



Further Information Sheet

Volunteer for Us

Our new Rockpool Guardians project teaches people of all ages how to go Rockpooling in a Wildlife friendly way. They learn about the creatures that call rockpools their homes and how to protect them from injury, disturbance and destruction and why, now more than ever, we need to. Our planet's biodiversity is in decline and we must do everything we can to respect, connect and protect the living things that exist around us.

We need people with kind hands and kind hearts, with an interest in all things marine to help us spread the message.

What we need

We need volunteers on 2 beaches; Ogmore Beach in the Vale of Glamorgan and Rest Bay Beach in Porthcawl over the summer holidays (you do not have to do the entire summer! please read on).

Why?

These beaches are a hive of activity and have a huge footfall during the summer holidays. Rockpools here get lots of use, and we need to simply make people aware of a better way to do it.

What you would do as a volunteer

There is no minimum or maximum number of shifts. You are helping us and we appreciate any time you can give, be that one day or more. Your choice.

You would pick a beach and be on site there for a 4 hour shift (2 hours before and 2 hours after low tide) when the rockpools are accessible by the public. We will tell you when that is.

Volunteers would be expected to set up and strike the equipment on their own during their shift(s).

Times will not be the same every day-as tides change daily. Some days we will not have volunteers on the beach at all.

You would be manning a 'pop up' rockpool to chat to the public coming to the beach about the project and show them the correct way to go rockpooling (which you will learn on our training days) before they head onto the beach, and give them our 'Rockpool Code' to follow whilst they are there, or hand them the correct kit to borrow.

You would not be expected to attend the beach if it was a very rainy day, as families would not be heading to the beach either!

Is there training?

Yes, we are asking all interested individuals and families to attend a volunteer day. You do not need prior marine biology knowledge at all, BUT you must love it, want to learn more and be keen to volunteer for us.

How do I / we sign up for the volunteer days?

Choose the beach you wish to volunteer on. If you wish to volunteer on both, please come to both training days as each beach has different areas for rockpooling.

Rest Bay - Sat 6th July from 11-3pm
Ogmore - Sun 7th July from 12-4pm

During your day you will meet the Beach Academy education team, who will teach you the Rockpool Guardians 'Rockpool Code' and show you the correct way to go rockpooling. At the end of the session, you will then be expected to sign up to our summer holiday rota on the days that you fancy.

We will also keep in touch throughout the summer and have a beach party at the end of the summer to say thanks.

How to book a volunteer day

Pop to www.beachacademywales.com/whatson
Select 'Courses & Training' from the tabs
Select 'Rockpool Guardians; Volunteers Day'



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