

A photograph of children in a science laboratory setting, wearing white lab coats and blue gloves, working with test tubes and equipment. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

**native
scientists**

10 years

Broadening the Horizons of Children
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Introduction

Dear reader,

Native Scientists is turning 10 years old!.

Our journey started with two young women who acted to see the world not as it is, but as it could be. A world where every child can reach their full potential irrespective of their background. A world where no child goes through the school education system without ever meeting a scientist.

Thus, Native Scientists emerged and soon after this... Surprise! The world is full of people that resonate with the same vision and mission.

From here begins the story of a community, a community of passionate and dedicated people willing to broaden the horizons of children through science.

Looking back today, it's difficult to explain what we feel right now, observing the impact that Native Scientists has had on the lives of so many people coming from very different backgrounds, life experiences and countries.

Reading your testimonials, we became aware of something amazing, which kept us smiling line after line, word after word.

Somehow, Native Scientists has stayed with all of us, much more than we could have expected.

The testimonials collected in this book come from students, scientists, teachers, partners, supporters and core team members... People who are very different from each other but share a common transformative experience: being a Native Scientist is not only about changing the lives of children, but also about letting oneself be changed.

This book is, therefore, our collective photograph, a humble snapshot of 100 life paths that are intertwined thanks to a common purpose.

The book is organised in alphabetical order and we invite you to read the various testimonials noting the names, the professional backgrounds, the type of engagement established with us and, most importantly, the feelings and wishes that emerge through the selected citations.

What unites us is our drive to do great work for the benefit of society. Join us in celebrating that, throughout the last 10 years, we have made science a possibility for more than 6,000 children.

Cheers,

The Native Scientists community



2014 – Joana & Tatiana
Founders of Native Scientists



2014 – 1st anniversary
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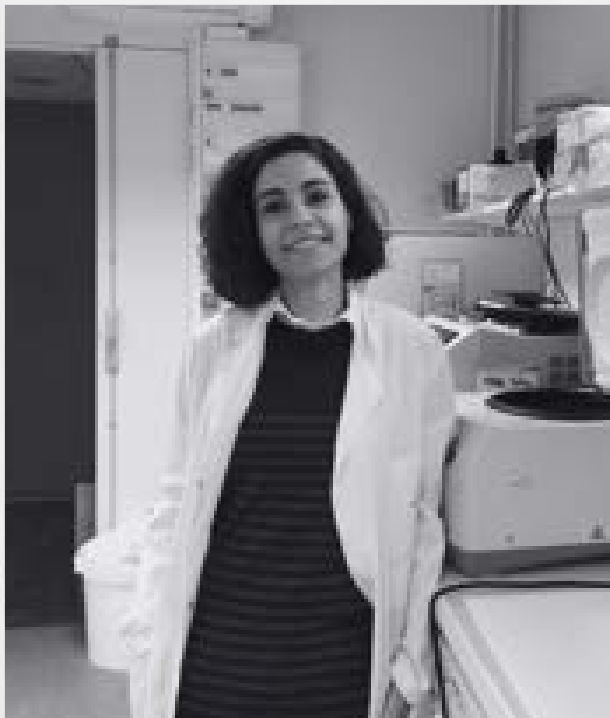
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A chance to
dream



Adriana Petrazzuolo

CRC

Joined Native as...

Scientist

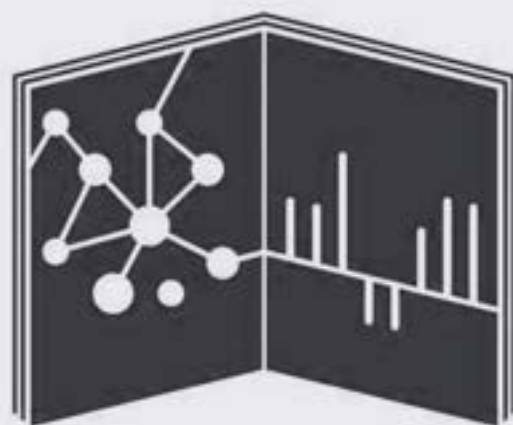
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I joined Native Scientists in 2018 thanks to a friend who was looking for Italian speaking scientists in Paris. I have two dearest memories. The first one is the fun, amazement and curiosity I used to see in children when we delivered our workshops. The second is the drawing of a child that drew a female scientist working in a lab. I felt we made her think science is possible for women. The workshops I joined or organized were a great fuel to my motivation to pursue science as a career. Native Scientists' work changed lives of many children and scientists and I wish it continues to do that

Happy Anniversary!!



AISUK Association of Italian
Scientists in the UK

Joined Native as...

Partner

in

UK

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The partnership between AISUK and Native Scientists has grown over the years, with many AISUK members regularly participating in the activities organised by Native Scientists. Being the Association of Italian Scientists in the UK, it is extremely important to have a partner such as Native Scientists, which promotes bilingual activities and connections between countries. Outreach and science communication are cornerstones of AISUK's activities, and the partnership fosters them

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Alicia Calvo-Villamañán

CNB-CSIC

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

France

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“My best memory with Native is the first workshop I joined. A few girls came to speak to me in the end of the workshop and handed me a drawing they had done of me in which they had wrote "when I grow up I want to be a scientist like Alicia". Made me really believe that some of the kids we work with will end up pursuing STEM partially because of us. The fact that they were girls was also very important to me, as I know the importance of having examples in one's life. Several times I have been reminded of my love for science thanks to these workshops. Without the support of Native Scientists, I don't think I would have pursued my career as a scientific illustrator

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Ana Carolina Alves Vicente
Universidade Federal Fluminense

Joined Native as...

