

● Terms of reference

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The regional committees in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Singapore and Hong Kong extend the reach of the Society by engaging with diverse audiences to promote the advancement of geographical science and its application to the challenges facing the world's people, places and environments.

The regional committees exist to:

- Promote the aims of the Society and contribute to the delivery of the Society's strategy.
- Share geographical knowledge through public events, such as talks, field visits and debates.
- Deliver a programme of events that meets the needs and interests of their local communities, including Fellows, members, students and the public.
- Provide Fellows and Members based across the regions with the opportunity to meet and create new connections furthering geography and all it stands for.
- Showcase the geography and geographers based in their region.
- Inspire the next generation of geographers.
- Engage with everyone with an enthusiasm for and interest in geography, travel and exploration.

The Regions Committee is a forum for representatives from each of the regional committees to share best practice, offer peer support and learn more about the wider work of the Society.

Membership

Membership of the committee comprises:

- Vice President for Membership, who will Chair the committee
- Two representatives from each regional committee (these can change at each meeting)

Ex Officio members:

- Director
- Head of Public Engagement and Communications
- Programmes Manager
- Programmes Officer (minutes)

The Chair will serve one fixed term of four years.

Representatives from each regional committee do not have fixed terms as they can change from meeting to meeting.

Any additional members co-opted by the Committee will be subject to approval by Council and will serve fixed terms of four years.

Frequency of meetings

The Regions Committee meets bi-annually, in November and April.

Quorum

The Regions Committee shall be quorate when 50% of its members are present, in person or through teleconferencing. (Ex officio members do not count towards quorum.)

Decision-making

Decision-making shall be by consensus as far as possible. If a vote is required, each member (except ex officio members) shall have one vote and the Chair shall have the casting vote.

Duties

The duties of the committee shall be to provide members of the regional committees with support and advice, and to share best practice on organising and delivering events for Fellows, Members and the general public.

Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the Committee every three years.

Due for review by Council in December 2025.