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## New online diploma in Geology of Yorkshire & Northern England

Are you interested to learn more about Earth history and the geology of Northern England whilst studying for a qualification? If so, read on!

This month, September 2015, the University of York, a Russell Group university, launches a part-time, two-year online Postgraduate Diploma, *The Geology of Yorkshire and Northern England*. The programme is aimed at anyone with an active interest in geology who is looking to gain new skills, whilst developing their geological analysis abilities and science communication skills.



The distance-learning course is taught completely online, so offering the flexibility to suit individual lifestyles and work/home commitments. Online interaction with both the tutor and fellow learners is actively encouraged and the course is fully supported throughout. An introductory residential week in York at the beginning of the course will provide students with the opportunity to meet fellow learners and staff, and to gain an overview of the course and the online learning environment. The course will also include field excursions and days in the classroom, providing students with the chance to examine the geology of Yorkshire and Northern England up close.

*The geology of Yorkshire and Northern England* holds an exceptional variety of landscapes and classic geological sites. The course deals with more than 500 million years of geological history – a story that describes the closure of ancient oceans, catastrophic volcanoes, Himalayan-scale mountain ranges, tropical seas, deserts and ice ages. Through this regional geological understanding, students will be introduced to the tools required to interpret larger-scale Earth processes and structures. They will also be able to assess Yorkshire and Northern England's importance to current controversies in Earth sciences, from fracking to climate change, and understand the region's role in the history of geology.

Find out more at <https://www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning/geology> or contact Lifelong Learning on 01904 328482. The programme begins in late September, and applications are being taken now. Only limited IT skills are required – all you require is a PC or Mac with broadband internet connection.

**Above**, the intriguing Millstone Grit of Brimham Rocks, North Yorkshire is one of the subjects of the diploma.

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**Below**, gently folded beds of the Redcar Mudstone Formation (Lower Jurassic), Robin Hood's Bay, are also within the course remit.

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