

## CPUT Habitable Planet Workshop

It was the very first Habitable Planet Workshop I have ever attended and it was an experience of a lifetime. This workshop was overwhelmingly positive, intriguing and most certainly mind broadening. My expectations were far surpassed (by miles to say the least), with grand adventure accompanying each field trip that was embarked upon. Each morning I woke up looking forward to the informative, educational and enlightening lectures delivered by the best of the bunch. Those lectures would leave my brain salivating and craving for more. The social events were fun and yet had educational significances that construct and leave one motivated to strive for success.

Positive feedback was dominant amongst the rest of the Planeteers. Whispers went around as we sat for breakfast and supper, everyone applauding the manner in which the workshop is handled and also how much the proceedings are changing perceptions of how the world is viewed by the rest of the Planeteers (this from an Earth Systems Science point of view).

I personally would like to give props to the ACCESS team for laying out such an impressive and remarkable workshop. Dr Carl Palmer and his team outdid themselves and it was quite evident throughout the workshop. This experience has changed the way I think about the world and ultimately our galaxy. It has altered my attitude and opinion of not only the field of study I specialise in (Botany), but also other fields of study that contribute to the Earth Systems Science.

More and more students NEED to be part of this educational applied centre, especially those from previously disadvantaged backgrounds. They deserve the exposure handed to me and others this December by ACCESS. The CPUT HPW was certainly special and I believe one of a kind. Habitable Planet Workshops have the power to modify a student's mentality; approach and way of life (as this particular one has undoubtedly changed mine). Thanks for the opportunity ACCESS!

Sincerely  
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