

# OCGC Seminar

## Fogo Island, Newfoundland: Home of the Geology at the Edge Program-Unique in Canada?

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In 2013, the Shorefast Foundation, based on Fogo Island, Newfoundland, initiated a new public education and engagement program called Geology at the Edge (GATE). This program is designed to have Geologists in Residence on Fogo Island for one-month residencies beginning in May and running to October. During the residencies, the geologists lead geology hikes for community residents and guests of the Fogo Island Inn, give talks and conduct research and/or public education and engagement activities to connect people to the fascinating geology of Fogo Island.

In June 2017, Peter Croal was the first resident geologist for the season and was supported by Sarah Greene, who is from Fogo Island and is currently studying geology and geophysics at the University of Ottawa. Peter and Sarah developed and launched the new Youth Engagement Program, helped open the new Geology Centre and entertained the Canada 150 C3 ship when it anchored off Fogo Island. This presentation will demonstrate how important and unique the GATE program and Fogo Island's geology are, and will invite discussion from participants on possibilities for GATE program development.

An alumnus of Carleton University, Peter has a diverse combination of skills and experience gained from Canadian and international projects related to geology, mining, environmental management, aboriginal issues, partnership building, capacity development and governance. Peter's key areas of expertise lie in international development, poverty reduction, mining and the extractive sector, environmental sustainability and Indigenous Peoples rights. Peter started his career prospecting for uranium, zinc, silver, petroleum, peat and groundwater in Canada, but over the last 32 years his work has taken him to more than 40 developing countries.

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