

Abridged Minutes - Key Points

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Research and Masters/PhD databases: Two pro formas will be circulated to attendees at the last GTE conference (Matlock Bath): one to capture current research into the GNC; one to request titles/abstracts of Masters' dissertations/ research theses (from 2010-2011).

GNC literature review: A scoping literature review related to the GNC is being produced which, when completed, will be attached to the GEReCo website as a pdf. The audience will be: PGCE students, Masters students and PhD researchers; it was also felt that education policy makers and geography educationists might also be interested. The structure will include an 'Executive Summary' at the start and the document may be laid out similar to GTIP contributions. Reference will be made to primary education literature. It was felt that this document might successfully attempt to situate the work of geography educationists in the wider education community; it might also have a distinct 'line of argument'.

First draft by July 2011.

Geography, Education and the Future: A copy of *Geography, Education and the Future* has been sent to the Minister for Schools, Nick Gibb and his civil servant, Barbara Tucker. A brief letter which accompanied the book explained the reasons for writing the book, the organising questions and the engagement with current debates on the place of geography in the curriculum.

'Ivor Gurney's Gloucestershire: exploring poetry and place': Eleanor Rawling's book is to be launched at the Oxford Literary Festival, Christchurch College, 9 April. A further launch is to be held at the GA Conference, Guildford, 15 April.

Seminar Series: GEReCo is currently monitoring the ESRC website with a view to re-bidding for a seminar series. Also under consideration are the possibilities of (i) a seminar series with Civitas, and (ii) a 'self funding' seminar series, for small numbers of (invited?) individuals, with a small seminar attendance fee to cover costs.

Strategic Plan for GEReCo: The existing Strategic Plan for GEReCo (to 2012) was discussed, and will be posted on the website.

Conferences: Many GEReCo members had made contributions to the recent GTE conference at Matlock Bath (University of Nottingham) including: (i) an update of GEReCo's activities (ii) a call for information on GNC research and Masters dissertations (iii) a discussion-based session inviting responses from the audience about ways forward for research in geography education, with particular focus on producing 3* and 4* publications for the upcoming REF.

GEReCo members have upcoming sessions at the GA conference in Surrey, and the IGU-CGE conference in London.

Date and venue of next meeting: Wednesday 6 July, at the slightly later time of 11am to 3pm (at Exeter University)

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