Manager

**native
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“If somebody had told me that a LinkedIn post would lead me to an amazing experience, I wouldn’t believe. I’ve developed important skills for my career, and the teams’ confidence in my work made me believe in myself. I’m so thankful for it.

Being part of your team enriched my vision of Science Communication and my role in communicating science. It’s noticeable how your programmes play an important role to social inclusion through STEM education. I’m proud to say I was part of the Native Scientists family

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Ana Catarino

Flanders Marine Institute

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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scientists**

Funny story: I had just moved from Belgium to Edinburgh, and read a news piece about one of the co-founders of Native. I was so impressed that I told myself that I'd love to be part of this project. So I found her online, sent an email, they forwarded my email to a bunch of other Portuguese living in Edinburgh and that's how I started! I organized the very first Scottish Native Schools session in 2014 :) I made a lot of friends thanks to Native Scientists, this was very important to me. I also learned a lot, in terms of work, communications skills, project management... Native gave me a more in-depth view into aspects of diversity and inclusion. It has been a great journey! I wish that Native Scientists continues to bring together such amazing and beautiful people. It's good to be part of an organization that keeps us rooted and gives us a sense of purpose. I'm sure Native's future is bright!

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Cheers to
everyone involved!



Ana Faro

Royal Veterinary College

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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Native Scientists offered me the opportunity to reconnect with my activist roots as an advocate for social equity and the democratic access to quality education for all. It was amazing to see the transformation in the kids' attitudes throughout the workshops. They would now consider becoming scientists. Native Scientists is doing valuable work, providing positive role models, bringing more visibility to scientists from all backgrounds and empowering children to pursue their dreams. My involvement with Native provided me with a level of personal fulfilment that I wasn't then finding in my research. Sometimes we can get caught up in technical minutiae and end up living in our own bubbles. Had it not been for Native, I would have not realised the desire for a career change into the field of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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Ana Figuereido

Camões Institute



The children were completely amazed and engaged during your session! Continue your amazing work

Joined Native as...

Teacher

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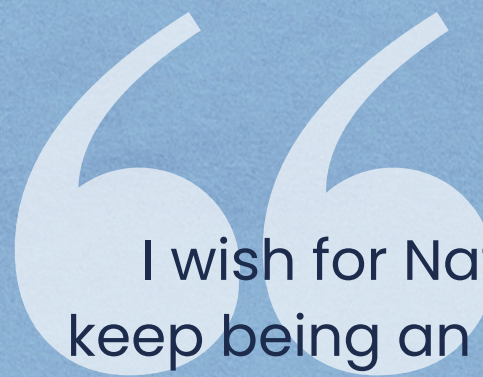
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Ana Marta Capaz
Sorbonne University



I wish for Native Scientists to keep being an example of how science entrepreneurship and communication can create true, deep, useful, and beautiful impacts on the future of our society: children!

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

France

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Ana Raquel Santa Maria

Harvard University

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Hungary

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“Native Scientists is an amazing project that I hope continues to reach incredible milestones and its success continues to grow. Keeping scientists around the world and children motivated is the most important thing

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Ana Raquel Silva

Graphic designer

Joined Native as...

Manager

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I feel that Native gives me some opportunities to work on my most creative side and that is definitely rewarding. Also working with a dynamic team and with people from all corners of the world is something that I definitely appreciate. I hope it continues to mark the lives of all children through science

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Heartful and
passionate



Ana Rubio

Fundacion Jiménez Díaz

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Ireland

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I started being coordinator of Spanish in Dublin because a friend of mine was coordinator of French and told me about it. I

loved it from the very beginning, it has been very important to me in different levels. It gave me the opportunity to meet great professionals. Also, it meant a boost in my career and gave me the opportunity to transition from science

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Ana Santos Almeida

Instituto de Medicina molecular

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Ireland

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Congrats on keeping Native at the forefront of science education and inclusion. When we hosted the first-ever Portuguese science event in Ireland, I was heavily pregnant and could barely move. Still, I had loads of fun, and the response we received from the community was overwhelming. It remains a great memory

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Ana Teles

Max Planck Institute

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Germany

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I loved the first workshop, the first contact with the kids and teachers, their curiosity and reactions. A lunch with the scientists after that workshop also gave me the opportunity of getting to know them better and they actually became close friends of mine ♥

The most important thing for me are the people I have been meeting and the personal relationships that I have been establishing so far. It is an amazing team, with a sense of community. At a professional level, I have been acquiring so many valuable skills, such as team building, communication, project managing. It's amazing how this experience has helped me to grow in many directions

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Anna Napolitano
Imperial College London

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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I first meet Joana when she was doing her PostDoc at Imperial College and together with Tatiana was creating Native Scientists. So I decided to give it a go. This was 2014...

I'm still part of the Native family! When I first started with Native I was working in the lab, but already knew that career was not for me. Having worked with Native, now as a blog manager, is one of the reason I got my current job! I wish Native to live a long and happy life

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Annachiara Rosa

Imperial College London

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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I first found out about Native when I met the Italian project manager and I got involved in one of the workshops as a mentor. After that, I just could not but signing up as a volunteer every time there was a workshop! Now, 6 years later, I am the Italian coordinator of the Native Scientists' workshops in London. After one of the workshops, the kids wanted to HUG me! It was so rewarding and emotional! Native Scientists has helped to remind myself the power of wonder that I see in kids' eyes at every single workshop. Sometimes spending too much time locked up in a lab makes you lose this beauty... you need to look up! Native Scientists has also meant to me the perfect way to link the past and the future. The past is the place I belong, my roots, my mother tongue while the kids are the future!

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Here's to another
10+ years!



