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Emma Donnelly is the Director of *Comm-it*. With over 18 years in education, communication, events, media and strategy she has many consultants who can assist with your business needs.

Starting her life as the daughter of two science teachers was always going to end with Emma working in Science Communication. She just didn't know it at the time. With over 19 years' of Science Communication and Science Education experience under her belt, Emma has worked for not-for profit science centres like Scitech, run national programs for CSIRO Education, started a digital Planetarium, taught people to fish sustainably and worked at several universities, including nine years at Curtin University as Science Outreach Manager and recent work at the Australian Centre of Excellence for Exciton Science.

She's a seasoned presenter and trainer and Emma has worked both in national and international arenas. From 2017 to 2019 she was the national trainer for the British Council's FameLab competition (prior to this she was contracted as the WA state trainer for the program). She's worked on radio and TV.

As well as science communication, education and training she is also passionate about the intersection between science and food and has started *Culinary Science*. Culinary Science is a business focussed on science communication around food, cooking and nutrition. This came about after representing Western Australia in 2012 on *My Kitchen Rules*. Since MKR she's self-published a mini-cookbook *Eat, Drink, Think – recipes for the evidence based cook* and is now writing her second.

Awards and accolades

Programs she has worked on and managed have been awarded the following:

- Winner - Eureka Prize for Innovation in Citizen Science, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science – Fireballs in the Sky – 2016
- Winner - Premier's Science Awards (Western Australia), Chevron Science Engagement Initiative of the Year - Fireballs in the Sky – 2016
- Finalist - Curtin Vice Chancellor Awards - Science and Engineering Outreach programs – 2016
- Winner - National iAward: Education, Australian Information Industry Association - Fireballs in the Sky – 2015
- Winner - Business and Higher Education Round Table (BHERT) - Best Community Engagement Award for Excellence in Collaboration - Fireballs in the Sky – 2015
- Finalist - Premier's Science Awards (Western Australia) - Chevron Science Engagement Initiative of the Year - Fireballs in the Sky – 2015
- Finalist - Curtin University Award for Research Impact and Engagement, Curtin University- 2015

- Finalist - Service Category INCITE Award, Western Australia Information Technology and Telecommunications Alliance - Fireballs in the Sky – 2015
- Winner - National Science Week Seed Grant – 2014
- Finalist - Best Poster – Australian Science Communicator's Conference Brisbane – Fireballs in the Sky – 2014
- Winner - National Science Week Seed Grant – 2012
- Winner - Inspiring Australia Grant (this launched Fireballs in the Sky) – 2011/2012
- Finalist - WA Science Awards – Science Outreach Program - 2011