



**University  
of Victoria**

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

## **Europe Sustainable Cities Field School 2018**

We are now accepting applications for the Urban Europe Field School. The program runs from May 21<sup>st</sup> to Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and is open to all UVic students able to take 300-level Geography courses (or with the permission of the instructor). Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive credit for three courses:

1. Geog 388: Regional Studies: Europe
2. Geog 391: Sustainable Communities
3. Geog 391: Cultural Geography



*Another World is Possible!*

**Apply by Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> with \$500 deposit to claim a spot. Applications will be made available online through the [UVic Geography website](#).**

### **Contact**

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### **“Out of the classroom and into the world”**

Geography field schools provide unique transformative learning opportunities. The benefits of getting out of the classroom to learn in the field cannot be overestimated and include: personal growth, expanded worldview, and enhanced career opportunities.

This summer the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Field School will travel through Europe from the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution – Manchester, UK - to cities trying to reimagine a new sustainable industrial revolution – Edinburgh, Newcastle, Amsterdam, Hamburg and Copenhagen. *En route* we will meet with activists, urban planners, scholars and other engaged individuals, learning about Europe’s cultural geography and particularly the challenges and opportunities for building economically, socially, and ecologically sustainable and resilient cities.

We travel by train, bus, ferry, bike and local transit to various sites of interest. Hostel or equivalent affordable accommodation will be arranged. Most days will involve structured activities (e.g. guided field trips, hands-on workshops, discussions) with time available for individual exploration and group reflection.

The field school commences on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> with classes and field trips planned for the Victoria region. Students will then fly to Manchester, where the travel component begins in earnest on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and wraps up in Copenhagen, on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Tentative Itinerary (2018)



1. Victoria, BC May 21-25
2. Manchester, England May 29-Jun 1  
(excursion to Center for Alternative Technology, Wales)
3. Edinburgh, Scotland (June 2-5)  
(excursion to Hadrian's Wall)
4. Newcastle, England (June 6-8)
5. Amsterdam, Neth (June 9-12)  
(excursions to Rotterdam & Utrecht)
6. Hamburg, Germany (Jun 13-15)
7. Copenhagen, Denmark (Jun 16-22)

## Field School Topics

A variety of topics pertinent to understanding Western Europe's regional geography and urban planning / sustainability will be explored including:

*Green Building \* Street Art \* Place-making \* Cycling Infrastructure \* Regenerative Design \* Climate Adaptation*  
*Urban Planning \* EcoVillage development \* Architecture \* The Industrial & Post-Industrial City*  
*Sustainable Technology \* Anti-Gentrification Efforts \* Urban Agriculture \* Environmental Education*

## Program Fee

A program fee (beyond tuition) of **TBD** will be levied which covers: accommodation, ground transportation (train / transit), activity costs (e.g. entry admissions, guide and workshop fees, presenters' fees, some meals) and an emergency contingency fee.

**The fee does not cover:** tuition for the three courses, flights (which you will arrange yourself), most meals / entertainment, and travel insurance (if you are not covered by UVSS).

Note: Some funding support is available including the Social Sciences Field Course Student Support Fund  
<https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/future-students/undergraduate/field-schools/index.php>



Manchester, UK – Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution reinventing itself in post-industrial times



Edinburgh – the home of Patrick Geddes (father of regional planning) and for many Europe's most spectacular city



Newcastle – gritty and lively northeast city reinventing itself as England's green capital



Amsterdam – Dutch Capital and Venice of the North (with bikes)



Hamburg – Germany's principle port and the site of the largest urban sustainable redevelopment project in Europe



Copenhagen – vibrant Northern city rivals Amsterdam as Europe's greenest