

Notes of Secondary Phase Committee Meeting 4 October 2008

Action planning

The committee spent time formulating a comprehensive action plan for the academic year which was informed by the Geographical Association's strategic priorities. One key function of the Secondary Phase Committee is to act as a conduit for disseminating information relating to curriculum development. While the SPC has uploaded many resources to the Secondary section of the GA website, plans are underway to review and extend these further. With the funding for the CfBT support for KS3 running out in March 2009 and the impending changes to KS4, the Geographical Association is working hard to ensure that all its members remain enabled to meet the challenges and opportunities that are surfacing as a result of the current curriculum change.

Alan Parkinson, Living Geography

Long serving SPC member Alan Parkinson has recently taken up his full time position at the Geographical Association as a Secondary Curriculum Development Leader. For a unique insight into the workings of the GA and exciting forthcoming projects you can follow what Alan gets up to on his [Living Geography Blog](#).

Conference - Manchester 2009

Plans are well underway for the [2009 Conference in Manchester](#). The SPC is pleased to be presenting three workshops including:

- *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

In addition to the three workshops above, the SPC will be hosting a forum attended by all the awarding bodies where they will each outline their visions for the new GCSE specifications.