Hi, I’m Aimee and I’m the postgraduate representative for the Rural Geography Research Group. The group brings together all researchers who share an interest in the development of rural geography, so if you’re currently a postgraduate student researching any rural topic, then this is the group for you, too! We hold a number of sessions each year at the annual RGS-IBG conference, including one dedicated session for PhD and early career researchers in which we hope to create a forum for lively discussion on a number of contemporary rural issues. Our members regularly travel to other conferences and meetings across the world, with other rural geographers, such as the European Rural Geography Conference and the Rural Quadrennial.

We recognise that many of you will have been preparing for conferences that have been cancelled or postponed as a result of Covid-19. If this is the case, but you may well have content that you want to share with a wider audience, and so, we’re pleased to announce that we’re now welcoming submissions for our dedicated postgraduate webpage! The theme is Rural Research in the 2020s, and suggestions for content include - a reflection of your research journey so far, a reflection on key theories or methods which you’ve used in your thesis, a book review, an event review, or your thoughts on any issues arising as a result of the pandemic. Articles should be up to 1000 words, and we’re aiming to publish monthly, so if you’d like more information then please do get in touch.

You can find out more about the Rural Geography Research Group on our website www.rgrg.co.uk, or on their Twitter page, @RGRG_Rural. If you have any questions, you can find me on Twitter @06aims and I’d be more than happy to answer anything! Thanks for listening.