Newsletter for Data Champions

Issue 1—September 2017 Follow the Schools team on Twitter @RGS_IBGschools

Royal Geographical Society with IBG

Advancing geography and geographical learning

Welcome back! Here is our first newsletter outlining recent achievements and aims for the coming term (and beyond).

Data Champions Event 2016 at RGS-IBG

News

Congratulations to Claire Power and Paul Turner, who were awarded the Ordnance Survey Awards for excellence in geography education at the secondary level at our Medals and Awards Presentation in June.

Congratulations also to Benjamin Newbury, who has moved to Priory Ruskin Academy as Head of Geography.

We are delighted to announce that the Data Skills in Geography Project has been extended to 31 December 2017. Do let us know if there is any other news to share between the group.

Communication

Following the survey conducted at the end of last year, we will shift to sending more emails to the group, while retaining the Slack group for those who wish to use it for discussions. This newsletter can be shared with local networks and other teachers.

Different members of the group will now lead discussions on a term-by-term basis. Autumn 2017 Paul Turner, Spring 2018 Kate Stockings, Summer 2018 Simon Holland and Autumn 2018 Ben Ward. Please add yourself to the list here. This discussion group will be maintained by the core education team after the project has finished. Please aim to login to Slack during September.

Events

In addition to our CPD events programme www.rgs.org/dataskillscpd we would also like to highlight an event being planned by Ben Ward—a Humanities Conference at Penwortham Girls in Preston on Friday 27 October. Contact Ben for further details pghs@hotmail.co.uk. Let us know if you have any further ideas or requests for CPD events.

Esri UK – Free Subscription for Schools

Please let your local networks know that Esri UK subscriptions are now free for schools and sign up yourself at https://schools.esriuk.com/
if you haven't already done so. Please also have a look at details of the GeoMentors programme and let others know about it https://schools.esriuk.com/geomentor/.
Finally, please share details of the resources produced by Esri UK to help teachers to embed the use of ArcGIS Online https://schools.esriuk.com/teaching-resources/.

New Resources / Lesson Plans

We have added a lot of new A Level content for you to use and share. Some GCSE resources have also been added. Please check here for further details.

Suggestions

We have taken the suggestions made in Slack and produced a summary of ideas to help us plan our work for this term. Please keep making suggestions by email and through Slack.

Legacy

Data Skills in Geography work will continue beyond this project and be incorporated into core activities.

And finally...

Best Wishes for the coming term. Please keep in contact with us, each other and your local contacts!

W www.rgs.org/dataskills
E s.pinfield@rgs.org
Slack datachampions.slack.com

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is the UK's learned society and professional body for geography. Founded in 1830, we are a world centre for geography supporting research, education, expeditions and fieldwork, and informed enjoyment of our world. Membership of the Society is open to all. **W** www.rgs.org