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# Outline

- 3-year National Teaching Fellowship project (2010)
- Funded by the Higher Education Academy in the UK
- Cross-disciplinary: Geography, Earth sciences, Geology, Biosciences and aligned subjects

## Aims of the Project

- to enhance student learning in fieldwork through the use of technology
- to focus on hardware and software (e.g. Web 2.0) that may enhance learning
- to gather and share good practice of using technology in fieldwork







#### **Background and progress**

•Maw, S.J., Mauchline, A., and Park, J.R (2011) Biological Fieldwork Provision in Higher Education. In *Bioscience Education. Vol 17*.

•Peacock, J, Mauchline, A and Park J.R.(2011) Effective fieldwork learning. In *Effective Learning in the Life Sciences: how students can achieve their true potential. Ed Adams D. Forthcoming* September 2011. Wiley-Blackwell



- •Survey of the use of technology in fieldwork
- •Development of an audit tool
- •Undergraduate research opportunities

•Further in depth study of "what actually happens on field courses"







#### Ways to Get Involved:

- 1. Submit a case study of good practice, an example of when you have used technology in fieldwork to enhance learning.
- 2. Take part in in-depth study of field work in biological sciences
- Join us at our Showcase Event in Margham, Port Talbot, South Wales, UK 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (some travel bursaries are available)

### Take a look at our website: http://www.enhancingfieldwork.org.uk

or

Contact Dr Katharine Welsh (<u>k.welsh@chester.ac.uk</u>) for more information.



# DISCUSSION

