

Story of the Job – Science Presenter

Aśka is a science presenter, employed for over three years by the West Australian science centre – Scitech. She loves her job, despite of all of its challenges and unpredictability.

“My job is about returning curiosity to children as young as 4, by asking questions they can relate to, brain storming predictions and doing experiments. Through these simple steps I hope to show them the very essence of scientific process, logic and excitement of discovering something for the first time. And most importantly: that it’s not about being right.”

The job involves travelling to a different destination every day, with a truck load of gear, setting up and then running shows and workshops for various age groups.

Something usually goes wrong, there is a lot of problem solving, and children in general are unpredictable. But these aspects of the job keep Aśka’s mind excited and interested.

Aśka is not a classical extrovert, but her enthusiasm for communicating science concepts allows her to transform her personality on stage, and really enjoy the performative aspect of her job, as well as the connection with the audience.

The sometimes long hours, which involve loading and unloading lots of gear, driving trucks through traffic and the forever changing nature of the work, do make some days very exhausting.

But the job satisfaction is huge, especially from the moments when you see a child’s mind grasp a new idea, and beam at the pleasure of discovery.