

Edinburgh Geodiversity Action Plan – Draft, March 2009

Key aim: promote awareness and understanding of Edinburgh's geodiversity and work with partners to ensure that it is protected.

Objective	Short Term Actions (2009-2010)	Longer Term Actions (Beyond 2010)	Who's Involved
1. Identify and Designate Local Geodiversity Sites	1.1 Designate new sites identified by the Site Surveys Project Feb-Mar 2009	1.3 Identify further sites including geomorphological and building stone sites and maintain list of potential sites in Edinburgh. Designate further sites as appropriate.	LABRIGS Committee, CEC
	1.2 Develop definitive list and map of all designated sites, with basic information on location, geodiversity value, access and site condition. Publish on website.	1.4 Publish overview leaflet / poster detailing all sites	LABRIGS Committee
2. Promote the value of Local Geodiversity Sites and engage with partners in their protection	2.1 Publicise sites to partners – e.g. within CEC, nature conservation groups, local groups with an interest in geology, local communities	2.3 Publish regular newsletter to keep partners informed	LABRIGS Committee, CEC
	2.2 Ensure Sites are including in Local Plans and that there is specific mention of the need to protect Local Geodiversity in Local Plans and other policies		CEC Planning
3. Monitor condition of Local Geodiversity Sites	3.1 Use UKRIGS site monitoring form to record all site visits and note issues with access, vandalism, vegetation etc	3.2 Collate record of Site Monitoring visits, notify concerns to CEC and landowners	LABRIGS Committee, VG
		3.3 Establish a programme to review all existing LGS	LABRIGS Committee, VG
4. Promote use of Local Geodiversity Sites for education and raise public awareness of local geodiversity	4.1 Collaborate with partners including Scottish Earth Science Education Forum, CEC Countryside Ranger Service, local schools, etc to encourage use of local sites for formal and informal education	4.4 Play lead role in developing resources (teachers' guides, etc) and offering training to promote wide use of sites by all educational sectors	LABRIGS Committee, VG, Scottish Earth Science Education Forum
	4.2 Attend local environment fairs and events		LABRIGS VG
	4.3 Maintain range of leaflets and posters for the general public, supply to distribution network	4.5 Evaluate effectiveness of existing leaflets and develop further leaflets and web resources etc	LABRIGS VG
5. Develop skills and resources to support the work of LABRIGS	5.1 Continue to promote the work of LABRIGS to attract new volunteers		LABRIGS VG
	5.2 Liaise with other RIGS Groups in Scotland to arrange regional meetings including training		LABRIGS Committee, VG
	5.3 Seek funding for a Project Officer to support and extend the work of LABRIGS, perhaps in collaboration with other groups	5.4 Establish on-going Project Officer post to support work of LABRIGS in the longer term	LABRIGS Committee

CEC = City of Edinburgh Council; LABRIGS = Lothian and Borders RIGS Group; VG = Volunteer Group