

Writing for the Geographical Association

Information on writing for *GA Magazine*

GA Magazine is the Geographical Association's termly news magazine for all our members.

Planning your contribution

This is an excellent opportunity to share your ideas and experiences. Contributions will appear both in print and online. You may find the following list helpful to structure your piece:

Section 1: GA updates

News of the GA, its activities and people

GA updates

Short (100–200 word) items directly related to the GA and its members, including (but not limited to): notices about elections/events; staff/Governing Body changes; awards; brief obituaries; forthcoming journal info; website developments.

Policy matters

Double-page spread (c. 1200–1400 words plus images) written by the CE and President, with occasional invited guest contributions. News/updates re: GA policy/direction/projects and wider curriculum matters etc.

GA networks

1–2 pages featuring items of c. 100–200 words (plus photos) from the GA's Special Interest Groups, Phase Committees, and Branches. Emphasis should be on forthcoming events (i.e. happening in the three months following publication), projects and/or news items rather than post-event write-ups etc. It is expected that SIGs and Phase Committees will also contribute to the subject updates section (see below).

Section 2: CPD

Courses and events

CPD training courses from the GA

Double-page spread on GA's forthcoming CPD events. Supplied by GA Events Manager.

GA Annual Conference

Autumn and spring issues: one page of advance information. Supplied by GA Events Manager.
Summer issue: Conference report (usually 4–6 pages). Co-ordinated in-house.

Section 3: Geography in action

Activities by schools and students

Write-ups of Worldwide, Quality Mark, project activities. These 1–2-page articles should celebrate what we do/what work is happening 'out there', with plenty of examples of student work and a focus on what students get out of the various activities. Also includes the GA's annual overview article and Quality Mark awardees list (spring issues).

One page = 600–800 words plus images

Two pages = 1200–1400 words plus images

Section 4: Subject updates

Keeping you up to date with geography and geography education

1–2-page articles introducing/giving a brief overview of a current issue/theme/idea in geography. The article should be in-depth enough to ensure that readers get the gist of the issue but not as comprehensive as a journal article. GA SIGs and Phase Committees are strongly encouraged to contribute articles of this nature on issues/themes/ideas from their area of interest.

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Recent examples include:

'Field Studies Council wins awards for carbon reductions' (Spring 2017, p. 22)

'Using fieldwork in the independent investigation' (Simon Oakes, spring 2017, pp. 24–5)

Section 5: Resources

Teaching ideas and support

Resource articles

1–2-page articles on individual/sets of resources. Apart from where focusing on GA or Strategic Partners' resources, the resources in question should be free of charge.

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Two pages = 1200–1400 words plus images

Recent examples include:

'Just keep swimming – resources to help you explore the oceans' (A. Parkinson, spring 2013, pp. 26–7)

'Exploring our little blue planet' (R. Walker, autumn 2012, pp. 20–1)

Webwatch

Short items (50–100 words) on free web-based/ICT resources. Compiled by Alan Parkinson:

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GA publications

Updates/information about GA resources, how to use them etc. Compiled by the GA's Head of Publishing.

Meanderings

Short items (50–100 words) on free resources, events, competitions, awards, etc. Compiled by Paula

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The Route to Publication diagram (page 3) sets out what you can expect at each stage.

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The route to publication in *GA Magazine*

