CAREER Spotlight



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INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Hi I'm Meryl Batchelder, I'm 57 and I live on a regenerative smallholding in Northumberland. I'm a climate education communicator, a role I sort of created for myself.



WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR JOB?

I'm the education lead for a tiny company (just me and my husband) running environmental STEM projects in schools, and I also work as the North East regional lead for the Ministry of Eco Education and the Young Green Briton Challenge. Much of my work involves going into schools to train teachers and enable young people to take action, but I also write blogs and vlogs, present at conferences, speak at music festivals, meet amazing people, and organise events. No two days are the same.

HOW DID YOU GET EXPERIENCE?

I was already working as a teacher when I found online courses, like the UN Climate Change teacher modules, that gave me the knowledge and confidence to develop a role supporting schools to deliver high-quality climate education. I've been doing this for 10 years, but I wouldn't call myself an expert, I'm still learning something new every day.

QUICKFIRE INFO

TOP 3 SKILLS

- Communication
- Enthusiasm
- Bringing joy into climate education

QUALIFICATIONS

- BSc Geology
- PhD Environmental Science
- PGCE Secondary Science

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE NEXT?

Not retirement so maybe it's to help make Climate Education go mainstream

YOUR BEST BIT OF ADVICE

Follow your heart, not the money. I'll never be rich, but my job satisfaction is off the scale.

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