

EVALUATION FORM - INTERNSHIP AT TAF - THE ANIMAL FUND



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Period of Internship: 14/09/2019 - 12/03/2020 (with organisational meetings in August 2019)

Hours of Internship: 91.5 hours

Tasks given:

- Awareness spreading and social media: including designing of posters, invitations, resources, creation of videos and presentations that will be shared with the public and for TAF events held
- Organisation of events: designing posters and resources; Outreach and contacting sponsors and partners; planning with a TAF team
- Education focused activities: creating resources, education packs, and going to schools to educate children about the work of TAF and the issues they tackle and advocate for (Such as stopping single-use plastics; stopping overfishing; promoting conservation of whales, dolphins and the ocean)
- TAF volunteers and information meetings
- Beach Clean-Ups
- (Nice marathon)

Tasks completed:

As above, under 'Tasks given' and notably including the designing of the education resources (including materials and games), posters (such as the magnetic posters), invitations, video presentations (with the Education Team such as the video used in UK schools), voice-over, and research for the completion of these tasks. I was involved in the event planning, organisation, outreach, and the successful execution on the day of the Beach Clean-Up at Rondelli Beach, Menton Garavan, especially regarding the design of the invitations on behalf of TAF which was also featured in various media publications. I also actively attended the TAF Volunteers Meetings and the meetings with Berit, Liv, and the Education Team. Additionally, I designed the TAF 2019 Christmas cards where we sold 400 straightaway and distributed to raise funds for TAF's work. All these tasks were completed in the spirit of educating others, spreading awareness, and helping TAF complete their goals.

What did you like the most about your internship:

I couldn't decide what I liked the most about my internship with TAF because it was truly such an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Of what I liked the most about my internship, I liked how as we worked together, each of us was able to effectively utilise our talents and interests to better achieve the common goals for a TAF. Each of us had a role, such a diverse range of opportunities which we could contribute, engage, and where we could best execute and work together to see things through. I really liked being valued and listened to by Berit and the TAF organisation so I could get the best out of the internship. I appreciated they were so considerate of our school obligations and made sure we weren't overwhelmed. I really enjoyed getting to help plan and organise a project/event such as the Beach Clean Up and actually see that hard work and collaboration successfully executed. I loved getting to learn about whales, dolphins, and the practices of ocean conservation.

Did your internship live up to your expectations?

Even though I came into this internship with a very open mind, this internship still exceeded my expectations. I was just very eager to learn and engage in anything and everything about TAF's mission for ocean, whale, and dolphin conservation. I most definitely didn't expect to be so welcomed and valued to the extent I was by all the members of TAF. It was so wonderful to have my opinions and talents considered so that I can contribute to TAF in the best way possible and so I could also get the best out of the internship.

Can you recommend others to apply to TAF?

I most sincerely and genuinely recommend others to apply to TAF. It was such an extraordinary and rewarding experience. I met such exceptional people who have really positively impacted my life. I learned so much about whales, dolphins, and overall ocean conservation but I also learned so much about myself and how I can contribute to sustainable change. Anyone and everyone should apply to TAF.

Which skills did you learn?

Volunteering with TAF was a profoundly impactful experience and through this internship I have been able to learn so much about marine life, conducting peaceful and effective initiatives, as well as how to plan and execute large projects involving multiple actors. I have learnt how to better manage my time and organise myself, develop my professional and interpersonal skills, built up my utilisation and analysis of various forms of communication (including that of scientific information, media, visual resources, academic research), as well as improved my problem solving and adaptability. I have been able to learn how to adapt the information in our outreach for the appropriate age groups to make it more understandable. I have developed better communication and interpersonal skills which were essential in our projects which required large groups, multiple actors and partners, and the public. Moreover, I have learnt the value of effective conduct that is consistent with the organisation's (and one's own) values, especially when the issues are as significant and of high stakes, such as marine conservation, plastic pollution, and the protection of endangered mammals.

Can your internship and what you learned be of use for you in the future?

I definitely think that my internship with TAF and all the skills, knowledge, and lessons I learned would be extremely useful and valuable for me in the future.

Other comments:

I just wanted to thank Berit, Liv, and the whole TAF organisation for this extraordinary opportunity and for generously and wholeheartedly letting me be a part of TAF and allowing me to be creative in my contributions. It was so rewarding and so fulfilling to be in service of a cause that could positively impact people, animals, and the environment. The issues that TAF tackles can't be resolved in the time of one internship but the fact we are making a concerted effort to act and spread awareness—including the possible actions to take such as stopping use of single-use plastics and finding alternatives (such as reusable bottles); not investing in make-up products with animal ingredients—can be of great help to the cause. I was so honoured to be a part of this.

Date 08 / 08 / 20

Signature _____

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