

Young Geographers and Living Geography

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Geographical Association



- Geography that is made to come alive for children
- It builds on an understanding of children's 'everyday geographies' and helps to enhance geographical imagination and thinking
- Concerned with their lives, their futures, their world
- Often starts with local but is set in the context of the global (community)
- Concerned with how their world is changing and whether this will lead to a more sustainable future for ALL

Our session

- Introduction and activity - thinking about significant places and emotional attachments
- Rationale - why this matters to 'Living Geography'
- Teachers talk - Anthony Barlow and Sarah Haynes share their project experiences
- Activity - emotional mapping
- Plenary - next steps

Useful reading

Martin, F. (2006) 'Everyday Geography', pp 4-7, *Primary Geographer*, Autumn 2006

Owens, P. (2006) 'Children's Environmental Values in the Early School Years' *IRGEE* Vol.14, 4. Pp.323-329

Spencer, C. (no date) *Materialising Sheffield: Place, Culture, Identity*, Sheffield University

<http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/matshef/spencer/MSspencer.htm>

Tanner, J. (2009) *Special Places: Place attachment and children's happiness* *Primary Geographer* pp.5 - 8
www.geography.org.uk/journals/journals.asp?articleID=546

Useful websites

<http://www.geography.org.uk/projects/younggeographers/> Case studies and resources from the project

<http://www.geography.org.uk/projects/primaryhandbook/mapsandstories/> Free resources, lesson plans and teaching ideas

<http://www.geography.org.uk/eyprimary/primaryqualitymark/> Want to get recognition for your school?

<http://www.geography.org.uk/events/primaryconference/> Join us in London for our primary conference in June

<http://www.geographyteachingtoday.org.uk/primary/introduction/> Browse materials produced by other teachers

<http://geographychampions.ning.com> Join our DCSF sponsored network of primary teachers, have your say, get free CPD and share resources

Remember to check out the conference section of the GA website where workshop materials will be posted.