

Writing for the Geographical Association

Information on writing for *Geography*

Geography is the Geographical Association's flagship journal and reflects the thriving and dynamic nature of the discipline. It aims to bridge the gap between higher education institutions and schools, colleges and academies by profiling current research in geography and geographical education. It seeks to communicate the findings of geographical research in an engaging and accessible way.

Geography's readership includes specialist geography teachers and their senior students, university academics and higher education students making the transition to university.

Geography is published in print and online three times per year, with all articles available via [Taylor & Francis Online](#).

Planning your article

The Editorial Collective welcomes articles that:

- provide scholarly summaries and interpretations of current research and debates about 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 be one of the following types:

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

Challenging Assumptions, This Changing World and Spotlight on... articles will usually be reviewed by the Editorial Collective only.

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

The Route to Publication diagram (page 4) sets out what you can expect at each stage.

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The route to publication in *Geography*

