# **Thomas Young**

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Being an Environmental Science graduate, with a variety of working experiences, I have developed a wide range of transferable skills that make me a highly efficient employee that can learn quickly; work well alone and in a team environment. Trained in public speaking, teaching, and the use of a variety of computer programs, tied in with passion, hard working determination, excellent interpersonal skills and high computer literacy. Keen wildlife enthusiast, photographer and filmmaker.

#### **EDUCATION:**

## **University of Plymouth**

BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Marine Conservation)

(2:1) Second Class Honours (Upper Tier)

## Samuel Whitbread Community College, Bedfordshire

A-Levels: Geography (B) Travel and Tourism (C) Media (C) 12 GCSEs: grades A-C including Science, English and Maths

## **CERTIFICATES:**

**2009** HSE First Aid at Work **2008** RYA VHF Radio

**2009** HSE Oxygen Administration **2008** HSE Manual Handling Techniques

2009 RYA National Powerboat Level 2
 2010 ORCA Marine Mammal Surveyor
 2010 Sea Search Observer Course

2010 STEMNET Ambassador

2010 HSE Professional Scuba Diver

2011 BSAC Dive Leader
 2012 RSPB Parliament Campaign Officer
 2014 HSE First Aid at Work

KEY SKILLS:

#### **Writing and Communication**

Working successfully as part of a team has been key to successfully completing both my degree and extracurricular courses. This was particularly vital on my HSE diving courses, where organisation, teamwork and leadership were vital to completing tasks in a safe manner whilst abiding to the health and safety regulations. Tailoring my educational presentations, activities and talks for specific audiences has been important, to effectively communicate. I have produced written reports and assignments consistently to a professional standard.

## **Computing & Analytical**

Have extensive experience using Microsoft Office, particularly Word, Excel and PowerPoint, to handle large datasets, perform statistical analyses and produce professional presentations for both scientific and public audiences. MiniTab and Statgraphics have also been used to perform statistical analyses, and I have experience using Arcsoft GIS as a mapping tool for environmental impact assessments, which was vital for assessing the visual impact of a proposed wind farm development in Devon.

## **Personal Management**

Being a highly organised individual, my time management skills allow me to delegate and arrange tasks effectively. I am a highly motivated individual that enjoys working under pressure to achieve the job at hand.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

## **ZSL Whipsnade Zoo:** Host, Warden & Assistant

March 2013 to Present

As a host and warden on the Lookout Lodge experience, I work in a small team to deliver engaging and educational talks about a large variety of animals, their ecology and their conservation. Part of my job is to provide excellent customer service and ensure the guests enjoy the experience to the highest standard possible.

**Temporary Employment:** Media Delivery Driver; Labourer

October 2012 to March 2013

As a key member of a media printing company I benchworked, delivered products nationwide and acted as the companies primary face-to-face customer relation. Working in a small team as a labourer for Mills and Young, I helped with the construction of extensions and houseworks.

## **ORCA (Organisation Cetacea):** Seasonal Wildlife Officer

April 2012 to September 2012

Working unsupervised aboard a vessel of opportunity, I gave daily presentations to large and small groups of a wide range of audiences, adapting the presentations to suit specific audience groups. Hosting daily wildlife watching from the ships, I recorded cetacean sightings to contribute to an important scientific database on species and distribution in the Bay of Biscay. I also photographed and wrote for a blog and aided with Marine Mammal Surveyor Courses.

Wildlife Trust: Volunteer Habitat Assistant

January 2012 to April 2012

Working with a team of volunteers I helped assist the habitat manager in successfully managing to conserve important grassland and woodland habitats through clearing and coppicing.

**Temporary Employment:** Labourer; File Reviewer

August 2011 to December 2011

Being highly organised I worked to tight deadlines, preparing large clinical study projects for audit. Multiple jobs as a labourer for Mills and Young Builders.

**Shark Trust:** Office and Outreach Volunteer

September 2009 to July 2011

Engaging with a range of audiences at public events about the Shark Trusts work, marine conservation and shark biology. I have aided with the organisation of educational events including public shark and ray eggcase hunts, carrying out necessary risk assessments. Based in the office I contributed to the running of the Trust by proof-reading, data entry, fact file creation and writing for their website.

MBA (Marine Biological Association): Biological Surveyor September 2008 to August 2010

As part of a group of volunteer scientists, we surveyed rocky shores, estuaries and carried out trawler surveys to gather data for scientific research and to report back to the MBA. Extensive experience of organising and conducting surveys, writing reports and presenting them to groups was gained. I also gained experience working with school groups on the rocky shore on seashore safaris, combining outdoor activities and classroom education.

**Temporary Employment:** Ridgecrest Cleaner; Hertfordshire Timber October 2006 to August 2008 Handling goods and orders for customers, working for Hertfordshire Timber combined the need for great customer service and the physical tasks involved with yardwork. As a cleaning operative for Ridgecrest, I was trained to use chemicals and industrial equipment to clean schools.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Available upon request.