

# Geography Ambassadors

## RSGS Pilot Scheme – Code of Conduct

*Please note: failure to comply with this Code of Conduct will result in your place on the Geography Ambassadors Pilot Scheme being revoked.*

### Your role as an Ambassador requires you to:

- complete a training session before volunteering on the scheme;
- undertake at least three sessions at schools or events within the first year, the first of which must take place within six months of training;
- be aware of, and uphold, the Code of Conduct below at all times.

### RSGS with RGS-IBG & Esri UK Code of Conduct

- Geography Ambassadors must have a proactive approach and show willingness and enthusiasm in undertaking the variety of tasks the scheme offers, including finding and arranging your own visits, and sharing ideas, resources and experiences with other Ambassadors and the project co-ordinators.
- Geography Ambassadors must be reliable and punctual when visiting schools. School days are tightly timetabled and arriving late or dropping out at the last minute can cause problems. If something comes up that means you may be late, or are no longer able to attend, you must let the teacher, school and project co-ordinators know as soon as possible.
- Geography Ambassadors must not use inappropriate or offensive language, or display discriminatory behaviour (including that of a racist, sexist or homophobic nature).
- Geography Ambassadors should not give out personal details such as phone numbers or social network details to any pupils. If approved by the teacher, giving your email address can be appropriate, but only for S6 pupils and only so they can send follow-up questions related to your session.
- Geography Ambassadors must never take school pupils outside of school premises, or arrange to meet them after a session.
- Geography Ambassadors should not assume anything about the pupils you see.
- Geography Ambassadors must respect each pupil's background, culture and traditions and be aware that certain materials you may want to use in sessions may be inappropriate or offensive. Always check with the teacher if you would like to use something that you are worried about.
- You must ask the teacher prior to visiting the school if there is anything to be aware of regarding the pupils.
- Geography Ambassadors must never meet pupils in school without a staff member present.
- Geography Ambassadors must never make any unnecessary physical contact with school pupils.
- Geography Ambassador activities on the scheme are managed by the project co-ordinators, and they are there to support you. You must contact them if you are unsure of anything.

- Geography Ambassadors should not take photographs of or record pupils unless their teacher's consent is given or a photo release form has been submitted to parents.
- Any information given out should be accurate and up-to-date, especially if it relates to the curriculum and higher education.