Joined Native as...

Partner

in

Germany

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“Congratulations on ten years!
We have no doubt that the
partnership evolved in a
positive way, since it enabled
both Native Scientists and
ASPPA to reach more children
and scientists. We hope that
Native Scientists can help
science/language education
as well or better than it has
done so far, for another 10 years
or more!

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Beatriz Amado

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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During my Master's thesis, I was working in a lab when I first met Native. I've always been a great defender of equity. So, naturally, I have instantly become a fan of Native Scientists' work. A few months later, I saw an opening as Community Manager at Native and here I am! Being able to land this role at Native has gave me the confidence to realize that we can be many things. After starting my thesis, I realized I didn't want my professional life to be in a lab. Working at Native Scientists gathers a lot of skills that I have or want to develop and allows me to still use my scientific background. Besides, being able to see the impact of our work directly, makes me proud of working in a place with such an inspiring mission! I hope more scientists participate in our projects, because explaining science to children can be both rewarding and give them a new sense of purpose and even new ideas!

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Bruno Teixeira de Sousa

European Space Agency

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Germany

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What always amazed me about the Native Scientists' events are the questions I get asked by the kids. To answer them brings you in a world of fantasy and possibilities, and both the kid and myself get so excited about it.

And then it's how for some kids the experience of being told about science is so rewarding and enjoyable, and their eyes are bright and their faces happy. Children with certain migrant background have less access to a scientific career, and often there are many barriers to the usage of their heritage language. Therefore, they are always amazed to realize that it can be used by scientists and experts. It also impressed me the way the events were so well prepared and the support available to onboard the mentors was so professional. I wish you don't ever compromise on the quality of the events you organize

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Carina Santos

Cancer Research Horizons

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

France

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I was the person who took the responsibility for organizing and managing the Native Scientists' workshops, which ended up being the first time Native Scientists' activities were organized outside of the UK. It was always very rewarding seeing the enthusiasm of the children as well as of the parents, who would show up for the activities, when engaging with the scientists

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Carla Guerreiro
Instituto Camões

Joined Native as...

Teacher

in

Germany

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I took part in a workshop as a teacher, but I also ended up learning almost as much as the students. It was my first experience of this kind and I highly recommend it. The exchange of information, the input, and the output. Dialogues, enthusiasm, curiosity showed by everyone. Its singularity. At least for me it was one of a kind. The scientists were all well prepared and were able to captivate the attention of every single student. I wish they never stopped doing this

Happy Anniversary!!

“I loved it!”



Catarina da Silva Pechincha

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Germany

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I enjoyed being the bridge
between teachers and
scientists. It made me very
happy and fulfilled to witness
the happiness of teachers by
having scientists sharing their
work with their students

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Catarina Miranda

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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I got involved with Native under the RAISE project, and my best memories are seeing how happy and excited the children were in the European Researchers' Night and the time spent with the team at SciComPT 2023. Being able to see first-hand the importance and impact of our work on the community and children has been a privilege. Here I had the opportunity to develop several skills, namely improving my designs, communicating to different entities and age groups and learning more about how an NGO works. I wish Native can get more funding so that it can have an even greater impact on society. I wish for the team and community to continue to grow and for Native to achieve all the goals it sets out to accomplish

Happy Anniversary!!



Catarina Novo

Instituto de Telecomunicações

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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“My dearest memory of the years I volunteered with Native Scientists in Scotland, being mentor and project manager, is the happiness of the children while performing the science activities. The fact that they could speak science related subjects in their mother tongue was new for them and for scientists as well. Our collaboration also allowed me to develop different ways of doing science outreach and to contribute to increase the curiosity of the pupils for science related subjects. I wish that Native Scientists strengthens the programmes and partnerships already existent and that they can multiply the collaborations to reach as many pupils as possible

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Charlotte Schulze

German Saturday School Hackney

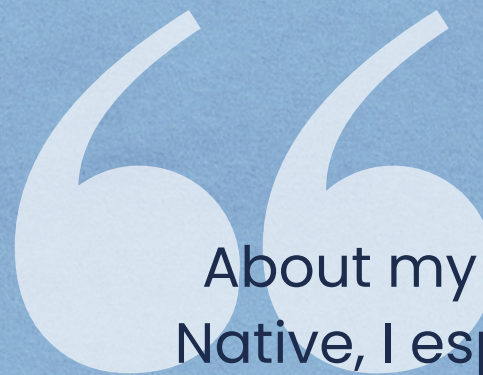
Joined Native as...

Teacher

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About my experience with Native, I especially enjoyed when the pupils were engaged in the isolation of DNA from onions. It combined my two passions as a university science lecturer and community language teacher!

Such a transferable and versatile project. I hope our collaborations will continue!

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Cordula Weiss

Novartis Pharma GmbH

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Ireland

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Native Scientists was the perfect way for me to combine my love for science with my love for languages. I can still remember big smiles and great fun all around while simultaneously discussing quite complex scientific concepts. I became more aware of teaching apparently non-combinable topics in a playful way

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It's like a virtuous
circle!



Danae Patsiou
HCMR

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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I still remember the joy and enthusiasm in the faces of the students when they were watching a little snail under the microscope. Since Native Scientists, I am always involved one way or another with educational activities along with my work as a researcher. I wish Native Scientists continues to use science as the common language that brings everyone together

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Daniela Sequeira

UZH/ETH

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Switzerland

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I was looking for science communication opportunities in Switzerland, during my PhD. The first workshop I organized was very special. I loved watching the children being so engaged, curious and asking really smart questions. It was quite an important experience for me in order to reaffirm that I still enjoy Science and that my professional path is important and relevant to society. Furthermore, it really helped me decide about my next professional step

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Joined Native as...

