

UWE MSc Science Communication Graduate Case Studies

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What happened next?

Graduate Case Study: Dr Wilasinee Triyarat

Director of Research and Academic Services, National Science Museum, Thailand.



What tip would you give to future students looking to develop a career in science communication?

Continuous learning, open-mindedness, and sharing knowledge are key principles. In addition, building and maintaining a network creates career opportunities.

Graduate Case Study: Michael Ormond

Science Communication Manager, Stryker.

What did you most enjoy about your science communication training at UWE?

I loved all of it, but the highlight for me were the days in the video suite at Films at 59. It was great to see how that all worked and to develop some new skills.



Graduate Case Study: Sarah Venugopal

Head of Impact, Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity (GOSH Charity), London.



What did you most enjoy about your science communication training at UWE?

Although I had a specific interest in health writing from the start, it was great to be able to learn about and practise different types of science communication on the course - from writing long-read articles on ecology for a magazine, to practising qualitative research methods at a science festival... There are many ways to communicate science, and you'd be surprised at what other forms you're good at, once you try!

Graduate Case Study: Laura Holland

Director of Strategic Marketing and Interim Chief Operating Officer, Rosalind Franklin Institute, UK.



Credit: The Rosalind Franklin Institute

What did you most enjoy about your science communication training at UWE?

Meeting the brilliant teaching team and course-mates – so many different perspectives and ambitions, it really opened my eyes to the different directions science communication can take your career and the different types of impact you can have....I studied while working, so for me, as a part time student, being able to come and immerse myself in course blocks was a great way to learn.

Graduate Case Study: Andy Robinson-Noades

Senior Concept Manager, LEGO Education, Denmark.



What were the benefits, for you, of studying in Bristol?

Bristol is such an active city when it comes to science communication. Whilst allowing us to access a wide range of experts and facilities on the course, it also meant that every week there would be something going on. Whether a film festival, immersive experience or interactive talk, it was great to have the opportunity to see innovative applications of the subject in the real world. The best tip [I can give students] would be to try out every opportunity you can, even if you don't think it will be for you. These experiences will introduce you to new people, perceptions and techniques that you may not have been aware of but will, in my experience, pave the direction to your career.

Graduate Case Study: Dr Amy Seakins

**Deputy Head of Public Engagement,
Imperial College London, UK.**



What were the benefits, for you, of studying in Bristol?

I love Bristol! I found so many opportunities to experience different aspects of public engagement there – I worked at the science centre and the zoo, did my dissertation at the Bristol Natural History Consortium and there were always loads of events going on. It feels like a great hub for science communication. Plus it has lovely places to eat and explore....[My tip would be] Try to meet lots of people – it will give you a feel for the different types of roles and organisations within science communication. It's a friendly field, full of people who like talking and meeting others.

Graduate Case Study: Dylan Casella

Head of Acquisitions and Co-Productions, Off the Fence, London, UK.



What was your top 'take away' from your science communication programme at UWE?

Immerse yourself in all aspects of the course, be a sponge - be curious and soak up everything you can, you never know what might be handy in the future. Whilst there may be specific modules that are where you really want to go in your career (for me that was the Science on Air and on Screen module) there are really valuable learnings across all of the modules and lots of crossover that you might not realise until you really get into it...I have film producers regularly reaching out to me just because they see my Science Communication MSc, and recognise the value of those skills in a very competitive industry. It's a badge I wear with pride!

Graduate Case Study: Sophie Pavelle

Communications Coordinator, Beaver Trust and Freelance Science Communicator, UK.



What was your top 'take away' from your science communication programme at UWE?

That 'science communication' can be a lot more creative than you think, and often more impactful for it!

Graduate Case Study: Jo Silva

Head of Communications, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Science, University of Oxford, UK.



What tip would you give to future students looking to develop a career in science communication?

Be open-minded. Say yes. Try a lot of different things.



Graduate Case Study: Paloma Salgado Tonda

Director of Experience Design, Interactive Museum of Economics, Mexico City, Mexico.

What were the benefits, for you of studying in Bristol?

I come from (and live in) a huge, chaotic, noisy, phenomenal, eccentric city. Moving to Bristol for a while, drastically changed my scenario, opened my eyes to other realities and gave me a bit of peace and silence that I much needed, without being bored or way too still. Bristol besides being beautiful, has so much to do, culturally and naturally that it gave me the perfect balance.

