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Science writer and editor



I edit high-level reports for government and business. This means plunging deep into a technical topic and untangling expert copy to create a compelling read with a clear message. I also write popular science articles, and set questions for University Challenge.

After a little astrophysics research I worked as an editor at *Nature* and *New Scientist*. Since then as a freelancer I've tackled topics from the serious side of climate science, energy and adaptation, through quite a lot of quantum technology, to the light entertainment of black holes, icy moons and the end of time.

## Clients

Government Office for Science  
<http://www.go-science.org/index.html>

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences  
<https://www.pnas.org/>

New Scientist  
<https://www.newscientist.com/>

Xyntéo

<https://xynteo.com/>

Innovate UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk>

M Squared Lasers

<http://www.m2lasers.com/>

EPSRC

<https://epsrc.ukri.org/>

UK Quantum Technology Hub for Sensors and Metrology

<https://www.quantumsensors.org/>

DNV-GL

<https://www.dnvgl.com/>

University Challenge

<http://www.universitychallenge.com/>

## **Editing**

Quantum technologies

- a Blackett Review for the UK government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/quantum-technologies-blackett-review>

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Climate science for business leaders

- a report for Xynteo

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Satellite time and position

- a Blackett Review for the UK government

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Adaptation to climate change

- a web portal for DNV GL

<https://www.dnvgl.com/technology-innovation/broader-view/adaptation-to-climate-change/index.html>

The benefits of collaboration

- a report for Xynteo

[https://issuu.com/xynteo/docs/collaboration\\_for\\_new\\_growth](https://issuu.com/xynteo/docs/collaboration_for_new_growth)

The future of the service economy

- a Blackett Review for the UK government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-service-economy-blackett-review>

## Writing

Engineering the Earth

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21528831-700-can-geoengineering-avert-climate-chaos/>

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The methane seas of Titan

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22229700-800-into-the-methane-depths-of-kraken-titans-strange-sea/#>

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credit: NASA /JPL-Caltech/ASI/Cornell ]

The future of solar cells

<https://www.pnas.org/content/116/1/7>

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Mission to the mesosphere

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg23130870-400-nofly-zone-exploring-the-uncharted-layers-of-our-atmosphere/>

Escaping the tragedy of the commons

<http://www.pnas.org/content/114/1/7>

Electricity vs birds

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22830521-200-why-bird-droppings-are-the-enemy-of-electricity/>

Quantum technology fact-finding mission report

<https://admin.ktn-uk.co.uk/app/uploads/2018/11/2018-Canada-Quantum-Technologies-Expert-Mission-Report.pdf>