

Writing for the Geographical Association

Information on writing for *Geography*

Geography aims to re-energise the subject at all levels of education by stimulating dialogue and debate about the essential character and contribution of the subject. Articles submitted should be relevant to geographers and educationalists in schools, colleges and universities worldwide and to those involved in teaching, curriculum development, advanced study and research.

Planning your article

The Editorial Collective welcomes articles that:

- provide scholarly summaries and interpretations of current research and debates about particular aspects of geography, geography as a whole or geographical education
- explore the implications and consequences of changes in the subject and in education for the well-being and progress of geography at all levels
- make meaningful and substantive connections between everyday life, public policy and geographical understanding and so help to widen participation and interest in geography
- foster a critical and analytical approach to the subject and aim to challenge popular assumptions about place, space and environment
- explore and develop opportunities to gain geographical insights from and develop synergies with other disciplines and new and unusual resources.

Articles should normally be one of the following types:

- **Main articles** (3000–4000 words): substantive articles with a clear focus, analysis and summary or conclusions. An abstract of 100–150 words should be included. Main articles will be peer reviewed.
- **Challenging Assumptions** (1000–2000 words): short items presenting a well-argued viewpoint which challenges existing ideas or throws a new light on a current issue or debate.
- **This Changing World** (1500 words): short articles aimed at updating readers about a current topic, place, educational matter or trend.
- **Spotlight on...** (2000 words): short items focusing on a book, idea, approach, resource or technique and exploring its relevance and challenges for geography and geography education.

Challenging Assumptions, This Changing World and Spotlight on... articles do not require an abstract and will not be peer reviewed.

There is also a **reviews** section. For details on how to submit material for review, or to review resources, please email Dorcas Brown (dbrown@geography.org.uk).

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

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