

Generous Domains: Global Citizenship Perspectives for Environmental Sciences

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Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) is leading a pilot project, funded by AHRC and NERC, to develop a full research project that determines the barriers caused by British Colonialism, for people of colour and ethnic minorities, to enter the Environmental Sciences.

The project is led by Valeria Vargas (PI), Research Associate (Education for Sustainable Development) Department of Natural Sciences MMU and Dr David Haley, Vice Chair of CIWEM's Art and Environment Network. The project partners include: CIWEM, Z-arts, UK Urban Ecology Forum and People's Republic of Stokes Croft. It will, also call upon esteemed individuals from popular culture, the natural and social sciences, thereby including organisations and individuals working with and experiencing life as people of colour, women, LGBTQ+ and other identified marginalised groups

The nexus of climate, species and cultural crises provides the context to consider the most pressing issues for Environmental Sciences and the most pressing concerns for Global Citizenship. It will consider the educational opportunities and career prospects in Environmental Sciences, and how they match the expectations of young people of colour and those from ethnic minorities, through a series of creative workshops with each of the partners. It will pay particular attention to the idea of 'Global Citizenship' (Otherwise)' - the idea that one's identity transcends geography or political borders and that responsibilities or rights are derived from membership in a broader class: "humanity". This concept is expanded to include 'Otherwise', alternative scenarios to the status quo.