

Notes of Secondary Phase Committee Meeting 7 February 2009

Curriculum change

As always, helping to support GA members with curriculum change within the secondary phase is always a key feature of our meetings. However, during this most recent meeting discussions were held relating to the [publication of the recent Rose Report](#). Key discussion points focused around the place of geography within the proposed Primary curriculum and issues surrounding pupil transition from the primary to secondary phase.

In addition, the committee were able to review the draft version of the new Humanities and Social Science Diploma. Encouragingly, the content of the planned diploma has a strong geographical underpinning and the GA will be working hard to provide its members with quality support, resources and guidance to help deliver the new Humanities Diploma.

2009 Manchester Conference

The SPC are pleased to be heavily involved with the plans for this year's conference in Manchester. Members will be particularly interested to note that the GA will be launching an exciting new manifesto entitled *A Different View*. Further details can be obtained at the Manchester Conference, but the SPC have been helping to identify how this unique manifesto can be used directly by those all those involved in geographical education.

In addition, finishing touches were added to the three workshops being offered by the SPC this year.

Creativity and Geographical Investigation - A workshop to demonstrate how the Personal Learning and Thinking Skill of Creative Thinking can be used to assist in geographical investigation.

Doorstep Geography - A double workshop to demonstrate how the local area can be used as a stimulus for fieldwork. One half of the workshop will involve the use of ICT to present findings.

Making it Interesting - A workshop to demonstrate how the topics that are considered 'tired' can be reinvented to ensure student motivation.

The members of the SPC look forward to seeing you there!