

## **The 'My Earth science educator story' project – launched as 'Our International Year of Earth Science Educator Stories'**

### **Introduction and rationale**

Many Earth science educators are doing excellent and sometimes truly amazing jobs across the world, but not only is this not generally known, but eventually all this good work, wisdom and enthusiasm will be lost, if we can't find a way of passing these on to the next generation.

The 'My Earth science educator story' project has been instigated to encourage experienced Earth science educators to write up their stories specifically to inform and inspire the next generation. In this context, anybody who feels that they have contributed something to Earth science education is regarded as an 'Earth science educator'.

The stories will be published at regular intervals on the International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO) website, and should build up over time into a compendium of wisdom, advice and experience that should provide fascinating insights into our world of Earth science education.

Please contact the project coordinator, Chris King, if you would like to contribute a story or you would like to nominate a friend or colleague to do so.

### **General guidance**

Please feel free to write your story in any way you like, with a focus on passing on encouragement and guidance to the next generation of Earth science educators.

- Each story should be entitled: 'My Earth science educator story – (your name): What I did, why I did it and what happened'
- It should be less than 1000 words in length (without titles, captions or 'end matter')
- It should be written in English, but feel free to add a version in another language beneath
- It should contain near the start a photo of the face of the writer
- Preferably it will include more photos to break up the text, of the author 'doing something'
- Please use subheadings to increase readability
- At the end it should contain the approximate age of the writer, the date the story was written, and a contact email address
- Feel free to add 'end matter' such as footnotes, brief references or acknowledgements, as appropriate
- Please ask a family member or colleague to check your writing before it is submitted, to help ensure it says what you want it to say, to ensure it is as readable as possible, and to correct minor errors
- Submit your story to Chris in 'Word' with the photos in the best places, so that it can be edited (although it will eventually be posted on the website as a pdf file)
- Chris will do minor editing to make the English (if written by someone for whom English is not the first language) and the readability, as accessible as possible - and to make the format and the font type/size the same for each story.
- The final version will be published with Ariel 11 font, for clarity of reading, with an Ariel 12 point main title and captions and references in Ariel 10 point. A double column format will be used

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