



### Coral Cay Crosses Oceans for Conservation!

[Coral Cay Conservation's](#) (CCC), Tom Dallison, took to the skies in early November to represent CCC at the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) [31st General Meeting](#), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris. CCC has been a member of [ICRI](#) for as long as we can remember. Attending the meetings can be difficult as being an international affair, general meetings in the past have been based anywhere from Thailand to Madagascar. With this year's event happening so close to home, and hot off the heels of the decisions from the United Nations Climate Change Conference ([COP21](#)) we jumped at the opportunity to attend.

The ICRI is an informal partnership between Nations and organisations, made up of heads of associated Government departments and stakeholders, with a common goal to preserve coral reefs and their related ecosystems. Although the Initiative is an informal group whose decisions are not binding on its members, its actions have been pivotal in continuing to highlight the global importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems to environmental sustainability, food security and social and cultural well-being.

This year's event was of particular importance as it was a chance for all members to discuss how they will be endeavouring to enact the [agreements from COP21](#). The meeting was a hive of activity with presentations, workshops and panel discussions. Head on over to the [CCC Blog](#) for Tom's full break down of the days' events.



The local children try their luck at the 'Fishing for Prizes' game.



Adventure Lifesigns staff help to prep future adventurers

#### Coral Cay Conservation

We are officially into festival season in Montserrat! From November onward it seems like every other weekend brings its own event, and then December is just one long celebration. These events, in addition to being great fun, offer a perfect opportunity to

#### Recent Events

[Adventure Lifesigns](#) School Programme Coordinator, Mette Klemetsaune, reached a milestone recently when she completed the final Expedition Skills Training One (EST1) session for next summer's expeditions. These sessions are the first of 3 training

get involved and help the local community.

Last week the [Montserrat Children's Society](#) (MCS) held their annual children's fun day to celebrate the UNICEF Universal Children's day, which aims to help children who have urgent health, social or educational needs regardless of race, nationality or disability. CCC jumped at the chance to participate. Field Base Manager, Susan Robertson, and Science Officer, Derry Gibson, put together a 'fishing for prizes' stall, where kids got to go 'fishing' for sea rubbish, fish, and popcorn! Project Scientist, Marisa Sorrell, got to channel her inner artist with a face painting stand!

MSC had a lot of support with many other activities including a children's cricket match, and with everyone's help raised over \$400! It was a wonderful day where both attendees and those assisting had a lot of fun! Check out the [CCC Blog](#) for more stories from site.

programs designed to prepare the school age explorers for life on expedition. They really help to set the foundation to ensure that the children are aware of everything they need to know to keep themselves safe, happy and healthy during their travels.

In addition to discussions on itinerary, equipment and first aid training the groups also get a thorough masterclass in local culture and laws. In recent years there seem to have been a number of news stories about English travellers misbehaving, and inadvertently breaking local laws. I think we can rest assured that none of our explorers will be stripping on Mt. Kinabalu any time soon, but when the simple act of taking a photo comes with rules it's really important to discuss what is and isn't allowed. It's great to know that we are playing our part in sending responsible and respectful travellers out into the world! Check out the [website](#) to find out how you can become an explorer.

## Future Events

As mentioned above the school groups are being kept very busy preparing for their Summer expeditions. Meanwhile the staff at Head Office are putting all the logistics in place, one element of which is hiring Expedition Leaders.

We are excited to announce that there are still three vacancies for Expedition Leaders waiting to be filled for Summer 2017. Believe us when we tell you the look of wonder in your teams' faces, when they see the sun rising from the top of a mountain, will not be something you forget for quite a while! If you would like to lead a group of young explorers in Malawi, Cambodia or Nepal this is the role for you!

Malawi: 24th June – 14th July

Cambodia: 29th June - 28th July

Nepal: 17th July-7th August

To apply you must be Mountain Leader Summer qualified with regional experience (work or personal travel), accessible DBS & a minimum 16 hour First Aid Qualification. You must be available for a staff training weekend on the 4/5th March 2017 and for a training weekend with the team.

For more information please contact Miss Kensa Cooper on [expeditionsmanager@lifesignsgroup.co.uk](mailto:expeditionsmanager@lifesignsgroup.co.uk). To apply please email a copy of your CV.

We are more than happy to consider one leader for two destinations.

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## Offer of the Month!

Our Black Friday offer proved to be so popular we thought we would extend it for one more week, for Newsletter readers only! This type of discount doesn't happen often so grab your opportunity to join us on a Coral Cay Conservation Expedition!

Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation expeditions booked by Friday 2nd December 2016, 5 pm GMT only.

Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'BlackFridayNewsletter' on the [booking form](#). This offer cannot be combined with any other offer and no cash or product alternative will be offered. Offer subject to availability. Usual CCC expedition [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.