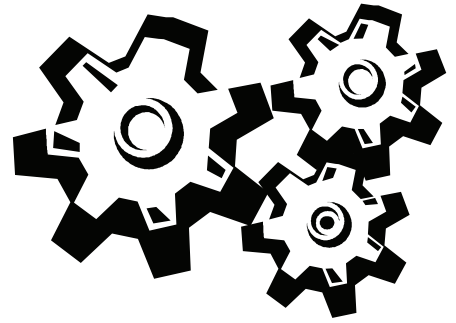


Feedback from Dr Mike Jones (Thames Water, The Mentor) and Geraint Burrows (Hydrogeologist without Borders UK, The Mentee)



We'd not met previously and following our first encounter we agreed to meet on a monthly basis, at a pub. We've been meeting for around 12 months and intend to carry on meeting.

We were provided with information from IAH, which we initially perused and discussed at our first meeting. It was helpful and did initially enable some objectives to be agreed, including the development of a business plan for Hydrogeologists without Borders UK. It soon became clear that a highly structured, formal approach was not required and our monthly meetings were more of an opportunity to meet, chat and sound off ideas with each other. A flexible approach to IAH mentoring has worked for us.

Geraint commented, "I am finding this scheme a great opportunity to sit down and discuss, informally, work related problems with a 'wise old owl'! Mike always offers me a different perspective, this has been extremely useful and I would recommend for any early career hydrogeologist to take advantage of this scheme."

Mike's perspective, "As someone who manages groundwater specialists every day, I am used to guiding people in their work, setting objectives and tracking performance. So why would I choose to be an IAH mentor in my spare time as well? It's proven to be a very different yet rewarding experience. We've worked well together, in a less structured way but still achieved important, meaningful goals. I'm also learning about the challenges of getting the value of groundwater knowledge recognised in delivering sustainable humanitarian outcomes. So, an opportunity to learn as well as offer some guidance"

NEW TRAINING AREA ON IAH WEBSITE

I am pleased to announce a new training area on the IAH website, which is intended to list details of any upcoming hydrogeology training courses in a similar style to that of our conference/event listing. As well as short courses, field courses and webinars, we are also keen to include details of degree programmes in hydrogeology. Course details can be submitted using our online form (link below).

This new training page is one of the initiatives arising from the recommendations of the 2014 report of the Education Working Group, which was approved by Council last September. Over the coming months we will be adding further education and training pages to our website. These pages will provide links to educational materials, as well as giving more information on short courses, webinars and degree programmes. We will also be seeking volunteers who are willing to offer their expertise to assist with short courses organized and run by national chapters. The list of expertise and contact details will be made available on the IAH Education web pages, as a resource for the course organizers. We will issue the call for volunteers once the web pages have developed further.

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