



Christopher Styles

SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR

Work Experience

Project Officer- Marketing

SCICULTURE | DEC 2019-PRESENT

I was hired to work as a project officer for the Erasmus + project, **SciCulture**. A joint partnership with five European higher education institutes to promote a design thinking way of approach and encouraging collaboration between the arts, science and entrepreneurship. In this role I have produced and executed a marketing plan to expand the project reach and encourage enrolment onto the course, as well as writing articles and conducting interviews for the SciCulture blog.

Event Organiser- Science Communicator

SCIENCE IN THE CITY- UNIVERSITY OF MALTA | JUN 2019-PRESENT

A fantastic experience, collaborating with artists and researchers to present scientific concepts in a fun and hands-on fashion. Working within a small, dedicated team which organised, promoted and managed Malta's largest science and art festival, dedicated to "**The Science of YOU**". This was a fast-paced working environment that required high levels of creativity and organisations skills. Within this role I have written articles for the Research magazine "**THINK**" and for the "**Times of Malta**", as well as writing press releases and managing a number of social media accounts. I have also created promotional videos, voice-over for videos and produced and co-hosted a podcast for THINK. I am also part of a **Women in STEM** initiative to help encourage the uptake and long-term retention of women in these areas of research and careers.

Press Officer-Intern

SCIENCE MEDIA CENTER| NOV 2017-DEC 2017

I was invited to be an intern at the Science Media Centre, a press office dedicated to only working on current and most controversial science stories. By facilitating communication between the **UK's leading scientists** and the mainstream **news media** they ensure that these stories are not sensationalised or misrepresented to the public.

Personal Profile

Throughout my academic and professional career, I have harboured a real passion for scientific research and communicating interesting ideas to others. I enjoy learning new things, but I also enjoy the benefit that learning new things brings to developing myself and enhancing my interactions with those around me.

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(Examples of my work can be found here.)

Areas of Expertise

- Audio and Video production and editing using a range of editing software packages.
- Science communication and writing for a varied audience.
- Social media management.
- Event planning.
- People management.
- A wide knowledge of science from working in a multitude of STEM fields.
- Teaching and public speaking.
- Website management.

Life Science Technician

ANGLIAN WATER | 2015-2017

Working within a **highly specialised team**, I conducted **water quality analyses** in a highly regulated laboratory environment. I also monitored the environmental health of local watercourses. I also spent a week shadowing Anglian Water's Communications and Media team, allowing me a greater understanding of how the company engages with its customers.

Research Assistant

HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY | 2013-2015

I managed a **DEFRA funded project** to conduct research and to produce a crop management regime that would reduce the impacts of black-grass (*Alopecurus myosuroides*) on winter-sown crops. In this role I created an in depth literature review as well as a two-year investigation into the efficacy of various agricultural techniques. I was also invited to present at the 2015 **PlantSci** conference.

Education

Secondary Science Teaching PGCE

LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY |
2018-2019

Through Cheshire Vale Teaching Alliance-Schools direct Teacher Training scheme, I was placed in a number of local Secondary Schools to learn to teach the Science Curriculum through Key 3 Stage to 5.

Ecology and the Environment MSc

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY | 2010-2011

Master's project title: Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning provided by dung beetles in temperate grasslands

Zoology (Hons) BSc

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW | 2006-2010

Honour's project title: An investigation into the effects of the introduction of the Bullhead, *Cottus gobio*, on native river assemblages and fauna, in the Scottish river, the White Cart.

Voluntary Work

Media Assistant

PINT OF SCIENCE | 2016-2017

I worked with the communications and marketing team to build public awareness of the organisation and for the Pint of Science festival.

Invasive Species Intern

CHESHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST | 2012

I worked with the invasive species officers to organise volunteer events aimed at reducing the prevalence of invasive plant species around river environments in Cheshire.

Hobbies and Interests

- I have worked with a team of researchers to collect interesting facts for the BBC show QI.
- I have successfully completed a digital course on the Fundamentals of Digital Marketing organised by Google Digital Garage. I have been able to use what I have learnt here in my current role at SciCulture.
- I have an interest in design and have created posters and promotional material using a digital drawing pad and illustration software.
- I also enjoy life drawing and playing squash

References

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