

Education Assistant (Volunteer)

WHEN: 30TH MARCH TO 2ND OCTOBER 2020 (PART-TIME)

WHERE: TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL

Our seas are in trouble. Threatened by a range of environmental, climatic and man-made stresses, Scotland's whales and dolphins exist in a fragile state.

The [Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust's](#) work has never been more important. Help us be part of the solution and work towards a future with healthy Hebridean seas for whales, dolphins, porpoises and people.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our Education Team and assist with our schools programme, [Hebridean Marine Explorers](#). This is an exciting opportunity to develop and deliver memorable and inspiring environmental education, helping empower children to care for the marine environment and take positive action to protect it.

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

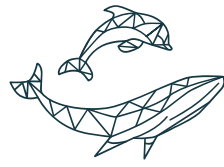
- Teaching children and delivering HWDT's schools programme in classrooms, outdoors and on our research yacht Silurian, alongside our Education Manager.
- Assisting with the preparation of school visits to ensure we provide a quality service.
- Monitoring and keeping records during and after sessions, i.e. pupil numbers, teacher feedback and photographic consent to help support evaluation.
- Taking photographs and writing news items for our website to publicise and promote our education programme to an external audience.

You will also have your own development project to work on:

- Creating a new and inspiring workshop for primary schools to raise awareness of the pressures that whales and dolphins face.
- Developing new resources for the workshop to encourage learning through doing.
- Piloting your new workshop in schools and evaluating the success of this to identify opportunities for future development.

WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM THE PLACEMENT

- Training to develop and deliver high quality environmental education.
- Experience teaching a variety of different ages, in a number of different environments.
- Responsibility to manage a project independently and create something new.
- Opportunity to be creative, design resources and use your imagination.
- Knowledge of the inner workings of a respected, long-established Marine NGO
- Experience living on a beautiful and remote Scottish Island.



SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND ATTRIBUTES YOU NEED

- Friendly with a confident communication style
- Passion to inspire and educate people of all ages
- Creative confidence and eye for design
- Ability to show initiative and work unsupervised
- Ability to live and work with colleagues as part of a small team

Desirable extras:

- Experience delivering activities to children and young people
- Knowledge of Scottish cetaceans and their related conservation issues
- Prior creative/design experience
- Experience using a DSLR camera
- Full drivers licence and access to a car

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- ✓ Training and ongoing support, including an initial induction, regular one-to-one meetings and post-placement advice.
- ✓ Commitment to support your professional development and flexibility to tailor the placement to you specifically where possible.
- ✓ Reimbursement for reasonable travel and subsistence expenses linked to the project (this does not include travel to/from Mull at the start and end of the placement).
- ✓ Support to identify accommodation options for the placement - volunteers typically rent a room in a shared house, which costs them roughly £90 per week (including bills).
- ✓ Understanding that you may want to investigate avenues for external employment during your placement, in order to support yourself whilst volunteering. Where possible, we aim to be flexible, to help you secure part-time employment locally, which complements the placement. (Seasonal jobs in bars, restaurants and shops are often available in Tobermory.)
- ✗ Please note that unfortunately **WE WILL NOT PROVIDE** accommodation or contribute towards your living expenses.

OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PLACEMENT DATES

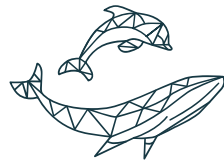
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Unfortunately we are unable to be flexible with the start date, due to essential training.

TIME COMMITMENT

22.5HR PER WEEK ON AVERAGE, FLEXIBLE

This role will involve some evenings and occasional weekends. Due to the delivery schedule of the project, hours spent volunteering will fluctuate from week to week, and the placement will include approximately four week-long trips away from Tobermory.



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LIFE ON THE ISLE OF MULL

Tobermory is the largest town on the Isle of Mull in the Hebrides. Mull is a remote island and only accessible by ferry links from the Scottish mainland. It is surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes, vast skies and a variety of wildlife. The waters around our island are frequently visited by minke whales, bottlenose dolphins, harbour porpoises and a wide range of marine life.

Tobermory has a good range of facilities including a co-op, pharmacy, doctor's surgery, dentist, pubs, gift shops, and cafes. There are also small music venues and a theatre. More amenities such as high street chains, supermarkets, train station etc. can be found in Oban; a 40-minute drive plus a 45-minute ferry journey away.

A diverse range of activities are available during the season such as sports, fitness clubs, dance classes, craft workshops, music and book festivals and a car rally. There is also our only Munro, Ben More, to climb and outlying islands such as Staffa, Ulva and iconic Iona to explore.

You may also be interested to know, that the majority of our previous volunteers have gone onto visitor engagement, wildlife conservation, other paid work or further study and a few are still living on Mull.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Please apply by emailing your **current C.V. and covering letter** outlining why you are applying for the opportunity to Pippa Garrard at pippa.garrard@hwdt.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

17:00 SUNDAY 26TH JAN

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a Skype interview on **Friday 7th February 2020.**

WANT A FLAVOUR OF WHAT TO EXPECT?

READ WHAT RIAN, LAST YEAR'S EDUCATION ASSISTANT HAS TO SAY...

In his [first article](#) Rian talks about his experience teaching on board Silurian, our floating classroom.

Rian also developed our brand new [Whale Detective workshop](#), which went down fantastically with schools.

Keen to broaden his experience and development, Rian successfully secured a voluntary role with our Science and Conservation Team alongside his educational role,