

Gary Gale

A self-professed geek and map addict, Gary has worked in the mapping and location space for over 20 years through a combination of luck and occasional good judgement. He is co-founder and director of Malstow Geospatial, a consultancy firm offering bespoke consulting and services in the geospatial, geotechnology, maps and location based services fields. This means Gary is currently consulting as Head of APIs for the [Ordnance Survey](#), the United Kingdom's national mapping agency.

Although based in London, where he lives with his family, Gary works from anywhere with the magic combination of good coffee, free Wi-Fi and somewhere to charge his laptop.

Previously Gary was Director of Places and Director of Global Community Programs for Nokia's HERE Maps. Prior to this led Yahoo's UK Geo Technologies group, releasing the GeoPlanet and PlaceMaker APIs as well as helping [Flickr](#) and Fire Eagle do location based services and even worked at the [European Space Agency](#), a job which really was rocket science.

Despite working on mapping strategies and global projects, Gary continues to keep coding, mainly on planes, as maintainer for the [Mapstraction](#) JavaScript mapping API and has been known to make the odd [WordPress plugin](#) or two. He also talks at [conferences](#) a lot.

Gary has been tweeting about maps as [@vicchi](#) since 2007, writing about maps at [www.vicchi.org](#) since 2001 and also makes the occasional map at [maps.geotastic.org](#).

A fellow of the [Royal Geographical Society](#), Gary sits on the Executive for the [AGI](#), the United Kingdom's Association for Geographic Information, is a founder of the [Location Forum](#), the co-founder of [WhereCamp EU](#) and conference chair of [W3G](#).