Partner

in

UK

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“Since the very first meeting we were able to identify synergies between DANinUK and Native Scientists and we hope our partnership will allow Dutch-speaking children to be inspired by scientists for many more years to come. We are very proud to be part of this partnership as it will allow us to promote science and language communication and connect with children. We hope Native Scientists will continue to promote diversity and science in the next decade using their unique and effective methods and inspire many more children and scientists

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Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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I first got involved when I was doing my undergraduate degree and saw a call for volunteers on the university volunteering page. I reached out to become a workshop coordinator for Greek in London as there were not any at the time. I wish Native Scientists to continue inspiring young children and making science education accessible

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Eugenia Rodrigues

Lusofonias Oficinas de Português

Joined Native as...

Teacher

in

UK

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I am a founder member of Lusofonias-Oficinas de Português, Edinburgh, which aims to create a learning environment where the language is both alive and lived by those who learn it. When Native Scientists visited us, they brought stars and planets, rocks, the human and other bodies, cells, and chemical elements. We really appreciate the pure joy of every single person involved in the project

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“It was

heartwarming



Joined Native as...

Partner

in

Europe

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“The organization's commitment in promoting science education and supporting scientists from diverse backgrounds has been a source of inspiration for us. We have been privileged to work with Native Scientists through our FeSTEM project (<https://festemproject.eu/>), and we have always been impressed by their professionalism, creativity, and dedication to their mission. Together, we have been able to expand inclusivity and diversity in STEM. We hope that their work will continue to inspire and empower future generations

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Florence Herisson

CRVB/APC

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Ireland

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“Every time I love to see the face of the children discovering new projects and being so enthusiastic about it. Native Scientists gave me the chance to meet new people (scientists, parents, organisations) and some of them became great friends. At a professional level, it helps me to develop organisation and public engagements skills that are essentials in research

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Francesco Guarracino

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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I can't express the happiness I felt when I found I was going to join Native Scientists, since it's exactly what I was looking for. My dearest memory of Native Scientists is the first workshop I witnessed. I remember teachers, children and the scientist smiling together, and the children expressing a deep curiosity that I could not expect before. I loved that day. For it's 10th anniversary, I wish Native to keep growing it's impact and network as it did so far. To Native's people, I wish them to be as inspired as I've been by being part of such a visionary community

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Gabriel Mallows

Consultant

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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As a coordinator for French in the UK, my dearest memory is watching an engineer explaining to a group of primary school children how to go about building safe and sturdy bridges using foam blocks. The support of Native's team gave me the confidence I would need later that year as I started my career

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Gonçalo Faustino
CIED

Joined Native as...

Manager

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“The meetings with the team of Native have always been moments of incredible growth for me. Reflecting on the impact that Native Scientists has, got me thinking that one day, when I become a teacher, I'll want my students to be able to dream about being scientists

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Keep flourishing



Hania Tayara
Royal Society of Chemistry

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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I got in touch with Native by coming across my friend Lara's post (who was a coordinator in Paris), which said that Native Scientists was looking for an Arabic coordinator in London. My best memory is my first Sci Comm article published in March 2022, in the Native Scientists blog! My experience with Native Scientists was discussed in depth at my interview for the job I'm currently in (which I love), and I really feel it's this experience that gave me an edge over other applicants. I think Native Scientists brings a lot of joy through connecting with likeminded people.

It's a space created where our professional identities as scientists and science communicators no longer have to be separated from our personal and cultural identities. The initiative shows the strength of bringing our different worlds together

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Henrique Pereira

Instituto Superior Técnico

Joined Native as...

Manager



The team was very young and everyone wanted the programme to be a success and creativity was bubbling. The workshop I assisted was in a very small school, and it was a lovely time. It reinforced the idea that proper education is key to society

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Hugo Macedo

Silico Life

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

UK

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The idea for Native Scientists was born while we were organizing an event for the Portuguese diaspora in London, back in 2012. What truly stood out to me about Native Scientists was its special way of encouraging children to explore science while also embracing their bilingualism. It also allows scientists a wider view of the world. My ultimate hope is for Native Scientists to keep empowering young minds

Happy Anniversary!!



Inês Tomás

King's College London

I clearly remember the reaction of pupils after they saw an actual chicken heart beating real-time. It was priceless. Volunteering at Native Scientists gave me a mission to share my path in Science

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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Joana Bordalo

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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I have joined Native Scientists to do an internship during the second year of my master's degree in Science Communication. I then became the Same Migrant Community Programme Manager, and later co-founded the Same Home Town Programme, which I am currently leading. It's such a luck being part of an organization with a great mission, purpose, and environment. And I bring with me all the enthusiasm, great feedbacks and energy that we generate! My first steps were made here and I am extremely grateful for being part of Native's history

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Keep going!



