

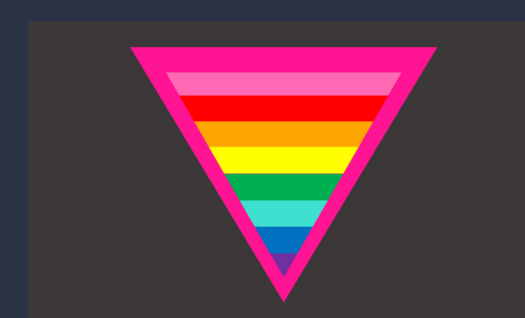
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GAY PRIDE FLAG



QUEER PRIDE FLAG

In your role, what do you do day-to-day?

I report about new research, breaking news stories, and answer audience questions in written, video, and audio form. My daily activity revolves around looking for the latest and exciting discoveries, as well as researching long-term feature pieces and planning interviews. Every day I am learning something new and I have to find ways to communicate complex concepts to a lay audience.

Who inspired you to follow this career?

My main inspiration have been italian science communicators such as Piero Angela and Margherita Hack, but a long list of scientists in the UK have helped me enormously such as Dr Jamie Gallagher, Dr Suze Kundu, Karl Byrne, Dr Matt Young, and Dr Luis Costa De Silva.

Have you always had a positive relationship with STEMM?

My first PhD project did not work out at all for me and I was close to quitting science. It also took me a long time to find a job where I could do science communication full-time. I am lucky to have a great support network that helped me stay motivated.

What advice would you give your younger self?

You have to keep persevering. Know that you are not alone, no matter what you might feel.

Where do you plan to go next?

Share more science and help bring down some of the major barriers that keep so many people away from STEMM.

Academic/Career Timeline

- **BSc (2003-2007) Physics & Astrophysics at Sapienza University of Rome**
- **MSc (2007 - 2008) Quantum Fields and Fundamental Forces at Imperial College London**
- **PhD (2009 - 2014) Astrophysics at Imperial College London**
- **Senior Staff Writer and Space Correspondent for IFLScience (2015 - onwards)**
- **Chair and Founder of Pride in STEM (2016 - onwards)**



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