



The Geological Society

Small Grants to support public outreach and education in Earth Science Week 2024

The Geological Society of London is offering a number of small grants of up to £250 to assist with the running of events associated with Earth Science Week 2024. Applications are welcome from organisations or individuals running events during, or near, 13 – 19 October with a public engagement and outreach focus.

Timeline

Applications must be received by the start of Earth Science Week Sunday 13th October 2024. Funds will be transferred within one month of the grant being awarded – which may be after the event has taken place.

How to Apply

Please apply online using our [online form](#).

Grants will be awarded in line with the Society's objective to foster future generations of Earth scientists by communicating the importance and societal relevance of Earth science.

It is not strictly necessary to follow the theme of Earth Science Week 2024, but we will prioritise funding events that align with our Earth Science Week aims and the 2024 theme of "Earth Science Everywhere", including:

- o Enhancing the understanding the understanding of the growing role of geoscientists in society.
- o The provision of networking opportunities for those in the Earth sciences.
- o Supporting outreach and engagement events for young people in audiences underrepresented within geoscience research and careers.
- o Those that encourage, foster and demonstrate creativity within Earth science.

All reasonable expenses will be considered, provided they are clearly justified. Examples of where funds might be used include:

- Travel/other expenses for speakers/participants
- Publicity materials
- Room and equipment hire
- Materials for demonstrations/activities

Funding cannot be awarded for:

- Staff salaries
- Events aimed at an academic audience
- Projects aimed solely at delivering curriculum to school children
- Events with an unjustifiable barrier to inclusion (e.g. a ticket fee or exclusionary setting)

Repeat Applications

We will consider applications from organisations/individuals who have previously applied for funding.

Multiple events

Organisations/individuals may submit applications for more than one event, provided it is clear that additional resources are required for each separate event. Please note, the grant scheme is designed to widen participation in Earth Science Week as far as possible, so where multiple applications are made, it must be clear that each event is distinct and requires specific additional funding.

Audience

Funded events must be aimed at the general public, with a focus on outreach and/or education.

Joint applications/part funding

We are happy to consider joint applications – please clarify in your application a lead contact as well as the details of all organisations/individual organisers involved.

We are happy to provide grants for events which have already secured additional funding elsewhere – please clarify details of this in your application.

After Earth Science Week

Following Earth Science Week, grant recipients will be asked to complete a short report providing feedback and evaluation of their event. Please retain receipts for all money spent, as we may need these for auditing purposes.

Terms and conditions

1. Your event must take place in the UK or Ireland during, or close to, Earth Science Week and must meet at least one of our Earth Science Week aims.
2. The grant must be used exclusively for the event outlined in your application.
3. GSL will provide successful applicants with the Earth Science Week logo, which must be used in all marketing materials. GSL will also supply its own logo for use where appropriate.
4. Grants will be paid by bank transfer (BACS).
5. All successful applicants must provide a report following their event, to be submitted no later than one month after the event takes place.

Contact

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