



**Sent on behalf of Professor Perumal Nithiarasu, Associate Dean for Research, Innovation and Impact**

Dear Colleagues,

Please read below about some of the Faculty's most recent success stories. We would particularly like to see more from our Professional Services staff for the next email!

## **Staff News**

### **Marsh Award for Marine and Freshwater Conservation**



**Nicole Esteban**, **Biosciences**, from Swansea University's Marine Conservation and Ecology Lab has been working on the cutting edge of the interface of science, management, and conservation. It is this work that has led to Nicole being awarded the Marsh Award for Marine and Freshwater Conservation from [ZSL](https://www.zsl.org/) (The Zoological Society of London).

Nicole's research has focused on improving the spatial and habitat use by marine fauna, with a focus on sea turtles and fisheries. Through leading a research project

using sea turtles to detect habitats in remote areas, Nicole has discovered deepwater seagrass meadows, addressing the previously unknown use of mesophotic reefs, and even answered questions that Darwin asked about turtle migration

[Read more here](#)

## **Swansea University at NERC Explore our Planet, Cardiff**



Dr Jackie Rosette and Prof. Peter North in Geography supported the NERC outreach event held at Techniquet, Cardiff in October 2025. The event had over 2000 visitors, and was aimed at schools and families, promoting awareness of the environment and NERC Centre research. Their contribution focussed on understanding and detecting plastic waste, with hands on samples of plastics, microscopy and spectrometry. Swansea was invited due to North and Rosette's participation in the NERC National Centre for Earth Observation (NCEO). North and Rosette also discussed Swansea research with Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

## **Student News**

### **The Micro-Urban Workshop in Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts**



Joe Rees - third-year PhD Human Geography student, recently supported the facilitation of an international workshop on 'the micro-urban' in Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, China between the 2nd and 11th November.

The workshop aimed to investigate how art-making can contribute to shaping a more liveable and sustainable urban future. It served as a platform for diverse perspectives and ideas, offering participants the opportunity to engage collaboratively on innovative concepts for urban development.

Joe taught a group of twenty Chinese fine art students throughout the week, and supported them in creating designs that made better use of empty spaces within the city. The students' creations were then displayed in a public exhibition on the final day. Joe also gave a public lecture on his research on student accommodation and how he has used a walking tour to conduct interviews on changes to the city.

## Winter Graduation 2024



Congratulations to all Graduates of the Winter 2024 Graduation!

## REF2029 Canvas Hub

A reminder that a new Canvas hub has been published. Developed by the REF Officers

team, this is a central repository for the REF2029 documentation, guidance, resources and news.

The joining link is <https://canvas.swansea.ac.uk/enroll/BDY36G>. Please enable notifications as this site will be updated with guidance, news, consultations etc as they are received.

## Keep in Touch!

If you are aware of any recent achievements to share, either for yourself or for any members of your team, we would love to hear about them! We're interested in stories from academic and professional services communities. Please email any news to **FSE Research** ([fse-research@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:fse-research@swansea.ac.uk)). **Deadline for submissions: 15th of each month.**

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