

# UEA Engagement Awards 2014/15

## STUDENT AWARDS



**Amelia Frizell – Armitage** - PhD student working in ENV and the John Innes Centre

Since beginning her PhD in October 2012 Amelia Frizell-Armitage has been pro-active in a wide range of outreach and public engagement activity; volunteering to help journalists communicate and represent science in the media, talking to and consulting with local wheat breeders about her research and engaging with local schools by taking part in science fairs and student visit days. Amelia was recently awarded a New Media Fellowship with the Global Plant Council in recognition of her ability to use social media to engage with policy makers, the agricultural industry as well as the general public.

**Ekky Imanjaya** - Post-Graduate Student, AMA

As a lecturer in film studies in Jakarta, Ekky Imanjaya realised that while ordinary audiences loved Indonesian “B” movies, they were neglected academically. For his PhD at UEA Ekky decided to open the films up for wider discussion, by organising a series of lectures, screenings, debates and panel discussions involving filmmakers, producers, film critics, and cinema managers in the Kineforum cinema, Jakarta. Students and local press contributed to the discussion. Ekky co-organised the London Indonesian Film Screenings in 2013 (planned again for October 2015 - see here for details) and engages with Twitter users with virtual lectures as well as a blog in a continued effort to involve Indonesian film enthusiasts, policy-makers and global scholars alike.



**UEA Student Society “Sexpression”, MED** (Group Student Award)

Since it was established in 2013, Sexpression UEA has formed strong links with the student union, UEA outreach and a number of local schools. The society has trained over 60 students, enabling them to act as facilitators in the community, teaching sex and relationship education. The last two years have seen trained members teach over 250 young people in topics ranging from Sexually Transmitted Infections and contraception to puberty and sexuality. Their sessions have consistently received positive feedback from the young people, teachers and other observers. The society has also collaborated with other student societies, such as Medsin and Femsoc to organise a two day Women’s Health conference. The event was a success and another is planned for next year. The society recently won the Sexpression:UK network award for best new branch as well as the 2014/15

union award for volunteering society of the year. Co-ordinator, Zak O'Brien was nominated for a union award for services to the union.

**Twitter:**@sexpressionuea, **Website:** [www.sexpression.org.uk](http://www.sexpression.org.uk), **School:** <https://www.uea.ac.uk/medicine>

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Kim Findlay** - Head of Bio-imaging facility at JIC and Senior Scientist in cell and developmental biology

In a 28 year career at the JIC, Kim Findlay has demonstrated sustained commitment, passion and enthusiasm for public engagement whether working as Impact Mentor to her colleagues or taking part in the Science Communication and Education programme at JIC. Extensive activity includes talks and demonstrations, science camps, co-presenting a live stage show, appearing on Gardener's World and putting on exhibitions. It was Kim's idea to host specific days for school visits to JIC with an accompanying website which could be used by students and teachers alike. Kim was recently awarded the Royal Microscopical society Vice President's medal for microscopy research and laboratory support and is now an honorary lecturer at UEA.



**Twitter:**@johnninescentre, BIOimaging Website, **School/Centre:**[www.jic.ac.uk](http://www.jic.ac.uk)

**Deborah Harrison**, Lecturer, HSC



Since 2011, Deborah Harrison has provided professional consultancy as an occupational therapist and mental health specialist for a wide variety of organisations in the field of contemporary military rehabilitation. Committed and sustained engagement with charities such as Race2Recovery, Surf Action and The Baton has helped them to understand how to best involve those with disabilities in their work as well as communicate goals to the general public. Important links have been made between UEA and the Armed Forces community as a result. Deborah has also advised charities on running successful digital marketing campaigns and will be contributing to the forthcoming Edith Cavell Centenary events.

**Dr Matt Hutchings**, Reader in School of Biology

Dr Matt Hutchings' work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been shared and promoted since 2012 with a blog plus TV, radio and press interviews and numerous exhibitions. In July 2014 "Leafcutter Ants and their Antibiotics" was exhibited at the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition and this was followed by media appearances on the BBC's One Show and Radio 4's PM. Matt also developed and presented the Antibiotic Hunters exhibit with JIC colleagues for the BBSRC Great



British Bioscience Festival 2014 and Big Bang Science Fair 2015. Matt developed a UEA microsite on Leafcutter Ants and Antibiotics with animations to explain the research and a live feed webcam on a captive leafcutter ant colony. In total Matt has raised £80,000 in his continuing efforts to develop interdisciplinary activities to engage non-scientists with important areas of contemporary biological science.



**Dr Victor Morgan**, Senior Lecturer in School of History, CSED

For the past 40 years, Vic Morgan has worked tirelessly to make the study of the past more accessible to a wide range of local families and communities as well as supporting local amateur scholars and professionals from the museum and archaeology services. Talks to local societies, organisations and museums have gone hand in hand with advice to organisations such as Norwich City Council with historical holographic projections on the castle walls. As a local history expert, Vic has contributed to a number of TV and radio programmes and has actively sustained local heritage by rescuing and surveying parish liturgical records.

