



# VOLUNTEER FOR US

## Further Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for our seashore conservation project 'Rockpool Guardians' this summer 2024.

### What is the Rockpool Guardians?

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.

### Where and when do you need volunteers?

- We need beach volunteers during the school summer holidays 2024. (July 20-Sep1)
- You choose the date(s) you want and do as many or as little as you can.
- We need volunteers on the beach around low tide - this can be 2, 3 or 4 hours long. Again you choose.
- You choose either Rest Bay beach in Porthcawl or Whitmore Beach, Barry Island, VofG.

### What type of volunteers do you need?

We need people with kind hands and kind hearts, with an interest in all things marine to help us spread the 'Rockpool Code'. We welcome volunteers that wish to come as a family, volunteers that are individuals, and/or couples and groups that may wish to volunteer together like a group of friends or community group.

All our volunteers must be able to be outdoors on the beach for their shift, able to handle a rocky shore, and come dressed appropriately. Tabbards will be provided to go on top of clothing.

### Why do you need volunteers?

These beaches are a hive of activity and have a huge footfall during the summer holidays.

Rockpools here get lots of use, with high levels of wildlife injury and damage to the reefs. We need to simply make people aware of a better way to do it.

### What are volunteers expected to do?

- \* We need volunteers to be present in and around the designated rockpool zones on the beach. *These will be pointed out to you during training.*
- \* You will be expected to approach people who are rockpooling to tell them about the 'Rockpool Code' helping to educate them on how to go rockpooling in a wildlife friendly way.
- \* You will hand out our 'Rockpool Code' flyers to families, that show them the correct way to do things.
- \* You will learn how to hold crabs, and other creatures, the correct way and be given lifelike toys to demonstrate to others on the beach so they know the correct handling techniques.
- \* You can also tell people about our free Rockpool School sessions that they can attend.
- \* You will be at the beach around low tide for your allocated number of hours.
- \* 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 will not be expected to turn up in awful weather! *We will let you know the day before.*
- \* You will be lone-working. *Beach Academy are not guaranteed to be on-site at the same time.*
- \* You will collect, clean and return all the kit required on the day from the beach.

### Is there training?

Yes, you will be asked to attend a compulsory 2 hour workshop. You can select the workshop of your choice on the registration form.

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. If you do not attend training, you will not be permitted to volunteer for us for health and safety reasons.

### How to sign up...

Complete the 'REGISTRATION FORM' below and get it back to us as quickly as you can.

Send via email to Emma at [beachacademywales@gmail.com](mailto:beachacademywales@gmail.com)

We will then be in touch with your training day confirmation Cheers. Beach Academy.



# Registration Form

Rockpool Guardians Project

<b>Volunteer Type: Individual, couple, family, friend group?</b>			
<b>Number of people volunteering</b>			
Adults (18+):	Teens (13-17):	Juniors (8-12):	Infants (7 and under):
<b>Beach of choice</b>			
Rest Bay:		Whitmore:	
<b>Which date(s) would you like to volunteer? Be specific. (from 20 July through to September 1st 2024)</b>			
Dates in July:			
Dates in August:			
Dates in September:			
How many hours (per day) are you happy to volunteer? From 2-4 hours			
<b>Contact name</b>			
<b>Contact email</b>			
<b>Contact mobile</b>			
<b>There are 6 training workshops, you MUST attend 1. Please Select. It's important to choose the same beach you will be volunteering on.</b>			
Rest Bay, Bridgend:	Mon 10 June, 2-4pm Sat 6 July, 12-2pm Thu 11 July 4:30-6:30pm	Whitmore Beach, Barry:	Tue 18 June, 11-1pm Sun 7 July, 12-2pm. Fri 12 July 4:30-6:30pm