



Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research


SCAR Medal for Education and Communication 2022

Bethan Davies

Dr Bethan Davies is passionate about the communication of the polar regions, more specifically Antarctica's past, present and future. She was based at Royal Holloway University of London (moving to Newcastle University in August 2022) and expressed her passion through teaching, supervising postgraduate students and giving public talks, including at COP26.

Dr Davies wrote and developed the Antarctic Glaciers website (www.antarcticglaciers.org) as part of her commitment to outreach, education and communication. The website has more than 4 million views, averaging around 80,000 per month, and is a substantial resource for teachers, recognised with a Certificate of Excellence in Geological Education by the Geologists' Association. She leads the website, employing early-career colleagues to produce additional content. The website is supported by scientific and charitable organisations, including SCAR, Quaternary Research Association, Antarctic Science Bursary and the Geologists' Association.

Dr Davies and the website have been cited by global media, including The Guardian, New York Times, and Nature, as well as organisations such as NASA and the Royal Geographical Society. The website is used as a teaching resource by more than 20 universities and numerous schools. She has also been instrumental in getting funding for and producing educational activities, including a Polar Environments Day for 150 school students from diverse or lower socioeconomic backgrounds.


Dr Yeadong Kim
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