



Inspiring and supporting teachers

What will a Primary Geography Champion do.....?

- Remain passionate about communicating the role of distinctive, high quality geography in a current curriculum for all learners
- Inspire and support teachers to engage learners with high quality geographical experiences

What will this involve?

- Sharing best practice with colleagues through personal contact and through the Ning sites
- Speaking out about the Champions project and making links with people who might give additional support e.g. LAs, ITE, Head teachers etc

If I had a list of essential activity what would it look like?

- Have **at least two** face-to-face short meetings **per year** (Sep 1st – August 31st) with members from your local network. OR you might have larger one off events e.g. a small one day conference or workshop
- Aim to make contact with at least 28 teachers – and focus on the hard to reach*
- Record details of those people you have made contact with eg name plus email addresses and / or school name. This is essential if we are to report accurately to government about the numbers we have reached through face to face meetings and through the Ning.
- Communicate with contacts regularly eg through occasional face to face and more regular electronic means such as using the NING.
- Report back to the GA on a regular informal basis eg a conversation or brief email, and give a short report in June 2011. This will be an Excel spreadsheet of contacts made during the year and a short questionnaire in Word about your successes, challenges and ideas.
- Post materials for your group on the Ning from time to time, eg ideas, resources, links, reports etc.
- Consider writing for Primary Geographer, other publications etc about your work as a Champ and seek publicity where possible.

* 'Hard to reach' means e.g. non GA members, not having been involved before with the APG

What funding is available?

- One day's paid initial training for Champions £180 per day plus reasonable travel expenses and overnight accommodation as agreed. This training and networking day will happen during the Autumn Term and venue or venues will be confirmed when new Champions have been appointed.
- Up to three days per annum paid preparation and administration time for Champions @ **£180** per day but no travel or venue expenses. This will cover the period Sep 1st 2010 – 31st August 2011. Champs can use the time as they think best – although it is advised that a half day or at least a couple of hours of this time is reserved for the end of year feedback.
- A small budget for light refreshments at meetings with your local network - **£30** per year in total
- Some additional funding for special interest meetings such as regional conferences – to be negotiated.
- A box of resources worth £100.



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Claiming funding

1 x Training day - complete the expenses form provided and **post** to the GA HQ with receipts. If appropriate ask your school to email an invoice for the £180 to Richard Gill rgill@geography.org.uk.

3 x 'Champs time' days – as above although you will not be able to claim for travel or venue costs..

Meetings please save any receipts for tea, coffee, cake etc and attach to expense sheet.

Apart from the training day, you can claim up to three preparation days per year as whole or half days. You should be able to evidence how you have used them if asked – e.g. a meeting that has been held, time spent on the Ning, report writing. BUT, how you divide up and use the days is up to you. Champions use this time to suit them and their network.

Who can the money be paid to?

If you are a teacher claiming supply money then this money will need to be paid to your school. If you are a part time teacher you may wish to do the work in your own time – or even do some of it at a weekend. In this case the money can be paid directly to you – but please note that you will then be responsible for any additional tax owed. If you work for an institution, you may wish the money to be paid to them and then use it to negotiate time and / or resources.

You can claim throughout the academic year as needed but please note that for the purposes of this project the financial year ends on the 31st August 2010 and it is advisable to have all claims in before the end of July 2010.

What 'Nings' should I be looking at?

There is a general Ning for a range of people interested in geography education <http://geographical.ning.com> and here, there is a group page for the Champions where resources just for you such as Champs' logos and certificates for meetings can be accessed. This is a space for Champions to talk to each other.

There is another Ning designed for the Champions' network <http://geographychampions.ning.com> and this is our main place to communicate with others and grow support. On this Ning you will have your own page and if appointed as a Champ - a group page as well.

If appointed, you can choose a name for your local group – bear in mind that there may be other Champs in your region so for example NE group would be too wide ranging whereas 'Newcastle' or 'Tyneside' would be more focused.

Good luck and thank you!

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