



## The Young People's Geographies Project

### Further Information

#### Phase One

Phase One of the YPG project was split into two years, covering September 2006 – July 2008

#### Year One: September 2006 - July 2007

- Four key groups of collaborators: school students, teachers, professional geographers with research interests in young people's geographies and teacher educators
- Seven schools from East Midlands, Kings Lynn, London, Reading and Bedford
- One or more teachers from each school
- Four students from each school (Years 9, 10 & 12) variously selected
- Open-ended approach
- Four project days and school-based work
- Project days (November, January, March, July) involving all groups coming together to share ideas and support the development of the project in individual schools
- School-based work: 'taking ideas back', students and teachers in conversation about young people's lived geographies and how their experiences can be used to develop the geography curriculum and ways of learning. Developing new aspects of the geography curriculum.

#### Year Two: September 2007 - July 2008

- Individual schools continue to develop YPG project
- Development of YPG project website
- Evaluation of Year Two and Phase One of the project

#### Key Activities

#### Year One: September 2006 - July 2007

- Young People's Geographies Project developed by project co-ordinators: Mary Biddulph and Dr Roger Firth, University of Nottingham; David Balderstone, Sharnbrook Upper School; Di Swift, Geographical Association

- Professional geographers recruited with research interests in young people's geographies: Dr Ian Cook, University of Exeter; Dr Tracey Skelton, University of Loughborough; Helen Griffiths, PhD student, University of Exeter
- External evaluator appointed: Dr Nick Hopwood, University of Oxford
- Consultant appointed: Dr John Morgan, Institute of Education, University of London
- Seven partner schools recruited: King Edward VII School, King's Lynn; Archbishop Tenison's C of E School, London; Langtree School, Reading; Sharnbrook Upper School, Bedfordshire; Nottingham Emmanuel School; Arnold Hill School & Bramcote Hills Sports and Community College, all Nottingham
- Four project days organised (November 2006, January, March, July 2007) to bring the four participating groups together to work on activities in order to:
  - create a context for perspective and ideas sharing
  - Support the ongoing development of the project within individual schools
  - and showcase and share the work of each school
  - Individual schools develop their own YPG project
  - Evaluation of Year One

#### Year Two: September 2007 - July 2008

- Seven schools continue to develop the geography curriculum
- Two project days (November 2007, July 2008) to support the ongoing development of the project within individual schools, share a framework for curriculum development and showcase the work of each school and evaluate Phase One
- Project coordinators visit individual schools
- Development of YPG website
- Evaluation of Year Two and Phase One of YPG project