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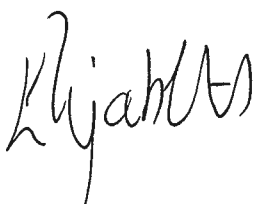
Dear Mike,

As you know, Aberystwyth University has recently introduced an Award for Exceptional Research Impact. These awards recognise the achievement of colleagues in demonstrably using their research for the wider benefit of society. I am very aware of the hard work of many staff members in taking their high-quality research outside the University so that others may benefit, and this is one way in which we can acknowledge their success in so doing.

We have two awards to give each year, and I am delighted to be able to inform you that you have been awarded one of these for your work for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. Many congratulations.

The awards will be presented at the Festival of Research's Research Café in late January; an opportunity to celebrate the way in which research undertaken at Aberystwyth in general, and by yourself in particular, has a positive impact upon society. We will also be asking you to help make a very short video explaining your work and staff from Research, Business & Innovation will be in contact about this over the coming months.

The award itself is worth £500, to be spent on new or further impact activities stemming from your research. We will also be commissioning an appropriate commemorative plaque for you and your Department.



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