

Writing for *GA Magazine*

GA Magazine is the Geographical Association's termly news magazine for all our members. It is published in January, May and September each year.

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: News and networks

News of the GA, its activities (for teachers and students) and people

GA news

Short (100–200 word) items directly related to the GA and its members, including: notices about elections/events; staff/Governing Body changes; awards; Quality Marks; brief obituaries; forthcoming journal info; website developments; geography education community activity; competition information, etc.

Write-ups of Study Tours, GAIF project activities, other project activities. These articles should celebrate what we do/what work is happening 'out there', with examples of student work as appropriate and a focus on what students get out of the various activities.

One page = 600–800 words plus images

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. SIGs and Phase Committees are also encouraged to contribute to the subject updates section (see below).

Section 2: Advancing geography

Upcoming courses and events

Advocacy for geography

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.

Professional development and training courses from the GA

Double-page spread on GA's forthcoming CPD events. Supplied by GA Head of Professional Development.

GA Annual Conference

Autumn and spring issues: one page of advance information. Supplied by GA Events Manager.
Summer issue: Conference report (usually 1-2 pages). Co-ordinated in-house.

Section 3: Geography teaching and learning

Includes subject updates and resources

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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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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GA publications

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

Please note: The GA Magazine does not promote third party/ external paid-for resources, services or conferences in its articles. If the Editor feels that an article strongly advertises a product or service, or promotes something that GA members can't access free of charge, we will ask you to amend your article so that it becomes less of an advertorial.

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

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The route to publication in *GA Magazine*

