

## Raising achievement in GCSE History and Geography: gaining confidence in the new 9–1 specifications

Thursday 20 June 2019, 9.00am - 3.30pm

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Now into the second year of examinations for the new GCSE specifications, we've learned some lessons from the first cohort. Results have shown that less able students found the exams even more inaccessible, and teachers have expressed concerns about covering the content in two years. This event looks to provide support and ideas for history and geography teachers by addressing strategies for gaining confidence at GCSE, including supporting less able students, exam literacy and avoiding overteaching.

### Outline programme

9.00am - 9.30am Doors open and exhibition available

9.30am - 10.30am **Welcome**  
Steve Brace (RGS-IBG) and Mel Jones (HA)

#### **Keynote**

10.30am - 10.50pm Break and exhibition

10.50am - 12.30pm **History Keynote**  
Dale Banham (50 minutes plus questions)  
Followed by updates from Awarding Bodies (40 minutes)

#### **Or**

**2 x Geography workshops** (50 minutes each)

Workshop A: *Data skills in GCSE Geography*

Workshop B: *Accessible Geography for all*

12.30pm - 1.05pm Sandwich lunch and networking

1.05pm - 2.45pm **Geography Keynote**  
Steve Brace (50 minutes plus questions)  
Followed by updates from Awarding Bodies (40 minutes)

#### **Or**

**2 x History workshops** (50 minutes each)

Workshop A: *Supporting difficult-to-reach students* (Paige Richardson)

Workshop B: *Teaching a two-year GCSE* (Hugh Richards and Richard Kennett)

2.45pm - 3.30pm **Plenary Keynote**  
Nick Crane

3.30pm Close