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Early Years teacher, Environmental Educator and Researcher from the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Early Years teaching

Environmental Education

Spanish

Curriculum development

Educational material design

Technical documentation

Budgeting

Project management

People management

Organisational planning

Inter-institutional coordination

Institutional restructuring

Work Experience

Environmental Educator, Galapagos National Park 🇪🇨

2012-2013

- Environmental Education Strategy for the Galapagos National Park.
- Development and implementation of environmental education projects aimed at children, young adults and all sectors of the local community.
- Design and delivery of activities, talks, field trips, open houses.
- Coordination with local and international agencies, incl. the Charles Darwin Foundation, WWF, WildAid and Sea Shepherd.

Project Director, GECO Galapagos 🇪🇨

2011-2012

- Bidding: documentation and presentations for independently-run projects.
- Project strategy, management and logistics.
- Execution of educational and socio-environmental projects activities at children and young adults of the Galapagos.
- Financial planning, management and accountability.

Galapagos Youth Centre Coordinator, Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, Government of Ecuador 🇪🇨

2009-2010

- Centre coordinator to promote the wellbeing of children of the Galápagos
- Education campaigns
- Province-wide initiatives to bring together children of all ages together
- project management in recreational/educational spaces for healthy leisure to promote the wellbeing of children and adolescents (NNA) in Galápagos

Environmental Education Manager, Galapagos National Park / Spanish Government International Aid Agency 🇪🇨

2008-2009

- Environmental Education coordination for the Conservation and Sustainable Development Programme for the Galapagos Islands of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).
- Inclusion of Environmental and Sustainable Development into the formal education curriculum, in coordination with the Ecuadorean Ministry of Education office in Galapagos
- Coordination of Environmental Education and Participation initiatives between state agencies and local and international NGOs.

Coordinator, Environmental Education Centre, Charles Darwin Foundation 🇪🇨

2003-2008

- Planning and execution of Environmental Education activities for children and young adults of San Cristobal Island with the participation of leading international scientist.
- After-school club and activities for local children of all ages, increasing their wellbeing and academic exposure.
- Founder and coordinator of Galapagos' first student Science Fair in coordination with the Ministry of Education.
- Development and implementation of leisure, free time, and group activities aimed at children, young people, teachers, and parents of Galápagos.
- Creation and publication of educational material focused on the Galapagos Islands.

Education

Masters Degree in Educational Research (Scientific Education), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Spain	2014-2015
EYES Education Degree, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja (UTPL), Ecuador	2007-2010

Professional Training

<i>Designing a sustainable future through school-community collaboration</i> , Conference CoDeS – Barcelona, Spain	2005
<i>Education Project Management</i> , Instituto de Comunicación, Educación y Práctica – Madrid, Spain	2005
<i>Environmental Education and Participation Strategies</i> , Galapagos National Park, Ecuador	2004
<i>Sea Turtle Monitoring</i> , Ecology Project International, San Jose, Costa Rica	2003
Sustainable Solid Waste Management, Instituto para el Desarrollo (IPADE) / Galapagos National Park	2002

Languages

Spanish - Native speaker

English - Intermediate

More about me

What I like most about teaching is...

The impact I have seen in students from my local community, whom I have seen grow up. Some even trace back their career choices to their time at the Environmental Education Centre I helped run. There could be no higher compliment!

Where I see myself progressing

Having moved to the UK (and now that my child is growing and I have a little more time), I hope to apply my experience in an Early Years Education setting.

My educational philosophy is...

Happy children! I believe the key to a good education is overall wellbeing. Children with good pastoral care and emotional support are in the best position to achieve their full potential.

Interests

Early Years Education and overall early development.

Language acquisition, especially for bilingual children.

Going back to Galapagos as often as possible to see my family!



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