



Global Development, Geochemistry, and Velociraptors

Launching the EGU blog network!

We recently launched the EGU's official [blog network](#), a project we hope will unite a diverse community of insightful bloggers in the Earth, planetary, and space sciences. The aim of the network is to offer blogging researchers an online platform to share their insights with other scientists and, importantly, to distill complex and often misunderstood concepts so they are easier to understand for the general public. Furthermore, these blogs, chosen as examples of quality science writing by competent scientists, will hopefully inspire more researchers to share their work with the EGU's legion of online followers and regular visitors of [GeoLog](#), our official blog.

Although we are particularly keen to read about European research, we are happy to host bloggers based all over the world and working within any related discipline. If you'd like to know more about the network, including how to join, please email [Bárbara Ferreira](mailto:Barbara.Ferreira@egu.eu).



Banner of the EGU Blog Network page, blogs.egu.eu.

Our first three featured blogs are vastly different but equally absorbing, authored by scientists based in the UK and Canada. They are:

Geology for Global Development, by Joel Gill

[Geology for Global Development's blog](#) is a series of articles, discussions, photos and links – all relating to the application of

geoscience to international development. Geology for Global Development (GfGD) recognises the significant contribution good geoscience can make fighting poverty and improving lives across the world. The blog aims to discuss, promote and broaden understanding of this contribution, whilst working to support young geoscientists in the growth of appropriate skills and knowledge in order that they make a positive, effective, and greater contribution to development throughout their careers. Find out more at www.gfgd.org. Tweets as [@geo_dev](#).

Green Tea and Velociraptors, by Jon Tennant

Palaeontologists have a unique position among scientists in unravelling the mystery of lost ancient worlds. Communicating this science, which Jon Tennant does in his [Green Tea and Velociraptors](#) blog, is essential to maintain the fascination that captivates people of all ages. Jon is currently undertaking a PhD in vertebrate macroevolution in London, and co-hosts a podcast series called [Palaeocast](#). Tweets as [@protohedgehog](#).

GeoSphere, by Matt Herod

Matt Herod is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada. His research focuses on the environmental geochemistry of iodine and the radioactive isotope iodine-129. His work involves characterising a 129I baseline in the Canadian Arctic and applying this to the transport and sources of 129I to remote regions as well as to long term radioactive waste disposal. His project includes both field work in the Yukon Territory and lab work back home. Matt [blogs](#) about any topic in geology that interests him, which is nearly everything, and attempts to make these topics understandable to everyone. Tweets as [@GeoHerod](#).



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