

## Society of Economic Geologists, Natural History Museum Report Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The trip departed Leeds at 07.30 to arrive in London for 12.30. We had a total of 7 people attend the trip.



*Above: 7 students joined to visit the minerals collection held at the Natural History Museum*

The first part of the day was a unique tour around the Natural History Museum's newly formed ore collection. The collection, recently separated from the more generalized 'mineral collection' held at the museum, is currently curated by Helena Toman. Helena gave us an introduction to some particularly fine specimens within the ores collection (including a natural diamond in the rough!) before showing us around the ores teaching collection used by Imperial College of London.

Our group was then given a private tour around in the rest of the minerals collection held within the museum. We were shown around the beautiful buildings that are currently open to the public where we discovered amazing oddities and stories of colourful individuals from the past that have led to what is now one of the world's best museums. We also had the chance to delve deep into the backgrounds of the museum, darting through hidden doors that opened up a totally new world composed of endless rows of specimen boxes.



*Left: Dan Reeves and Annabel Foster seeing some of the prize specimens within the museum vault  
Right: Behind the scenes with endless rows of specimens.*



*Above: Guest SEG traveling lecturer Dr Jeremy Richards*

Our group then joined several other UK SEG student chapters to sit down to special guest lecturer Dr Jeremy Richards present about ‘Tectomagmatic controls on arc metallogeny’.

The Leeds student SEG chapter would like to thank Helena Toman, Natural History Museum and SEG for making this wonderful trip possible.

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