

STAGE 6 GEOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

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Conference Program

FRIDAY 5 MAY – GEOGRAPHY 11–12 / YEAR 11 Focus	
8.00 – 8.30	REGISTRATION
8.30 – 9.20	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country – GTA NSW & ACT President Syllabus introduction and Year 11–12 Course overview YEAR 11 FOCUS AREA: EARTH'S NATURAL SYSTEMS Introductory analysis – GTA NSW & ACT
9.20 – 9.50	EARTH'S NATURAL SYSTEMS – <i>Kati Thanda Lake Eyre Basin</i> Guest speaker: Richard Kingsford , Professor of Environmental Science, Director of Centre for Ecosystem Science School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences UNSW Sydney
9.50 – 10.30	Workshop & Plenary /reflect / discuss/ share/ plan Unit of Work
10.30 – 11.00	MORNING TEA
11.00 – 11.15	FOCUS AREA: PEOPLE, PATTERNS, AND PROCESSES Introductory analysis – GTA NSW & ACT
11.15 – 11.45	PEOPLE, PATTERNS, AND PROCESSES – <i>Global population trends and insights</i> Guest speaker: Simon Kuestenmacher , Director & Co-founder of The Demographics Group, Geographer
11.45 – 1.00	Workshop & Plenary/ reflect / discuss/ share/ plan – Unit of Work
1.00 – 2.00	LUNCH
2.00 – 2.15	FOCUS AREA: HUMAN – ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS Introductory analysis – GTA NSW & ACT
2.15 – 2.45	HUMAN – ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS – <i>Climate Change Adaptation</i> Guest speaker: Catherine Kerr , Office of Energy and Climate Change, NSW Treasury Climate Change Adaptation / Geographer)
2.45 – 3.15	HUMAN – ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS – <i>Fire and Flood Resilience Missions</i> Guest speakers: Karen O'Connor , Fire Shield Mission Lead, Minderoo Foundation Rania Poulos , Fire Shield Project Manager, Minderoo Foundation
3.15 – 4.00	Workshop & Plenary / reflect / discuss/ share/ plan – Unit of Work Concluding comments on Year 11 Course Q & A
SATURDAY 6 MAY – GEOGRAPHY 11–12 / YEAR 12 Focus	
8.30 – 9.00	REGISTRATION
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country GTA NSW & ACT President Key points from Day 1 on 11–12 Syllabus, Assessment, HSC Exam YEAR 12 FOCUS AREA: GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY Introductory analysis – GTA NSW & ACT
9.15 – 10.45	SUSTAINABILITY Guest speakers: Karen Davids , Circular Economy Consultant MRA, Geographer. <i>Circular Economy explained</i> Alison Jose , Circular Centre, STSC Sustainable Textile Supply Chain and Adetex Circular Solutions. <i>Circularity in the textiles/fashion industry</i> Alex Webb , Marine Stewardship Council. <i>Industry Certification</i>
10.45 – 11.15	MORNING TEA

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SATURDAY 6 MAY – GEOGRAPHY 11–12 / YEAR 12 Focus continued	
11.15–11.45	Global Sustainability: Workshop & plenary / reflect / discuss/ share
11.45 –12.00	FOCUS AREA: RURAL AND URBAN PLACES Introductory analysis: GTA NSW & ACT
12.00 – 1.00	URBAN PLACES Guest speaker: Andrew Toovey , Lecturer, UNSW School of Education. <i>A place within a larger urban settlement</i> Guest speaker: Larissa Shashkof , LendLease Project Stakeholder and Communications Manager, Communities. <i>Fig Tree Hill</i>
1.00 – 1.30	Workshop & Plenary/ reflect / discuss/ share/ plan – Unit of Work
1.30 – 2.15	LUNCH
2.15 – 2.30	FOCUS AREA: ECOSYSTEMS AND GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY Introductory analysis: GTA NSW & ACT
2.30 – 3.00	BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION Guest speaker: Professor Brett Summerell , Chief Scientist, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney / Biodiversity conservation
3.00 – 4.00	Workshop & Plenary/ reflect / discuss/ share/ plan a Unit of Work Conclusion – assessment, and the HSC Exam Sharing of group Draft Units of Work / ideas / resources Q & A / comments / concerns / support Other PL opportunities
4.00	CLOSE



Over 200 teachers attended the Stage 6 Conference at the Aerial Function Centre, at UTS in Sydney. Most teachers attended both days and were supported by a team of 14 fieldwork and spatial technology providers and 12 GTA Councillors over the two days.

A program of Stage 6 Conversations based on the conference resources and expertise will be provided as after-school workshops to support regional teachers. Locations and dates to be confirmed.