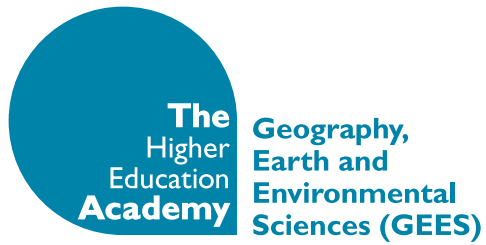


GEES Learning and Teaching Guide

Employability within Geography, Earth and Environmental Science

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GEES Subject Centre

The **GEES Subject Centre** is a part of the UK Higher Education Academy, within a network of 24 discipline-based Subject Centres. The aim of the Subject Centre network is to promote and disseminate good practice in learning and teaching within higher education through direct contact with colleagues in different subject areas. It does this primarily through providing resources and professional development opportunities for academic and support staff. The Centre has a UK-wide brief and this is reflected in the locations of its activities and events.

Resources

The GEES Subject Centre Resource Database brings together high quality resources for the GEES disciplines. It provides information on educational techniques and curriculum development, in subject-specific areas as well as key skills development.

Enquiry service

The enquiry service is open to all GEES staff in higher education and deals with a wide range of queries throughout the year on teaching and learning. It can be accessed by emailing info@gees.ac.uk

Research and development

The Subject Centre has an ongoing programme of small-grant support for pedagogic research and development projects. Funds have been awarded for research into topics including employability and entrepreneurship, virtual-learning environments, fieldwork, and postgraduate teaching.

A voice for GEES

The GEES Subject Centre is a national and international hub for the exchange of knowledge on learning and teaching in the three disciplines. It provides a voice for these communities, contributing to policy developments and government consultations. The interests of GEES professionals are also represented through collaborative working within HE Academy networks relating to employability, supporting new academic staff, education for sustainable development, etc.

Events

The Subject Centre organises a wide range of events and collaborates with other organisations to provide: national conferences, departmental workshops, seminars for new lecturers, and support events for project grant holders.

Publications

The GEES Subject Centre produces the biannual publication *Planet*, containing features articles on learning and teaching, project updates, a diary of forthcoming events, resource information, and news of interest to students and teaching staff in the GEES disciplines in higher education. Other publications include Learning and Teaching Guides, as well as resource briefings and reports.

Staffing and organisation

The GEES Subject Centre core team is based in Plymouth. Three part-time Senior Advisors, based in their own institutions, also represent the specific subject areas of Geography, Earth Sciences and Environmental Sciences, in a wide range of outreach activities.

Keep up to date by signing up to the GEES Subject Centre Jiscmail announcement list, a low-volume moderated news and information service for everyone involved in learning and teaching in the GEES subjects in higher education. You will then receive news of events, support activities, resources and publications, as well as funding opportunities, as they arise. To view the archives, join or leave this list, go to:

www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/GEES.html

For more information and to contact individual members of the team, please visit the Subject Centre website: www.gees.ac.uk

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