



Hester Whyte

Communication & dissemination

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About me

“What I find interesting and enjoy is working with people and taking, often complex information, and ‘translating’ this into a user-friendly format. I like designing and developing for different audiences and learning about new ways to best get messages & information across. The challenge lies in producing something useful so it outlives project end dates and creates lasting legacies.”

PROFILE

Hester Whyte has 14 years’ work experience in science communication and dissemination, and in office and project management. She has worked on several EU-funded coastal management and climate change projects designing (mainly web-based) education and information materials. Outside Europe she has worked with regional coastal management projects in Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey and St. Lucia. Her current work is focused on project outreach and distance learning tools - web-based as well as in print- for audiences ranging from higher education students to EU coastal policy makers.

Between 2000 and 2006 Hester worked at the International Project Office of the Land-Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone project (core project of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme and the International Human Dimensions Programme on global environmental change). She worked as office manager, as well as science communication and dissemination which latterly became her principle role, for the project which was first based in the Netherlands and later in Germany.

KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE (Languages 1=notions to 5=excellent)

Science Communication	Dutch: speaking - 5, reading - 5, writing - 5
Project & Office Management	English: speaking - 5, reading - 5, writing - 5
Climate Change Adaptation	German: speaking - 4, reading - 4, writing - 3
Design & development	

QUALIFICATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Bachelor degree in Cultural & Societal sciences, Hogeschool Rijn-Delfland, The Hague, The Netherlands - Specializing in Educational Media incorporating communication, desktop publishing, art & culture, societal science, marketing and management (1997)

Science communication course, University of Maryland, Centre for Environmental Science, USA - Using Adobe InDesign and Illustrator software to visualise & communicate science (2006)

Adobe InDesign CS5 course, IT Training Solutions, UK (2012)

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