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Thinking outside the lab

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After completing a chemistry PhD, the typical paths available are to either continue with academic research — usually beginning with post-doctoral studies — or to join the industrial workforce. Both avenues maintain active laboratory research, so what are the paths for those of us who no longer want to be in the lab, but are still enthralled by the world of chemistry? Towards the end of my PhD, I began to consider other options that would keep me in the field I'd been studying for almost a decade but without getting my hands dirty, so to speak. This is when I discovered careers focused on the dissemination of scientific research – an area I had taken for granted until that point. My talk will discuss my journey to becoming a Senior Editor at Nature Chemistry while also discussing the role itself, which will include the process of publication at Nature Chemistry, how decisions are made, and tips to keep in mind when writing a research article.



Figure 1. From childhood to PhD and beyond. © M-H Jeeves¹

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