Education Committee News:

Thank you to all the brilliant scientists who took part in our **Pride Month** campaign. Our Twitter account was a rainbow of fabulous animal behaviour scientists from all over the world.



Undergraduate Recognition Award The education committee is super excited to have awarded more prizes this year than ever before. Here is a full list on winners from 2023, congratulations to:

Lauren Vane - University of Bristol

Emma Baker – University of York

Eden Green – Uni of Birmingham

Daniel Joaquin Aguirre Howes – University of Swansea

Rebekah Flatt - Hull University

Wai yan Chan – City University of Hong Kong

Anna McCue - Liverpool John Moores University

Hazel Towns - University of Lincoln

We want to award even more **undergraduate prizes**... If you have a worthy undergraduate please nominate them <u>here</u>.

Public Engagement Grant update.

The ASAB Education Committee funded *Sälfie-ID* (based on the Swedish word *säl* "seal" and pronounced as Selfie) to connect with the Swedish target participants. The project aims to engage the public in research into seal behaviour and ecology by encouraging them to submit images and reports of seal sightings. Sightings can be submitted through the *Sälfie-ID* website (https://www.salfieid.com/), which is in both English and Swedish, or via email to salfie2023@gmail.com. The website also contains an overview of Swedish seals and a



Sälfie-ID is discussed during the daily Mat&Prat (Food&Chat) harbour seal feeding sessions at Slottsskogen Zoo, Gothenburg.

blog about current seal research. A primary goal of the project is that people submitting sightings, or curious about seals, have easy access to the facts.



The Brunel Museum would like to express their sincere gratitude for ASAB's support, which allowed the museum to stay open for longer during the holidays. Their exhibition "Tales of Teredo navalis" highlighted the wonders of shipworms aa well as their behaviours. As a small museum, regularly open only three days a week, extending their opening days had a significant impact on their reach. By offering more days of operation, they were able to welcome a larger number of visitors and introduce them to the Thames Tunnel history and its legacy.

Upcoming

Come and say hello if you are around Oxford on the 7th of October or Cambridge on the 14th. We are taking part in Oxford IF: Sonic Spider – Music from an arachnid world. Followed the next Saturday by Hills Road Sixth Form College's Big Biology Day, Cambridge. We are very excited for both events and will be all singing and dancing.