

## Manchester Branch of the GA – Programme Secretary Report

### Tuesday 18 October 2022 (Fleure Memorial Lecture) – Global water and sanitation targets: what have we achieved so far?

To deliver our first lecture of the year, PhD researcher Lais Moreira dos Santos travelled all the way from the University of Leeds to give an in-depth discussion on water and sanitation from a global perspective which included an overview of the Amazon Region too.



### Thursday 17 November 2022 (Herbertson Memorial Lecture) – Hidden green space in the city

Second up, the branch invited the first of several Senior Lectures in geography from Manchester Metropolitan University. Dr. Gina Cavan's research into urban greening and the benefits of vegetation in towns and cities marries seamlessly to A level work on microclimates and SUDS and her presentation of research into green spaces near us locally were a highlight and value resource for teachers and students.



### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – World Wise Quiz**

There was a jam-packed conference room in MMU's Business School for our first in-person WWQ since COVID and the atmosphere was just as electric and engaging as in every other year. Sue Lomas led rounds on identifying nations from facts, flags and outlines, current affairs through 'geography in the news', and the classic practising of Ordnance Survey skills.

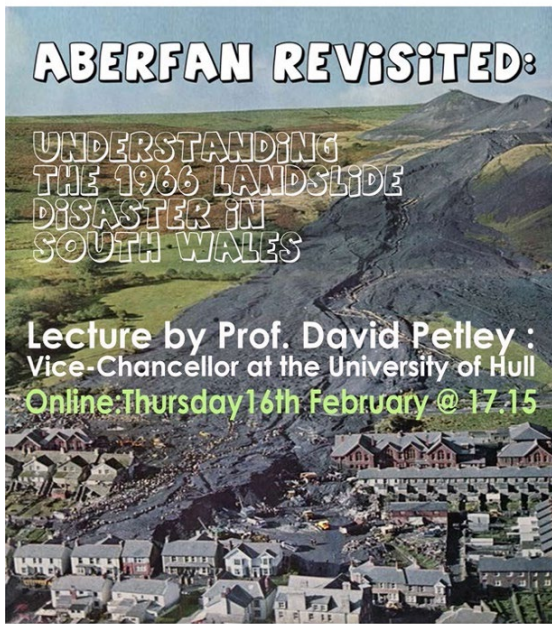
It was a wonderful night to (re-)welcome 13 teams of students and staff from eight schools across Greater Manchester and Cheshire. Congratulations to Manchester Grammar School who scored the most points across the rounds and successfully claimed the trophy again, closely followed by Stockport Grammar School only half a point behind. The branch wants to thank all those who attended to participate, support students and prepare and present the rounds. We cannot wait for next year!



### **Thursday 16 February 2023 – Aberfan revisited: understanding the 1966 landslide disaster in South Wales**

Having approached Professor David Petley, now Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hull, previously to speak to us at a sadly cancelled event back in March 2020, his lecture discussing the mechanics of Britain's worst mining-related disaster – Aberfan 1966 – was the branch's first online-only event.

The Manchester Branch of the Geographical Association presents



## **ABERFAN REVISITED:**

**UNDERSTANDING  
THE 1966 LANDSLIDE  
DISASTER IN  
SOUTH WALES**

**Lecture by Prof. David Petley :**  
Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hull  
**Online Thursday 16th February @ 17.15**

### **Zoom link:**

<https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/97643322454?pwd=RHJVblBya0NFRVfoSlcwVmFRNmRqZz09>  
Meeting ID: 976 4332 2454    Passcode : 712754

### **Thursday 23 March 2023 – Conservation in the UK: sandstone and salt deposits of Cheshire**

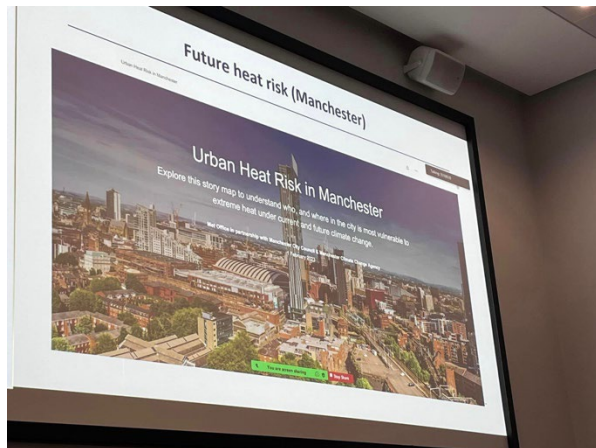
Dr. Ian Drew is another of MMU's representatives whose specialism of geoconservation (helping to protect sites of geodiversity value and to raise awareness of Earth heritage with the public) was the focus of our joint lecture with the Manchester Branch of the Geological Association on the topic of minerals in our local area.



### **Thursday 4 May 2023 – Are we climate ready? Risk, resilience and adaptation in a climate changing world**

To close out our programme for 2022-2023, Professor Paul O'Hare crafted a tour-de-force on resilience and adaptive practice for communities in the face of climate change; a must see for any GCSE, A level or budding undergraduate geographer. His emphasis on the recent events of Egypt's

COP27 featuring Antonio Guterres's [“the clock is ticking” speech](#), the BBC's [weather report of the future](#) and his work with the MET Office to create [‘climate response packs’ for UK cities](#).



We presented the Ogden Prize, awarded to students with the best performance at A Level. Paul O Hare presented certificates and vouchers to the parents of the students. Jennifer Joyce and Orla Burke, both from Altrincham Grammar School for Girls were this year's winners.

Josh Wilkinson and Paul Douglas

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