and safety, child protection issues with a chance to speak to existing ambassadors about their experiences of the scheme. After this initial training, further assistance and guidance will be carried out by phone/email.

Location: South East and London local schools.

Times: Visits will take place Monday to Friday during school hours 8.30am-3.30pm (approx).

CRB: This project requires a CRB disclosure via Community Partner.

Other: Volunteers will be reimbursed travel expenses and the project has accessibility.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/volunteering/register.html>

