

A SCIENTIST JUST LIKE ME



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Hi there! I am Dr Sarah Bearchell – A children's science writer and presenter



Where do I work?

I am a freelance writer and presenter, so I work for lots of different people. I do my science writing at home, but I also visit schools and science festivals all over the country.

What did I like doing when I was at school?

I enjoyed most subjects, but science was always the clear winner!

What do I like doing in my spare time?

I enjoy exploring the countryside with my children, Nova the dog and a picnic – which should always contain cake....or at least chocolate.

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What do I do as a children's science writer/presenter?



I write about science for different children's magazines. It's fun to invent experiments and answer children's questions. I also design science activities and take them to schools and science festivals. I like to make experiments and equipment which work for everyone!

How does what I do make the world a better place?

Any child I work with could grow up to become an amazing future scientist who solves an important world problem. They might be the noisiest or the quietest person in the room, you never know. If I can spark them into becoming a scientist, then I'll have done my job!

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What I like about my job

I get to meet all sorts of interesting people. Listening to them and learning from their experiences helps me to make my work better so I can make science appealing to more people. I enjoy the satisfaction of seeing everyone joining in with an experiment.



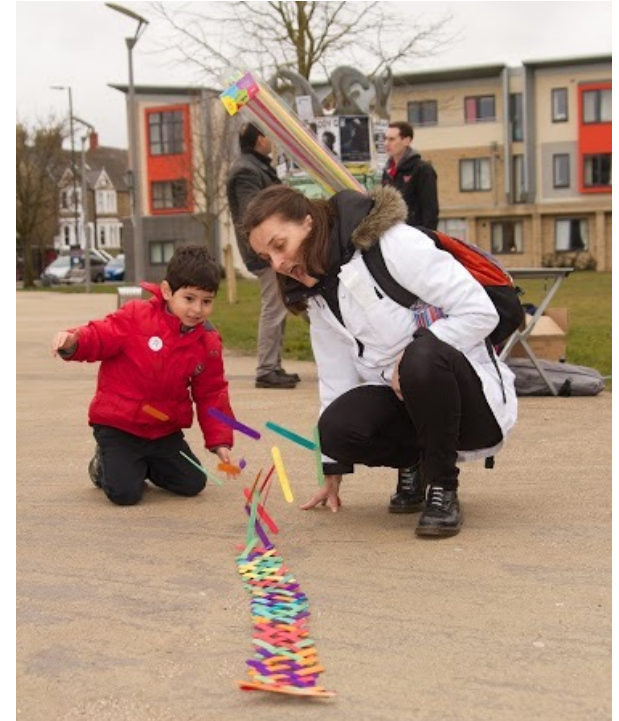
Challenges I have faced

At my secondary school it was unusual for girls to study science and maths. My teachers were really encouraging and helped me have the confidence to apply to university.

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If you want to be a children's science writer and presenter, you need:

- ✱ **to love different kinds of science**
- ✱ **creativity** for inventing activities. Some of my favourites I have invented are The Sheep of Awesomeness, Carrotpatra (a mummified carrot) and a Colour Changing Dragon's Blood Potion.
- ✱ **to be interested in people** so you can learn how to make things work for them



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Discussion time

- ✦ Would you like to be a children's science writer and presenter like Dr Sarah Bearchell?

Why? Why not?

- ✦ What skills and interests do you already have that would help you become a children's science writer and presenter?
- ✦ What new skills and knowledge would you need to develop?



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