



A Best Practice Guide for Outreach to Schools

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Abstract

School groups are one of the most common audiences for outreach activities by the planetary science community. Whether giving presentations in local schools, running hands-on activities in workshops or taking tours around laboratory facilities, it is important that researchers are well prepared for the practicalities of dealing with school groups and are communicating information at an appropriate level for their audience. Although there are many differences in curricula, timetables and educational philosophy across Europe, there are certain principles of best practice that are standard when working with school children of all ages and nationalities. To accompany 'Communicating a Cosmic Vision – Developing an Effective Outreach Strategy', the best practice guide to outreach published by Europlanet in 2007, Europlanet has teamed up with the educational programme, Global Hands on Universe, to produce a set of best practice guidelines for outreach activities targeted at schools.