



IFA Workplace Learning Bursaries Case Studies Maritime Archaeology

- (1) Name? Mary Harvey
- (2) Placement? Assistant Training and Publications Officer with the Nautical Archaeology Society
- (3) Education/ previous roles? I have a BA in Archaeology and an MA in Maritime Archaeology and History, both from Bristol University
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- (4) Hobbies? Dancing, tennis, diving, travelling, reading
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- (5) Favourite archaeological person, book, site or object? There are loads of wreck sites around the UK that are great but those surrounding the Isles of Scilly are fantastic!
- (6) Where did you see the placement advertised and what inspired you to apply? The advert was emailed to me by a friend who had seen it on BAJR. It seemed to be the perfect opportunity to fill the gap between my experience and qualifications especially since there are no entry level positions in maritime archaeology.
- (7) How did you feel when you were offered the post? Excited about the opportunities and to have finally got a job in archaeology!
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- (8) Best/worst thing about the placement? Best - Getting to go diving and go on courses to build my own experience. I also can't wait to take part in projects over the summer both here in Portsmouth and the opportunity to work on an excavation project in Akko, Israel. Worst - Still having to go diving when the water was only 4 degrees!
- (9) Biggest achievement/biggest challenge? The biggest achievement - completion of updated course notes and teaching materials for the NAS Introduction course and receiving positive feedback from participants and colleagues. The challenge - to achieve the same for the Part 1 course and the rest of the training syllabus.
- (10) What have you learnt so far? I have learnt lots about running courses and have been able to take short courses myself, in photomosaics, numismatics and dendrochronology. I have learnt to write in html code to produce NAS training materials!
- (11) Future plans/future ambitions? I would like to continue to work within maritime archaeology, building my skills and experience and sharing this with others by continuing my involvement with the NAS training programme.
- (12) What advice would you give to other people wanting to apply for a training placement? If you think that you meet the criteria then go for it. It's a great opportunity to build your experience in a working environment, and for networking!