

What next? Find out more about what happened next to UWE Science Communication graduates

of our 2013/14 graduates feel their qualification was the most important element required for



Watch graduate Patrick Aryee presenting the **BBC** series 'Super Senses'

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of 2013/14 graduates felt their experience prepared them well or very well for employment

science communication

pursue a PhD

100%\*

since 2003/4

The information presented here comes from data collected in 2016 based on UWE Science Communication Graduate's LinkedIn and online profiles (86% of graduates from 2003/4 onwards are included in this sample, N = 127). \*% come from our 2013/14 Destinations of Leavers of Higher Education data.

Of the 81% of students now working directly in science



communication roles...



28% now work in Research Councils. **Professional** Associations or Charities



16% now work in Universities and Research Centres



11% now work in industry





7% now work as freelance science

66% of graduates are female

34% of our graduates studied part-time

15% now work 23% now in the media work in as writers, Museums, communicators editors and Science 30 Centres and presenters Zoos 20 10

Here are just some of the organisations our graduates are now based at...

BBC Natural History Unit, The IET, NEMO Science Centre, STFC, Boston Museum of Science, Cardiff University, The MET Office, Gallomanor Communications, At-Bristol, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Cancer Research UK, Royal Academy of Engineering, Natural History Museum, BBSRC, Singapore Science Centre, Marine Stewardship Council, Science Museum, CERN, Ontorio Science Centre, University of Birmingham, Wellcome Trust, Ciencia Viva, Royal Society of Chemistry etc., etc., etc.



31% of our graduates are now working in senior, strategic or managerial roles

# Student Q & A

# LIFE AS A SCIENCE COMMUNICATION STUDENT

### Are you enjoying the programme?

Very much. I have enjoyed meeting other people in the field of science communication and the new graduates who have taken the course. I also enjoyed learning about the history and theory surrounding the discipline and being challenged on my views.

#### Are you learning a lot?

I am taking the course part-time as I already work in the field. I feel this course has been integral to my learning, the wider issues, the history and possible future directions. I now speak confidently to a number of different audiences including research students, academics, learned societies, government departments, and of course other science communicators.

#### Do you think it is a really good opportunity for the future?

I think for me to advance in this area having the masters will really help me - not only for the knowledge I have learned, but also to show that I am serious in learning about the area. It has also helped to give me a wider view of what others are doing, and new areas or innovative techniques.

### How are the classes during the year?

I like the block module format as it really allows the class to explore an issue in-depth, however by the time the next three day block comes around, it is easy to forget what has been discussed - part of the ongoing evening review! And of course this format works well with my full-time job as I don't have to commit to attending every week.

## Do you work alone or in groups?

Both - in some modules final assessment is based on group work projects and in others, essays, writings and presentations. Whenever the module is on, there is usually a Twilight Task which encourages people to work in groups, collaborate and then present. These usually are not marked, but feedback is given to help you improve your work.



12% of our graduates now work in Europe, in countries including Sweden, Germany and Italy

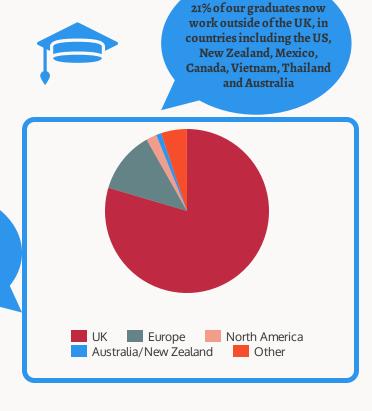
remain working in Bristol at the end of their programme







"The UK is still the leading nation in science communication... I decided to join UWE because the Science Communication Unit is very well established, with publications that I had already encountered before joining the course. Also I met some of the lecturers at public events outside of campus which gave me the confidence to choose the course." Shen, MSc, 2012.



"I had been working at a Science Centre for about 5 years...The Science Communication courses at UWE offer a wide range of science communication modules; from writing, to broadcasting to taking science communication directly to the public...I've re-joined Science Centre Singapore and have become involved with evaluation initiatives, which was something that I picked up from the course" Ling Ling, MSc, 2008.