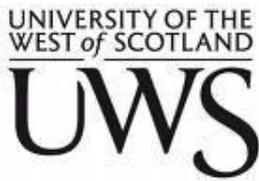


Tristan da Cunha 2013 - Celebrating Survival, Creating Sustainability Pilot Project Initiative



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A research partnership between the **Scottish Centre for Island Studies**, University of the West of Scotland, the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), coordinated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the community of Tristan da Cunha exploring the challenges of climate change through education, awareness raising and the dissemination of information, good ideas and good practice.

The project aims to support and facilitate the young islanders, all pupils of St Mary's school, Tristan da Cunha to explore and engage with sustainability issues in relation to their own environment, history and future through the making and sharing of visual media both within the community of Tristan da Cunha and beyond to islanders and audiences interested in island culture and environment everywhere. Mr Jim Kerr, Education Advisor, Tristan da Cunha is the lead partner representative for the island community and school and is working closely with the young people in both producing and developing creative responses to the island's environment and social change.

Images supplied by Jim Kerr, Education Adviser.



Image 1: Pupils and Staff at St Mary's School, Edinburgh of the Seven Seas, Tristan da Cunha.



Image 2: Pupils with the film and media equipment, including iMac computer, digital still, video and underwater cameras, supplied as part of a pilot multi-media project exploring sustainability on the island funded by University of the West of Scotland and UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), coordinated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. The pupils (pictured from left to right) are Caryn Green, Jade Repetto, Dean Repetto, Rhyanna Swain, Kimberley Green and Leo Glass.

Education Adviser Jim Kerr is working with the school children producing photographs, oral interviews and film which will be put together into an edited package which it is hoped will be one of the highlights of a forthcoming Tristan da Cunha SCIS-UWS screening event to be held in 2011-2012, and also to be screened at a future Tristan da Cunha Association Annual Gathering, late in 2011. The children are very excited about the project and have been keen to use the equipment which has been provided as part of the Tristan da Cunha 2013 - Celebrating Survival, Creating Sustainability Pilot Project Initiative. The young people are already exploring their land and water environment further with the support of Jim and others, including marine biologist Sue Scott. The young people are seen in diving gear provided by Sue in relation to her own research on the island (Images 3 & 4). Jim has talked to the children about topics for filming in relation to sustainability and they are now considering a wide range including:



- **School events**
- **Conservation and Wildlife**
- **Visits to Nightingale and Inaccessible**
- **The fishing industry and the new factory**
- **Agriculture**
- **Interviews with elderly people to get a feeling for recent history and change**
- **Tristan houses**
- **Government Departments**
- **Island churches**
- **1961 volcano**

Details and updates from Jim and the young islanders can be found at <http://www.tristandc.com/newsschool.php> and in relation to the related research by the University of the West of Scotland Scottish Centre for Island Studies at <http://scotcis.wordpress.com>. Funding from both the School of Creative and Cultural Industries and from the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), coordinated by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee facilitated the buying of film, audio and editing equipment for the young people of Tristan da Cunha. Thanks go to Mr Jim Kerr, Mr Chris Bates, Mr Tony Grace, Dr Marcus Bowman, Ms Tara Pelembe, Mr Graeme Robertson, and Ms Sue Scott.

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