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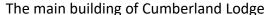
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On December 4–7 2023 I took part in the Post-graduate Training Workshop that was organized by the British Society for Geomorphology. It was dedicated to first year PhD students, including those from outside the UK, and was held in Windsor, close to London. It turned out to be an unforgettable experience.

The facility of Cumberland Lodge situated in Great Windsor Park truly has it all. The buildings are beautiful and cozy, rooms are comfortable and may I say we were not left hungry. The surrounding areas are perfect for taking morning walks to enjoy silence and nature (a lot of deer!). There are also games such as table football and more that kept us entertained to the late night hours.







Scientific session



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I thought the Workshop will be much more stressful but the atmosphere was supportive and relaxed. The varied program of scientific sessions included topics such as the nature and ethics of PhD, publishing a paper, career opportunities after PhD and practical introduction to Python modelling. We also had an opportunity to work on a group project and to present the topics of our doctorates. It was a good practice of speaking publicly, especially for non-native English speakers such as myself. The good organization and the openness of the organizers made the Workshop run smoothly and with much joy.

The most important part of the event was the people. I got to make connections outside of my University and meet people at the same stage of the scientific career. It was helpful and calming to realize it is normal to have many questions and doubts at the beginning of this journey. We had a lot of interesting discussions, also apart of geomorphology, and have already started making plans to meet again in the future.

I would like to thank the International Association of Geomorphologists for offering me a grant that enabled me to participate in the Workshop. Also a big thank you to the organizers for being supportive and open for questions. I highly recommend this event to anybody that could have any doubts.





Morning walk in the beautiful surroundings



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The Workshop participants enjoying the sun