Joana Lourenço

European Food Safety Authority

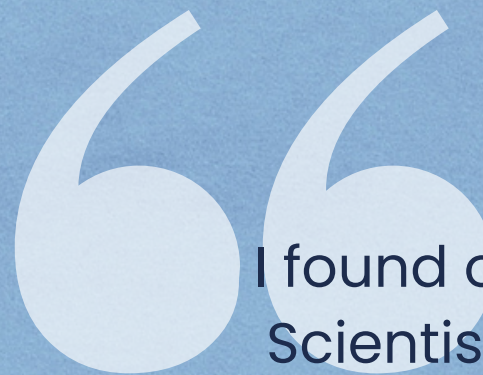
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I found out about Native Scientists even before it established itself. It was meant to be a one-off, but someone dared to “dream” bigger and invest a lot of effort to nurture the project. I wish you plenty of success and the same strong will. Basically another 10 years of Native being Native

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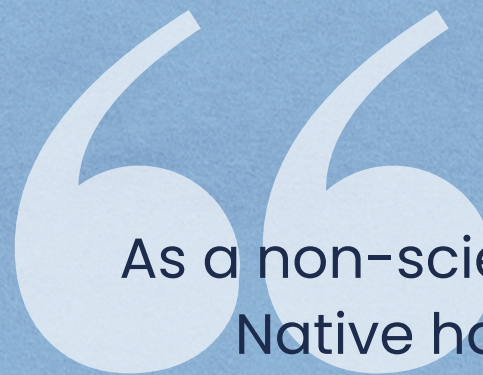
Joana Passas

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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As a non-scientist, working at Native has allowed me to understand the true impact that science has on children and their development. It has also allowed me to expand my skills and learn from people with a different background than me. I wish for Native to keep growing, reaching its goals, and to keep touching the lives of children and scientists

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João Aguiar

Magikbee

Joined Native as...

Manager

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“Since 2017, I've been working with Native Scientists. I must indicate two main team gatherings which allowed me to connect personally with so many volunteers at Native, that gave me a better understanding about its vision and made me feel proud of Joana. Working daily with Native and its team brought me a lot of beneficial changes both in personal and professional life. I am today a person that is more focused on helping others than I was in the past and that is because I truly embraced some of the Native's values. Consequently, I improved several professional skills such as work organization, goals setting and communication

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José Santos

Microsoft

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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Keep inspiring the younger generation and I wish many more anniversaries to come!

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Kasia Siudeja

I2BC

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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“When I met Native Scientists, I had my first child, and I was very sensitive to the question of how to raise my kids in a bilingual environment. The values of Native Scientists were, and still are, very close to my heart. Most of all, I wish that, one day, some of the many Native’s pupils become Native Scientists themselves!

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Keep the spark
alive



Katarzyna Ciałowicz

Microscopy Core, ISMMS

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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My best memory at Native Scientists is the amazed faces of kids when I was telling them about diabetes, microscopes, and fluorescence. For them, it was like magic, and for me feeling like a magician for that short moment was priceless. Being a part of Native Scientists made me fall in love with outreach engagement

Happy Anniversary!!



Kathrin Marshall-Lauber

School teacher

Joined Native as...

Teacher

in

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“There are many cross curricular approaches but to meet a scientist in person is something you don’t forget. My dearest memory of Native Scientists is from a German scientist explaining the function of a lung. She brought in a plastic bottle in which the students breathed in to measure the volume. It’s great to see the network you have created!

Happy Anniversary!!



Kerstin Beer

Physics and biology teacher

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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“Scientists were so excited speaking about their science in their native language! It was amazing to see students smiling when scientists surprised them with their experiments. It has always been in my mind to become a teacher of science. So, I finally took the step and changed career. Thank you, Joana, thank you Native Scientists

Happy Anniversary!!



Lara Alegre

University of Edinburgh

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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Prior to collaborating with Native Scientists, my focus was primarily on promoting science rather than integrating it with a language. It was extremely rewarding to be able to inspire students to keep a second language alive, all thanks to the incredible power of science!

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Lara Al-Zouabi
Université Clermont Auvergne

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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I was a PhD student in Paris, and my dear lab-mate Kasia Siudeja told me about the outreach she was doing with Native as a coordinator for Polish. I realised what a wonderful opportunity it would be to set up the very first Native workshop in Arabic! My dearest memory is seeing that beautiful curiosity glistening in children's eyes. Native Scientists for me was an embodiment of fostering the gift of bilingualism and biculturalism in other children. Native also put me in contact with incredible people who inspired me and continue to inspire me every day

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Memories I'll
always cherish



Laura Lemos

Undergraduate Student

Joined Native as...

Student

in

UK

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I got in touch with Native Scientists as a pupil, at the age of 9-10. I remember the workshop we did because it was one of the most fun and memorable classes during my time in Portuguese classes. It further stimulated my interest in the Portuguese language because I was fascinated with learning science in Portuguese rather than the norm of science classes

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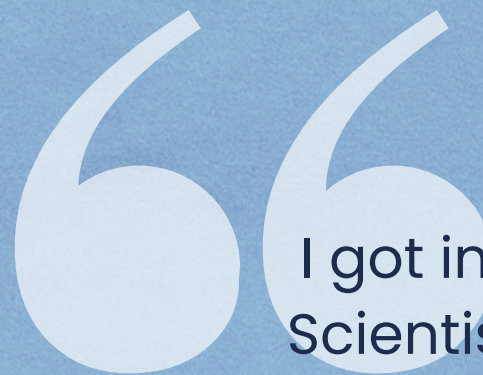


Lidia Rubio

Marketing Manager

Joined Native as...

