



Sea Trust Wales - Work Placements 2026-2027

About Sea Trust Wales

Sea Trust Wales is a marine conservation charity based in Pembrokeshire. Our mission is to encourage local people to take care of their marine wildlife by conducting scientific research, raising awareness of marine conservation issues, educating the public and contributing to the conservation of the marine environment.

Our objectives are to protect our marine environment through education and collecting important scientific data on many of Pembrokeshire's protected species. We work all year round monitoring marine life around the coast and in the Irish Sea, conducting regular marine mammal surveys. We introduce residents and visitors to local marine life via our catch-and-release aquarium and visitor centre. We also work with school groups and local organisations to educate people about the marine environment and how they can work to protect it.

Work Placements

We have several work placements available for 2026-2027 (earliest start date: July 2026). These are long-term placements for University students taking a Sandwich Year/Year in Industry. Graduates are also welcome to apply, although please note that the placement is unpaid. These positions offer valuable experience and training. We are a small team and all help across multiple departments. Placement student tasks are varied and are split between several departments including:

- Marine mammal research
 - Land-based Harbour porpoise and grey seal photo-ID & abundance surveys, occasional boat surveys available
 - Data entry, updates & analysis
 - Writing reports & posters
 - Updating sightings pages
- Recycle Môr project
 - Research into marine plastics
 - Collection & recycling of end of life fishing gear
- Aquarium & Visitor Centre

- Aquarium maintenance & husbandry, feeding, health monitoring, tank maintenance, releasing and collecting new species
 - Guided tours & Seashore Safaris
- Education & Outreach
 - School visits
 - Shows & events
 - Produce educational material & activities
 - Marine Biology Club (10-17 year olds)
- Fundraising
 - An opportunity to gain experience in grant applications and project budgeting
- Marketing and communication
 - Newsletter writing
 - Social media - creating content
 - Talks and presentations
- General- Day to Day
 - Visitor centre duties
 - Interacting with the public
 - Daily cleaning

Local Area

We are based at the Ocean Lab in Goodwick, situated on Fishguard Harbour. Pembrokeshire is a great location to see all wildlife, especially marine, with dolphins seen from the office regularly. It is a great place for outdoor activities, e.g. coasteering, diving, nature walks etc.

Accommodation

Unfortunately, we cannot provide accommodation at the moment. Please be aware when choosing accommodation that Pembrokeshire is a remote county with limited public transport. If you rely on public transport, be aware that travelling to and from the Ocean Lab will be difficult. We have contacts with local landlords who have rented to placement students previously. We can provide these contacts, but expect placement students to find accommodation and liaise with landlords directly.

We are looking for enthusiastic team players with a passion for marine wildlife. If interested, please apply by completing the following form <https://forms.gle/9VxhRh2maXFu94Fo8>. Applications close on 26th November 2025. We will then shortlist and invite students to interview.

For any more information, please contact nadia@seatrust.org.uk, we can also put you in contact with our current placement students if you would like information from their perspective.

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