

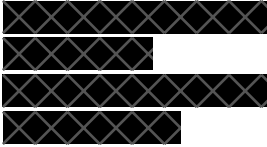


Leo Richards

Science Communicator

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Date of birth

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Links

[Linkedin](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

[Website](#)

[TikTok](#)

[Nature Boy Journal \(Online Blog\)](#)

Skills

Science Communication

Communication and Presentation

Editing Video

Wildlife Photography

Narration and Voiceover

Profile

Owner, writer, presenter of the Natural World Facts YouTube channel. Wildlife enthusiast and film-maker. Science communicator and wildlife storyteller. Marine Biology student at University of Southampton.

Employment History

Content Creator and Science Communicator, Natural World Facts

Oct 2012 – Present 📍 Southampton

Founder, writer, presenter and editor of the Natural World Facts YouTube channel and associated projects, with a particular focus on deep-sea environments and countryside wildlife. Videos have gained more than 71 million views and a following of over 665,000 subscribers.

The Deep Sea Hub - I created an immersive online deep-sea resource to consolidate deep-sea facts, news and videos. This includes a 'scroll the depths' page which is a to-scale representation of the ocean zones, allowing users to comprehend the scale of the deep ocean and discover more about its ecosystems and inhabitants.

The Nature Boy Journal - this project focuses on British wildlife, involving online journal articles documenting thoughts and findings during expeditions. Aims to encourage others to form greater connections with the natural world.

Freelance Live Speaker, Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants

Oct 2022 – Oct 2022

I hosted a virtual live programme for more than 13 classrooms across schools in the USA, Canada, and Ghana. My talk covered the topic of deep-sea environments and creatures and allowed me to develop skills in presenting in front of a live audience, tailoring a talk to school-aged children, and responding to questions.

Youth Council Member, Reserva: The Youth Land Trust

Jun 2022 – Present

Reserva is a youth-led organization that works to bridge the gap between youth environmental activism and traditional biodiversity conservation. Our objective is to create the world's first entirely youth-funded rainforest reserve. As part of my position on the youth council, I am involved in outreach to secure funding, and science communication to raise awareness about the threats facing the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest. I am also involved in the early stages of Reserva's upcoming project relating to the creation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA).

Freelance Video Director, Schmidt Ocean Institute

May 2022 – Jul 2022

I worked with Schmidt Ocean Institute (SOI) to create a film documenting new innovations in ROV technology being tested on board their ship the RV Falkor, including 3 midwater sampling instruments developed by outside entities including Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI).

The role involved handing SOI archive footage and interview clips, conducting research, writing a script, recording narration, and editing the film in Final Cut Pro.

Freelance Video Editor, Challenger150 (UN Ocean Decade)

May 2022 – May 2022

I was commissioned to create a film to pitch the role and needs of Challenger150, a global cooperative focused on deep-sea biological research formally endorsed by IOC-UNESCO as an Ocean Decade action. The film was shown to potential funders in the hopes of obtaining funding for deep-sea research cruises.

The film is narrated by Professor Kerry Howell, a deep-sea ecologist at the University of Plymouth, and features footage provided by a number of Challenger150 member organisations including the National Oceanography Centre and REV Ocean.


Environmental and Biodiversity Consultant, The Community Communications Partnership

May 2022 – Present  London

Consultant for wildlife and biodiversity related projects. Wildlife photographer/videographer for associated media.

Education

University of Southampton, Master in Science - MSci, Marine Biology

Sep 2021 – Jul 2025  Southampton

Ongoing. Based mainly at Southampton's National Oceanography Centre.

Emanuel School, A-Levels

Sep 2019 – Jun 2021  London

A* in Biology

A* in Geography

A in Chemistry

A* in EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)