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Dear Colleagues,

### **Geographical Association Conference**

Today sees the start of the [Geographical Association Conference 2023](#). It's a key event for us as we showcase our work, catch up with partners and meet customers old and new. This year we are being well represented by Scott Wycherley, Robyn Landy, Emma Kendall and Grace Phillips who are involved in delivering fieldwork sessions and workshops to the delegates. Ian Wainwright and Dawn Cook will be running our stand. I'd also like to thank the Marketing Team for putting all the conference materials and stand together.

### **iHASCO Online Training Platform**

Over the next few months, we will be registering all staff with our new online training platform iHASCO. We will be using iHASCO for compliance training such as Child Protection and Fire Safety etc. This will replace our current online training providers High Speed Training and Educare. The reasons for the change are that iHASCO offers a great range of additional training courses, the transition will help central administration staff and improve training visibility for senior staff at locations. Early feedback from staff already registered has been very positive.

Moodle will continue to be used for other internal training, though OCoP reading will now be completed on iHASCO rather than on Moodle. You may have already received your invite from iHASCO, but if not, keep an eye on your inbox over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Julie [j.bowen@field-studies-council.org](mailto:j.bowen@field-studies-council.org)

### **Young Darwin Scholarship**

Following on from the media coverage of our 80<sup>th</sup> Year mentioned in my last catch up, the [Young Darwin Scholarship](#) has also created some more media interest and we are seeing applications come in. You can hear Philip Turvil's Radio interview about the scheme [here](#) (40 minutes in). The deadline for applications isn't until 4<sup>th</sup> June so there is a bit of time still for you to encourage any young people that you know who might be interested in applying.

### **New Tax Year**

After all the economic upheavals in recent months, it's a relief that a change in tax year goes almost unnoticed. P60s are now available on Myview for those that either wish to or need to view them.

### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

At Castle Head Sonia Dunmall is the new Administrator and Michael McDonough is the new Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant

At Margam Drew Richards, Julie Lockyer and Joanne Powell have all joined us as Hospitality and Catering Assistants

Maddi Jerry is the new Hospitality and Catering Assistant at Flatford Mill

Sara Cragg is our new Customer Relations Assistant at Head Office

Andrea Pollacchi is the new Hospitality and Catering Assistant at Millport

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