

GEES update: Support for Learning and Teaching

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2011/12 work included:

- 22 Departmental visits
- 54 Universities represented at GEES events
- Monthly GEES newsletter to 1400 (27% of GEESers)
- 1 PGWT event (70 attendees 95% satisfaction)
- 1 NTT event (15 attendees 95% satisfaction)
- Teaching fellows support network
- GEES strand at the STEM conference
- Sponsored 3 conferences
- 11 free workshops (excellent satisfaction rating)
- Planet – new editorial team established
- 2 SIG's established
- Work with Academic Associates



2011/12 Reports produced

- Teaching energy issues in GEES **Gavin Bridge**
- The future of GEES fieldwork in HE survey **Katharine Welsh, Derek France**

An abridged version of the **GEES** fieldwork survey has been published on the **Guardian** online site: Academic fieldwork: six ways to make it work on a budget
- GEES Fieldwork Special Interest Group Workshop report **Richard Phillips, Helen Walkington**
- GEES Transitions Special Interest Group Workshop Report **Steve Brace, Gill Miller**

Funding update

HEA Teaching Development Grants

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/funding#tdg>

HEA UK Travel Grants

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/travel-fund>

HEA PhD Programme

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/doctoral-programme>

HEA International Scholarships

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/international-scholarship-scheme>



Integrated thematic work

- Internationalisation
- Employability
- **Flexible learning**
- **Assessment and feedback**
- Retention and success
- Reward and recognition
- Education for sustainable development
- **Students as partners (NEW!)**



Teaching development grants

Themes: 'Assessment and Feedback' and 'Flexible learning'

**Collaborative grants – up to £60,000 cross
institution and/or discipline**

Call open - Closes 28 February 2013

Individual grants – up to £7,000 call opens May 2013

Departmental grants – up to £30,000 call opens July 2013



UK Travel Grants - changes

Travel grants of up to £300 per individual application available to support impact in three activity streams:

- **Students** participating in learning and teaching events (students as partners);
- Staff **presenting papers** on learning and teaching practice;
- Staff **travelling across a national border within the UK** to attend a teaching and learning event.



HEA STEM Conference 2013



- The Higher Education Academy's second annual learning and teaching 'STEM Conference: Where practice and pedagogy meet' will take place on **17-18 April 2013** at The University of Birmingham.
- Papers for the GEES strand have now been accepted, there is a lively programme including technology enhanced fieldwork, student engagement, eLearning and employability skills.

For bookings:

http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/detail/2012/17_18_Apr_HEA_STEM_2013_Conf_Bham

GEES activity in 2012/13

- **‘Postgraduates who teach GEES’** - 5 November, London & 11 March, Edinburgh
- **‘New to Teaching’** :17-18 December 2012; **13-14 May 2013**
- Freeware master-class (£75) May 2013 Google offices, London
- GEES Technician of the Year 2013 Award
- SIG activity
- Academic Associate days (producing resources)
- T H E GEES network

Full events listing bookmark:

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events>

FREE GEES workshops

25 January 2013 'Student transitions from school to university within GEES disciplines' at Newcastle University

14 March 2013 'Training simulation & Serious Games: benefits for teaching, assessment and employability'
Coventry University

21 March 2013 'Geographic visualisation: photography, graphics and comic books for learning and teaching'

8 May 2013 'Home and away: increasing international appeal and outreach across UK universities' Exeter University

Engagement remains key -

- Communicate with Discipline Lead and HEA
- Attend events, host events
- Use / suggest resources
- Apply for grants, scholarships, studentships
- Subscribe to the GEES newsletter:
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