

CHUGD

Committee of Heads of University Geoscience Departments

CHUGD priorities for 2013

Government policy with regards to Higher Education in the UK has changed significantly in recent years. Over the coming year CHUGD (together with the Geological Society, British Geological Survey and other key stakeholders) will evaluate the impact and implications of the shifting higher education landscape for the status of teaching and higher education provision in the Geosciences. In particular we will focus our attentions towards:

- the new funding regime and impacts on national capability to provide world-leading training across the geoscience disciplines at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- the impact of the new funding regime, specifically on national capability to provide world-leading field training
- the geoscience skills needs of UK industry and the impact of government policy on national and international recruitment trends in the geosciences at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- the geoscience skills needs of UK industry and research capacity in relation to undergraduate and postgraduate employability in a global market
- the development and implementation of new funding mechanisms and their impact on research capacity in the geosciences in the lead up to and post REF

CHUGD will either lead or contribute to national audit and review processes in order to inform and develop evidence-based strategies for the Geosciences in each area.

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