Manager



I got involved in Native Scientists thanks to my colleague Tatiana Correia. Thanks to Native Scientists, I understand how important it is to show pupils different role models. I hope Native Scientists spreads, as their job is really important to society

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Lorenzo Melchor

European Commission

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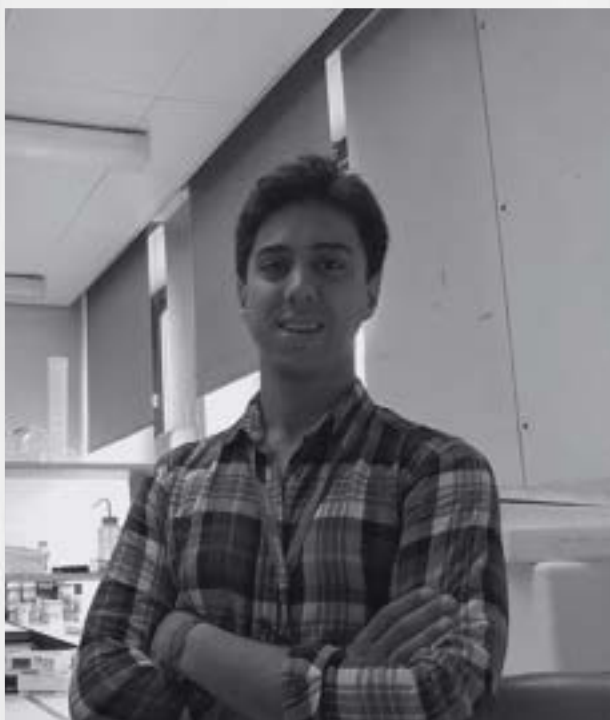
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As founding president of the Society of Spanish of Researchers in the United Kingdom (SRUK/CERU), when I firstly heard about Native Scientists, instantly I knew it was a venture worth supporting. I have good memories of one anniversary of Native Scientists where many of the people who made Native Scientists a reality attended. For me the most gratifying thing was getting to know how committed they were to make a change in the lives of our children through education, inspiration, and the use of great professional role models. The spirit of the team is inspiring

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Manuel Remesal Gonzalez

Universidad Europea de Madrid

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“My involvement with Native began because I observed that many of my colleagues and relatives had children living in countries other than their own, and in some cases these children faced challenges in learning science due to language barriers. I remember that at the beginning of the workshop, children were shy and somewhat disinterested, but as it progressed, they began actively participating and ask questions. Thanks to Native Scientists, I have learned to convey complex scientific concepts in a clear and accessible way

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Maria Angeles Nuñez Sanchez

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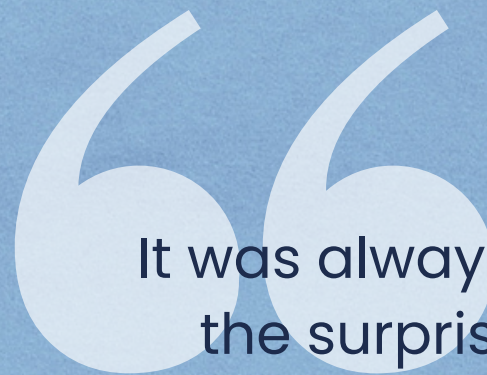
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It was always exciting to see the surprise expression on pupils' faces when performing the experiments and discovering that science can be fun and inspirational. Native Scientists had a major impact at both personal and professional levels

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Native scientists
serve as role
models



Maria-Jose Martinez-Bravo

University College London

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I volunteered for Native Scientists as a mentor and then coordinator for the Spanish language. The online workshops were very interesting, since we could reach children who were not based in London, making the whole experience more inclusive. Native Scientists helped to reconnect with the science we encounter in our daily life

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Mariana RP Alves

Cartas com Ciência

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Germany

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At the time, it was very important for me to gain experience and Native Scientists later incubated *Cartas com Ciência* in the first years of this initiative. I have fond memories of the workshops and connecting Native to people or institutions. I wish that Native maintains its current stability and sustainability so that in the next ten years it can deepen its work by centering on those who are most underserved

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Mariana Simões

Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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Native Scientists gave me the opportunity to network with a lot of people from different cultures but with the same mindset of making the world a better place, where everyone has access to scientific education regardless of their socio-economical or cultural backgrounds

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Marie-Victoire Guillot-Sestier

University College Dublin



My dearest memory with Native is the creativity of pupils when it comes to the drawing contest. Native Scientist gave me the tools to network with the embassy with whom I am still collaborating on other projects

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Marta Marialva

Ginkgo-Educa

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Scientist

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Switzerland

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Initially, volunteering for Native Scientists appeared as a solution to test hypothetical career paths. I got to observe the enthusiasm of the scientists, the sparkly eyes of the students, and even the teachers' excitement. The experience revealed that science education was my calling and there was no turning back from that

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Native Scientists
was life changing



Matilde Gonçalves

NOVA FCSH | CLUNL

Joined Native as...

Manager



The memory that marked me the most was a workshop where some children did not know about the existence of bacteria and had never seen the sea. The experience motivated me to get out of my comfort zone and gain skills related to social impact. I wish much success in building bridges between scientists and children with better knowledge and understanding of who we are and what surrounds us

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Maura Samarani

Institut Imagine

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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Native Scientists gives me the opportunity to accomplish a mission in which I strongly believe: to bring together scientists and children and promote a funny and unforgettable experience for everyone. I wish Native Scientists' community to grow and reach as many children as possible all over the world!

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Miguel Leitão

Porotech

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

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“Thanks to Native, I learned that when I have to explain something to a child, I have to think if I know all there is to know about that particular experiment, and how I need to prepare for that. This is incredibly useful on a day-to-day basis at work. I would like to leave a “thank you” to Joana and Tatiana who started this project a decade ago, who found the time, the inspiration, and the energy to start something unique and so good

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Natacha Ogando

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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When I first heard about Native Scientists, I always thought it was an interesting project. Then, when I moved to the Netherlands in 2017, the first workshops of Portuguese in Amsterdam, Hague and Rotterdam started with me as a coordinator. My best memory of them is about a kid who had learnt about fluorine and where you could find it. Then, he passed to the next workshop where he had his eyes covered and some flasks with different things were given to him to use the other senses to discover what it was. He smelled it and really proud said it out loud "It smells like Fluorine, it is toothpaste". He was right! It was super cool to see this kid correlate two different workshops lessons.

