



Enhancing Fieldwork Learning Showcase Programme

University of Southampton

Day One – Tuesday 8th September 2026	
Time	Description
10:30 to 11:00	Registration / tea and coffee
11:00 to 11:10	Welcome
11:10 to 11:40	Keynote 1 Nick Worsfold - Bridging AI and Real World Learning
11:40 to 12:40	Session 1 - Bridging digital divides (4 x 10 min talks then 20 min Q&A)
	Yinka Adeniji - Bridging AI and Real-World Field Learning Through Passive Acoustic Monitoring in Ecology
	Addy Pope and Kiaran Ratcliffe - GeoAI for the field ready students of today
	Phil Wheeler, Julia Cooke, Kadmiel Maseyk, Sarah Davies, Trevor Collins, Kate Bradshaw, Ben Hawkridge - 'Equivalent', not 'Alternative': bridging the divide between online and in-person student experience in fieldwork.
	Catherine Mottram and Trevor Collins - Bridging the Fieldwork Divide: Inclusive and hybrid approaches to geology fieldwork in the NW Highlands
	Questions & Discussion
12:40 to 13:40	LUNCH
13:40 to 14:30	Session 2 - Bridging geographical and geopolitical divides (3 x 10 mins; 20 min Q&A)
	Simon M Hutchinson - An evaluation of the on-going use, development and future opportunities for Virtual Field Trips in Geography and Environmental Science
	Hooman Foroughmand Araabi (UWE) & Eman Nasr (GCET) - NEW EYES: A Report on Student Cultural Exchange Field Trips – GCET/UWE 2026
	Richard Billington - Bringing Positive Impact to Fieldwork
	Questions & Discussion
14:30 to 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 to 15:45	Interactive session



	• SoGES team – <i>Demonstration of field sensing equipment</i> • Hiran Vegad - <i>Demonstration of ASD FieldSpec 4</i> • Cameron McAuliffe – <i>Demonstration of immersive technologies</i>
15:45 to 16:00	Wrap up - Day one review

Note: Dinner in Southampton City Centre. Meet at 7:00pm for 7:30pm meal.

Day Two – Wednesday 9th September 2026	
Time	Description
09:00 to 09:30	Keynote 2 Alan Parkinson - You should get out more...
09:30 to 10:30	Session 3 talks - Bridging to HE and beyond (4 x 10 mins; 20 min Q&A) Geoff Main - From the Mountains to the Oceans: Bridging the 'field'work "divide" Martin Barker, Michael Stratigos and Lesley Lancaster - Running a field course across the disciplines Liz Hamilton and Lesley Batty - Field Skills to Future Employability: Bridging Academic Skills and Real-World Practice Andy Wakefield - Learner-generated audio trails: nature connection Questions & Discussion
10:30 to 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 to 11:45	Workshop 1 Julie Peacock, Liam Taylor, Myfanwy Howarth, Johanna Fenton, Keeley McCabe - Bridging Gaps in Geography Fieldwork: Prior Experience, Hidden Curriculum and Inclusive Support
11:45 to 12:45	Session 4 talks - Bridging expectation gaps (4 x 10 mins; 20 min Q&A) Alan Marvell and David Simm - Bridging the divide between pedagogy and students' experiences Moya Burns, Ishwaq Ali, Scarlett Asher, Stuart Desjardins, Diljot Gill, Hannah Harrison, Ceri Jones, Sandra Lee, Adam Tester - Bridging the accessibility divide in field-based learning using place-based approaches Jonathan Wessell - Examining Experiential Learning Practices at Three Universities across the UK Tory Milner - Increasing student employability & technical skill development through fieldwork: hydrology in action!



	Questions & Discussion
12:45 to 13:00	<i>Wrap up - Day two review / closing and next steps</i>

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