

SPOT THE TROWELBLAZER!

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If you take four researchers in fieldwork intense sciences, four countries, and four hectic fieldwork schedules, what do you get?

THIS POST!

We at TrowelBlazers.com really wanted to participate in Day of Archaeology. Individually, several of us have contributed in the past (here are my natterings on [teeth](#) and [augmented reality](#), and Becky on [research careers](#) and [Neanderthals](#)) But if you really want to know what it's like to be an early career researcher trying to juggle labwork, fieldwork, multiple projects, publications, conferences and (gasp! don't say it!) a *personal life* as I think the kids are calling it these days, you couldn't get a much better snapshot than the round robin TB emails. So here's the Day of Archaeology, TrowelBlazer style:

Me – [@brennawalks](#) (from dodgy internet in Greek cafe while thinking deep thoughts about permit application timelines): Should we try to do something?

Suzie – [@suzie_brich](#) (from her University of Georgia email): *I am currently out of the country on fieldwork and have only periodic email access. I will respond to your message as soon as possible.*

Becky – [@LeMoustier](#) (from her lab in Bordeaux, surrounded by stone tools): TOO MUCH THINGS.

Tori – [@ToriHerridge](#) (from London): [ominous silence as she plans world domination]

Suzie (later, from god knows where): On a shuttle to the airport for my flight to JAPAN! [For a conference, it's not all holidays you know].

Lottie (from the overheated workings of my imagination): Am I the only one going to get my trowel dirty this year?



Lottie visits the Cretan pirate town of Phalasarna

So, that's Suzie somewhere between fieldwork in Turkey and Japan, Becky in the lab, Tori in the museum, me heading to fieldwork in Turkey from Greece, and Lottie along for the ride 😊

Now you know what the thrill-a-minute life of Team TrowelBlazers is like (major existential crises along the lines of: will they have wifi? and endless spreadsheets) it is our greatest hope that at least somewhere along the way we will encourage a few more people to check out the life of an archaeologist. There's a lot more variety than you might think – not all archaeology looks like Indiana Jones. Sometimes it wears a crinoline, and sometimes it has [official permission from the French government to wear trousers](#), and sometimes it [strips right down to its bloomers](#).

If you have a TrowelBlazer story, [we'd love to hear from you](#). Reset those imaginations!