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Nati Garrido

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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I really enjoyed the time I spent working with Native Scientists and getting to know Joana and Tatiana. They were real role models. For me, I felt I was part of something exciting and important that was going to help children achieve better and strengthen their connection with their mother tongue. I wish for Native Scientists to continue help them believe that they can be whatever they want to be

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This matters!



Nuno Negrões

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

“Every activity that I do with the children is memorable. See their excitement and curiosity is very fulfilling. I am always learning new things, not only in terms of project management but also about education and science communication. I wish Native can continue to connect and inspire kids and scientists throughout all Europe and at the same time continue to grow as an institution

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Olga Kaczerewska

Former MSCA Fellow, UAVR

“When I think of Native Scientists, the first thing that comes to my mind is the intriguing questions children were asking us. My second favourite memory is the first time I was ever on TV, for a documentary where we had the opportunity to talk about Native Scientists

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Partner

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Our wish is that Native Scientists continues to expand its engagement programmes, reaching more pupils all over Europe, always guided by the principles of diversity and inclusion, respect, and tolerance. We also hope to see “chats in the pub” more often in PARSUK events, which can lead to even more brilliant ideas for the future of both partnering organisations

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Patricia Bernal
University of Seville

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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“Native Scientists not only provided an excellent networking platform, but also gave me the chance to interact closely with pupils and teachers. Seeing the children enjoying science while practising their mother tongue outside their home country was a truly rewarding experience! Through my various roles in Native Scientists, I gained valuable experience managing projects and teams. These skills proved useful in my professional career

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Paula Leveque

Coordinator in Frankfurt

Joined Native as...

Manager

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When I arrived in Germany, I tried to find activities in Portuguese for my children, but there were none being offered in my area. In 2017,

I helped create a Portuguese reading group for children and started looking at ways of expanding this initiative. Despite not being a scientist, I decided to volunteer with Native Scientists and get Native Schools started in

Frankfurt. I will quote the Portuguese poet Eugénio de Andrade in the year we celebrate his 100th birthday. He wrote in one of his best-known poems - "Procura a maravilha" - coaching us to go and always look for the wondrous. I always try to do so for every Native Scientists workshop

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Through Native
Scientists I can
change the world



Paulo Marques

Entrepreneur

Supporter

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I had a meeting with Joana Moscoso which, with all her passion and joy, told me about the mission, the journey and what Native was trying to accomplish. The mission captivated me a lot. To be able to change a future generation by making sure that no primary school kid would go on without having contacted first with science and a scientist. The first time I went back to my primary school was a very emotional experience. I wish it all the success: growth, sustainability, and being able to change and influence future generations

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Rafael Galupa

Centre de Biologie Intégrative

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Scientist

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I participated in the first ever Native Scientists' workshop outside of the UK in 2014, in Paris. I was invited to participate by Carina Santos, who was coordinating the workshop. It came when I was feeling the need to embrace science in a broader way. Then, my involvement with Native Scientists never stopped. The first workshop in which I participated holds a special place in my memory. The pupils were enthusiastic, they had prepared drawings for us and they even read a poem about science! Another incredible moment was when we heard that Native Scientists had won the UNESCO Literacy Prize. I felt like a Nobel Prize winner. Native makes me feel part of the efforts to address social inequalities

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Rana Dajani

Hashemite University

Advisor

I was a judge on the jury for UNESCO international literacy prize and got to know about Native Scientists, that it was about talking about science in the native language of the children by scientists who are from the same culture. This is important for agency, dignity, identity, and building confidence. I wish Native its dream can become a reality and to reach more cultures and contexts around the world

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Rebekka Steffen

Lantmäteriet

Joined Native as...

Scientist

in

Sweden

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I liked the idea behind Native Scientists, and when they were looking for a coordinator in Sweden I took the chance and joined its team, and never left ♥ I loved the fascination of the kids when they meet a real scientist, and have the chance to talk in a language that they just learned. Being part of Native Scientists showed me why I became a scientist

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Rhiannon Horsley

Education Strategy

Advisor



Native Scientists was a great idea filling a really important need: helping pupils better understand science, the role it plays in our lives and the possibilities it can open up

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To inspire younger
generations



Rita Casimiro

MAZE

Advisor

“My dearest memory of Native Scientists is Joana’s excitement and enthusiasm during our PARSUK meetings back in 2013, sharing her plans to create Native Scientists. Her eyes shined. Her energy and commitment for this cause of breaking the silos of a scientific career were so strong that she would attract everyone’s goodwill around her to be involved. I remember this sense of admiration very clearly, a feeling which persists 10 years later

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Rita de Oliveira

London South Bank University

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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“My most treasured memory is of a child whose eyes opened wide, brimming with awe and curiosity. It was as if she had stumbled upon a hidden treasure — the discovery of her own heartbeat! This was perhaps the first time she understood its significance for jumping, running and playing and it left an indelible impression on my mind

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Samuel Vennin

IQVIA

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I got in touch with Native Scientists after receiving an email from my department asking if scientists would be interested in participating in a workshop. When you speak to pupils, you feed into their energy and excitement for your research, which pushes you to be in turn even more excited to talk about what you do. It definitely made me reconnect with my passion for science, and helped me to put my work in perspective. I really see Native Scientists as a two-way street where students get to learn about science and scientists connect with their home community while seeing their research under a different light

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Sander Tanni
Pactum

Joined Native as...

