



Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

SCAR Medal for Education and Communication 2020

Huw Griffiths

A specialist in polar marine biology, Dr Huw Griffiths has maintained a commitment to science education and communication throughout his career, sharing the wonder of polar science, particularly his own field of marine biology, with diverse audiences. He is an authentic and passionate advocate for making science understandable and available to everyone. He has demonstrated this commitment to educating future polar scientists via school visits and outreach events, connecting with students of all ages and giving minority students contact with Antarctic researchers. His work with policy makers has included participating in a UK Royal Society scheme where scientists shadow parliamentarians and co-educate to gain insights into how research findings can help inform policy making.

Huw is a great communicator via social media. As the lead editor of the international Pride in Polar Research twitter feed, he has helped to change the narrative around diversity and inclusion in polar science, to raise awareness, change behaviours and to bring the discussion into the open. By extending the reach of social media to minorities, he is educating vast audiences in polar science, as well as projecting an image of polar science as inclusive and welcoming to future scientists.

Steven L Chown
SCAR President

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