



Science Communication: Online and Media Writing

Tutor Biographies

Andy Ridgway

Andy is a journalist of 20 years' experience, who has held senior editorial positions on popular science magazines. He was Deputy Editor of BBC Focus and launch Editor of Science Uncovered. He is still a freelance journalist, writing mainly for New Scientist, as well as being a Senior Lecturer in Science Communication at the University of the West of England, delivering courses on – among other things – science writing to MSc students and undergraduates.

Dr Emma Weitkamp

Emma is an Associate Professor in Science Communication at UWE with an interest in science writing. Her current research includes managing the Science for Environment Policy news alert service which provides the latest environmental research to policy makers around the world. The service has over 18,000 subscribers. She is currently part of the evaluation team for the Food Growing Schools: London project and runs science outreach projects in local schools. Emma also runs bespoke training in science writing and contributes to the Science Communication Masterclass run by the unit.

Ruth Larbey

Ruth works within the Science Communication Unit at UWE as Editor and Project Manager of Science for Environment Policy, a service that provides digestable environmental science news for policymakers. As well as having extensive experience as a journalist, she has provided training in communicating science for scientists and communications staff.

Dr Antony Hill

Antony is an Associate Head of Department at the University of the West of England with an extensive mathematical and statistical research background. He has 10 years' experience in successfully communicating statistics to a wide variety of audiences, both from scientific and non-scientific backgrounds.