



Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre  
New Quay  
Wales

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## Living Seas Volunteers 2018

We're looking for dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to join our Living Seas team. Volunteers will gain valuable experience whilst helping us to collect data on the marine mammals of Cardigan Bay, run our visitor centre and inspire the public through community engagement events.

### What You Will Gain

Joining the Living Seas volunteer team is a fantastic opportunity for you to carry out marine mammal research and become involved in environmental education and our awareness raising work. You'll learn about the marine species of Cardigan Bay and gain experience in field work, processing data, environmental education and community engagement.

Past volunteers have gone on to further education, work as Marine Mammal Observers and work for other conservation or governmental organisations.

### The Volunteering Role

Volunteers will assist with our Living Seas research and community engagement work. Volunteer tasks include (but not limited to) –

- Land based marine mammal surveys (daily)
- Boat based marine megafauna surveys \*
- Manning our visitor centre - inspiring visitors
- Entering and checking data
- Updating sightings information on our website/social media
- Assisting with community engagement events
- Conducting beach cleans
- Up-keep with our saltwater aquarium
- There may also be the opportunity to assist with other tasks e.g. acoustic analysis and writing articles for our website

**\* Boat trips are run by an external company who we collaborate with. They are weather dependant and volunteers take turns to join trips to act as on-board researcher. During times of bad weather you will spend more time carrying out shore-based activities.**



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### Volunteer Skills/Qualities

- A commitment to volunteering
- Research and surveying experience
- ICT skills, including MS Office and GIS
- Interest/experience of engaging with the public
- A mature and responsible attitude
- Proactive with the ability to work independently and unsupervised
- Flexible approach to work as you will volunteer outside of normal office hours
- An interest and knowledge of British marine mammals (desirable)
- A background in biology/marine biology (desirable)

**Please note that enthusiasm and passion for our work and the marine environment is as valued as experience, since full training is provided.**

Volunteers will receive training in marine species identification and observation, survey techniques, data processing and community engagement.

### Volunteer Dates 2018

Volunteer positions are available from 12<sup>th</sup> March until 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018. You **must** be able to volunteer for an entire block and priority will be given to those who can volunteer for more than one block.

- **Block C** – 14<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> July (8 weeks)
- **Block D** - 9<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September (8 weeks)
- **Block E** – 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> November (9 weeks)

### Volunteer Admin Fee

An administration fee of £45 will be required from all successful applicants.



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### Volunteer Accommodation

Shared accommodation will be arranged for successful volunteers (where required) at a cost of £50-£55 a week, including bills, payable 4 weeks in advance. A refundable £50 deposit is also required and will be returned if the accommodation is left in the same condition it is found in. Please be aware that volunteers will **share same sex bedrooms**. Volunteers are responsible for their own travel, food and accommodation costs.

**Please note CBMWC does not own the property. Volunteer accommodation is provided by a local landlord. The accommodation fee is paid directly to the property owner and CBMWC does not receive any payment.**

Many volunteers undertake part time, evening work to help cover the accommodation.

### How To Apply

Download a [CBMWC Living Seas Seasonal Volunteer App Form here](#) and email it along with a CV and covering letter (no more than one side of A4) detailing your motivations for applying to [volunteer@cbmwc.org](mailto:volunteer@cbmwc.org) with "Living Seas Seasonal Volunteer App 2018" in the subject line.

**Please provide as much detail as possible, highlighting your experience and skills gained, in the application form rather than referring to your CV.** Incomplete applications will not be assessed so please make sure you complete the form fully, including availability and be sure to attach your CV and covering letter.

**Deadline for applications is 23:59pm on Sunday 11th February. Applications will be reviewed as received and volunteer opportunities are available until filled.**