**Twitter:**@uea\_csed, **School:** <https://www.uea.ac.uk/history>

**Professor Gillian Schofield** - Professor of Child and Family Social Work, Head of School, SWK



Professor Gillian Schofield is an internationally renowned social work scholar with particular expertise and impact in the field of fostering. In 2006 Gillian's research with her colleague Mary Beek led to the development and publishing of the Secure Base Model of caregiving for vulnerable children. Since that time Gillian has worked tirelessly to support the implementation of this attachment based model by a broad range of professionals. The model was recommended in a UK Government White Paper as a basis for training UK foster carers and it has now also been used to support and improve foster care practice in Europe, China, Vietnam and Thailand.

## PROJECT AWARDS



**Dr Chris Hanretty**, Reader in Politics, PPL

In 2014 Dr Chris Hanretty set up a website, together with colleagues from the London School of Economics and Durham University, publishing daily updates and forecasts of the election outcome, including the likely outcome in each seat. Electionforecast.co.uk led to partnerships with national and international media and Chris became BBC Newsnight's polling expert – appearing every other night in the week prior to the election. The forecasts have been used by public authorities, research departments in international banks and civil society organisations as well as publications such as the Financial Times and The Telegraph.



**Dr Martin Johnson** – Lecturer in Marine Science, ENV

The Marine Knowledge and Exchange Network (M-KEN) was founded in 2014 as a collaboration between academic research staff at the University of East Anglia and Cefas, regional industry and local SME's with the aim of developing a regional stakeholder marine network to inform research delivery and generate research impact. Now at two years old, M-KEN has gone from strength to strength. The network has grown to almost 1200 stakeholders with 4 academic directors, and provides a regional hub for marine communications and stakeholder engagement. A new website was launched in 2015 at [www.marineknowledge.org.uk](http://www.marineknowledge.org.uk), which includes blogs and a members zone for the benefit of a wide range of stakeholder groups. M-KEN facilitates the Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Network, a recently established network of coastal management practitioners and policy-makers from over 30 individual organisations. This network is working to develop a long-term (c.100 yrs) evidence based management plan for the East Anglian coastline which is facing unprecedented challenges as a result of climate change and sea level rise. M-KEN initially funded via the NERC Impact Accelerator grant, has subsequently submitted successful applications for additional funding to the ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund and the UEA Strategic Fund. More recently M-KEN was thrilled to be awarded NERC innovation funding for our project 'Blue Opportunities from the future: knowledge and tools to inform sustainable growth for an integrated terrestrial, coastal and marine zone economy.' This collaborative project between the University of East Anglia, Blue Ltd., the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Councils, the Environment Agency, Orbis Energy and the RSPB, is driven by a desire to better utilize NERC funded research to drive innovation and forward thinking in the delivery of future sustainable coastal management and economic growth. As we grow from strength to strength, M-KEN is also providing valuable relevant work experience for UEA students at undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as support for Pathways to Impact submissions for marine-related research grant applications. More information is available on our website and we're always keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved ([mken@uea.ac.uk](mailto:mken@uea.ac.uk)).



**Holly Leonard** - Central Events Manager

Universities Week June 2014 saw volcanologists at UEA and the University of Oxford on the West Lawn of the Natural History Museum “erupting” a scale model of the Soufriere St Vincent volcano to demonstrate how volcanology can be applied to reduce risk and save lives. UEA Central Events Manager Holly Leonard was involved at all stages from applying for funding and negotiating many and varied health and safety discussions to attending for a week of co-ordinating volunteers, a special effects team, UUK and Museum staff as well as managing external relations with VIP visitors and passers-by. Holly's professionalism and creative input significantly contributed to the success and impact of the event.

**Dr Nicole Gross-Camp and Dr Iokiñe Rodriquez** – (Joint Project Award) Research and Senior Research Fellows, DEV



Drs Nicole Gross-Camp and Iokiñe Rodriquez have led a pioneering UEA initiative for the co-production of seven videos together with communities and indigenous organisations from Bolivia and Tanzania. The videos were conceived as part of an ESRC-funded research grant to explore issues of environmental injustice in forest management in the region. The films have provided an important space for the communities to reflect together on issues of environmental injustice, voice their concerns to wider audiences, as well as provided a unique insight for the research team. The videos have further contributed to a MOOC on Environmental Justice that attracted 5000 learners and have inspired a similar project in China.

## CHAMPION AWARD



**Dr Jason Chilvers** - Senior Lecturer in Environment, Science and Society, ENV

Dr Jason Chilvers is an internationally leading participatory researcher, practitioner, and educator with over 15 years of experience in the public engagement field, specializing in areas of science, innovation and the environment. Since his arrival at UEA in 2009 Jason has advocated and developed more critical and reflective approaches to engagement, including the dialogue based “Deliberative Mapping” process which empowers citizens to engage with scientists and policy makers in addressing pressing issues such as climate change, emerging technologies, waste, and natural hazards. Jason has worked at local, national, and international levels for a range of academic, business, government, and non-governmental organizations; from the EPSRC and DEFRA to the United Nations. Jason has developed a long-term programme in the scholarship and pedagogy of engagement which ranges from delivering training workshops for science organisations (such as the Institute for Food Research) through to embedding engagement into the curriculum at UEA. He has published widely on these themes including the forthcoming *Remaking Participation: Science, Environment and Emergent Publics* (2015, Earthscan-Routledge).