

EDUCATION

Background/Overview

All members of the co-ordinator team support each other in running the volunteer programme; making sure our volunteers have a grounded experience is paramount. This includes thorough training and induction as to our methods, ethos and goals, and the provision of a platform and inspiration to follow their own individual contribution.

Additionally, each co-ordinator will have their own area of specific responsibility.

Key Areas of Work

Conservation is about changing people's attitudes! Education through raising awareness is the first step in this process and a key tool in inspiring individuals to positive action.

Training volunteers in;

- giving talks and making presentations
- creating effective power point presentations
- developing and running workshops
- interacting with individuals on the whale watching boats

Developing/creating educational resources for;

- TES (Times Educational Resource) website, the world's largest on-line teacher resource community.
- reports focussed on different interest groups:
 - boat owners
 - boat crews
 - tourism industry
 - schools
 - media
 - volunteers
- students and the academic community to utilise
- 'education based' research case studies, particularly in the area of effective educational platforms for special needs and disadvantaged youth
- disseminating conservation themed educational resources.

Delivering academic courses and workshops in:

- Tenerife, focussed on:
 - Volunteering and Volunteer Management Skills
 - 'Creative' programmes- film making, photography, graphic design
- Abroad, focussed on:
 - TEFL
 - Business and enterprise
 - Environment/ Conservation

Developing new courses through the Edexcel framework:

- Nature guiding