

Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre, New Quay, Wales

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Two positions have unexpectedly become available for bottlenose dolphin research and wildlife centre assistants at the Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre, Wales, UK.

The Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting public awareness of the marine species, habitats and conservation of the marine wildlife in Cardigan Bay through research and education.

We are looking for committed volunteers available between now and 18th July for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Volunteers need to be reliable and enthusiastic people to help with our ongoing research, education and interpretation programmes concerning the marine wildlife of Cardigan Bay. We primarily study the bottlenose dolphins through photo-identification, and also monitor harbour porpoise and Atlantic grey seal populations.

Volunteers play a vital role in the Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre's work. The centre relies on the generous help of volunteers to undertake its work and greatly appreciates your time. Please note enthusiasm for our work and the marine environment is as valued as experience, since training is provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to make a positive contribution to marine wildlife conservation and to gain knowledge and experience of the species and habitats in Cardigan Bay. It's also a great chance to gain experience of field work, research methods and public awareness and education programmes, equipping you with essential skills for a career in the environment or conservation. There are also opportunities to develop your fundraising, interpersonal and data processing skills as well as meeting and socialising with people who share your interests.

Accommodation is available in a shared house for £55/week

Volunteers are required to assist with:

Boat-based work:

- Photo identification surveys
- Collection of data on marine mammals & other wildlife in Cardigan Bay
- Act as a marine mammal "lookout"
- Educate passengers about the wildlife in Cardigan Bay
- Assist with other ongoing projects at our centre including opportunistic jellyfish surveys and sunfish surveys amongst others
- Help crew research vessel, Sulaire.

Land-based work:

- Day-to-day operation of our Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife visitor centre, including staffing the front desk, taking boat bookings and answering enquiries
- Advise visitors to the centre and the public about the marine wildlife in Cardigan Bay and the work that is being conducted
- Help develop the facilities at the Marine Wildlife Centre
- Regular updating of our website pages with sightings and other information
- Conduct land-based surveys from New Quay in conjunction with Ceredigion County Council
- Record sightings information, update sightings boards in our centre and central database with information gained from our boat and land based research surveys
- Assist with analysis and cataloguing of photo identification of the bottlenose dolphins
- Assist with research and production of our education programme and interpretational materials

Essential skills/qualifications:

- Fluency in English
- Ability to work in a conscientious, responsible and reliable manner
- Enthusiastic and hard working
- An interest in wildlife and conservation
- Experience working with the public
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- IT skills

Desirable skills/qualifications:

- An interest and knowledge of British cetaceans
- A background in biology, particularly marine biology/environmental science
- A background in environmental interpretation or education and experience working with children

To apply:

Either download an application form from our website or email us at volunteer@cbmwc.org to request a form. Completed applications should be returned to volunteer@cbmwc.org or post to:

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For more information please visit our website www.cbmwc.org, call Laura on +44 (0)1545 560032 or email volunteer@cbmwc.org

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Marine Wildlife & Conservation Volunteer opportunities

Are you planning a career in the marine environment or conservation?

Volunteer positions are available at the Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre.

Volunteering is a great way to develop skills and gain essential experience!

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If you have any specific skills or experience such as in designing environmental education programmes, website creation, fundraising, the media, DIY skills, exhibition, interior or graphic design and would like to help with project development, please contact us.

We also welcome undergraduate and postgraduate students who need boat support and office space to conduct their research projects. Please contact us to discuss whether your project ideas are feasible.

For further information

To find out more about the Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre and what activities you would be involved in visit www.cbmw.org/volunteer/become_vol.asp. If you have any questions please email volunteer@cbmw.org with an appropriate subject line or call Laura on 01545 560032.

Volunteering at CBMWC

Desired skills

An interest in wildlife and conservation is most important, along with reliability, enthusiasm and willingness to work in a conscientious and responsible manner. As you will be dealing with the public on a daily basis it is also important that you are fluent in speaking English. We welcome people with experience working with children, the public or in environmental interpretation or education, however this is not essential. Indeed this is a great opportunity to gain skills in these areas. Good verbal and written communication skills, IT, design and fundraising skills are likewise useful but not essential.

Time commitment

Volunteers are needed from April until November 2010. We ask for a minimum commitment of 4 weeks (due to training), ideally volunteers would be able to commit longer. Volunteers living

locally who are available on a part-time basis are also welcome year round and are greatly appreciated.

Accommodation and expense arrangements

Basic accommodation can be arranged for committed volunteers (approx £55 per week). Volunteers are responsible for their own food, travel and accommodation costs.

How to get involved...

It's easy to get involved simply download a simple application form from our website www.cbmwc.org/volunteer/become_vol.asp, complete it and email it to volunteer@cbmwc.org with 'Volunteer application 2010' in your subject line or alternatively post your application form. Please make sure you fill in your availability. We look forward to hearing from you.

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As seen on:

Iolo's Welsh Safari, Autumn 2007

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/nature/sites/behindthescenes/pages/newquay.shtml>

& BBC Natures Calendar Summer 2007

http://www.bbc.co.uk/naturescalendar/summer/coast/cardigan_bay/cardigan_access.shtml

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