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When I got in touch with Native Scientists, I found all the support and legitimacy I needed to start the first workshop in Estonian. My best memory is hearing the parents of the students a year after the workshop say that their kids still talk about the Native Scientists' workshop they had been to. I really appreciated meeting fellow scientists. Also, pitching the idea to the school and later to the embassy certainly taught me a lot

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Sara Arbulu Ruiz
NMBU

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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I learnt about Native Scientists when I was a postdoc in Ireland and got involved as part of my science outreach activities.

When I moved to Norway, I thought it'd be great to bring the programme here. I

remember happily the feedback from children and their parents after the first workshop we organised in Oslo- they were all very enthusiastic and satisfied.

Native Scientists allowed me to gain new skills as a science communicator, to do networking and get to know the broader science career paths

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To keep going
from strength to
strength



Sara Marques

LS4FUTURE

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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I heard of Native through friends and it sounded very aligned with the type of science outreach I wanted to do. At one of the workshops a pupil asked: "Can Portuguese people really be scientists?". At that point, I really dawned on me that our work was not only just fun but very important

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Sara Michels Martins

Joined Native as...

Manager

“Thank you, Native Scientists, for providing me with valuable soft skills that I can now apply to any other job. I hold dear the day I accompanied a workshop. From the children’s joy at seeing a balloon inflate without blowing to the scientist who saw what she sees every day, now with a different look both new and old, as she once stood as the children who are now living this experience

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Sara Ricardo
MCAA

Supporter



What I always found interesting about Native Scientists is that it combines community and culture work together with opening up minds through exploration of science. I wish that they are able to continue their journey empowering critical and curious minds

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Saskia Sickinger

Native Scientists

Joined Native as...

Manager

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I found an ad on the UCL student page for a volunteer project to support Native Scientists and was immediately fascinated by its mission. This role meant that I could combine my skills in languages and project management with my passion to work in education and science communication. The first memory that comes to my mind is that observing the workshop directly was such a memorable experience that I will never forget. The second one is the Christmas Party in 2015. It was a lot of fun to meet everyone in-person. Native Scientists has shaped my way of thinking and working a lot. Joana is one of the most inspiring women that I have met. Native Scientists has been pioneering in so many different ways, being it educational programming, science education approaches or organisational values and structure. The commitment of the people at Native Scientists is what keeps me going

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Sofia Macieira

Max Planck Institute

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I read about Native Scientists in a newspaper. One of the things that struck me most was the reaction of a 7-year-old child at a workshop. The child had little interest in attending the classes but eventually she didn't want to leave. She also asked when the scientists would be back. I had the feeling that the workshop had not only given the child an enjoyable time but had also stimulated her curiosity and desire to learn about science and to go to heritage language lessons

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Gave me a sense
of direction



Sofia Mendes

Undergraduate Student

I was a student in the very 1st workshop, I was 9. I remember I had a lot of fun because it was very different. It was good to learn in our heritage language what we usually learn in English

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Student

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Sonja Rueckert

University of Duisburg-Essen



Being involved with Native Scientists made me realise again that supporting children that do not necessarily have the same opportunities or do not realize their potential is important and fulfilling

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Stephanie Zhims

Glasgow Caledonian University



I met Native Scientists when I was a postdoc and saw something in the university newsletter. I made some great friends in such different areas and institutions. It also taught me leadership and how to organise these types of events and evaluate them

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Partner

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The partnership with Native Scientists has been an incredible journey, and we continue to be inspired by your work. The methodologies you have established have had a significant impact on our own practices. The partnership with Native Scientists strengthens our resolve in science outreach activities and allows us to exchange experiences on how to popularize science. We wish for Native Scientists and science/language education to experience continued growth. Your dedication is commendable. We are grateful for the partnership we have shared with Native Scientists

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Teresa Dangerfield

Translator

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I first heard about Native Scientists through the Education Department. I was teaching at the time, and when I learned about their project I thought it would be a wonderful and unique opportunity for the children to have scientists coming to their class and interacting with them. Most of the children had no idea about the work of a scientist and had never met a scientist before. I love the purpose to connect and engage with children in a way that was relevant to them. I wish Native to maintain this passion for being science role models

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Together we can
do better



Teresa Serafim

Raiz Editora



I got involved with Native Scientists through Joana Bordalo. My time at Native showed me that there are many exciting ways to approach science, and I learnt the importance of communication

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Tiago Alves

Imperial College London

Joined Native as...

Student

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“One of the first Native Scientists events was hosted at my School when I was only 15 years old. Today I must acknowledge the impact that all of the scientists presenting that day had, allowing me to believe that I too could be like them. One workshop that always sticks in my mind was that of Dr. Tatiana Correia. For someone who was already interested in tinkering with very basic and low-level electronics, the concept of producing electricity from pressure plates was something revolutionary. Once I have completed my PhD, I hope to come back as one of the scientists

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Vanessa Oliveira Gomes

Joined Native as...

Manager



Native Scientists had a big impact on me, because of the values it represents. Professionally speaking, it has helped me to think again like a kid or a professor. I loved it!

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Virginia Santiago
Capgemini Engineering

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Scientist

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It was a great pleasure to collaborate with Native Scientists, I had the opportunity to participate in several initiatives and meet many scientists with different backgrounds. My favorite project was the creation of a book with 10 scientists who talked about their work, the book is beautiful

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Yara Reis

Global Warming @ EMBL

Joined Native as...

Scientist

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Germany

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“Congratulations, Native Scientists, on ten years of making a difference! Delivering workshops was so much fun that I repeated the experience a few more times, then becoming a coordinator for Portuguese. The impact of Native Scientists has stayed with me because it wasn't just the children who were impacted; I, and countless others, were also inspired by your mission and community, which helped me shaping my career aspiration. Once you become a Native Scientists, you never truly stop being one

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You Rock!

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