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KIMO Launches Innovative Marine Environment Research Project.

Are you a graduate in a marine science or a related environmental discipline?
Then KIMO UK would like to hear from you.

With funding from LEADER+, Shetland Enterprise and the Shetland Island Council KIMO are launching an innovative environmental research project which is looking into opportunities for graduates living in Shetland to use their skills and expertise, on a part-time basis and from the comfort of their own homes. Participants would be required to undertake research on the Internet in their own discipline and then to produce a report for clients.

The project will develop and establish research methodologies, equipment requirements, investigate potential markets and costs of providing a service for potential clients, undertake a sample of 5 to 10 illustrative model trawls to provide marine environmental information, investigate the technical opportunities and restraints of providing information at different technical levels and of producing reports, identify opportunities and problems, and assess the options to expand the project into the community using home workers.

Jane Macaulay has been appointed Project Co-ordinator and will be based in Unst for the 9 month project.

KIMO UK's Mr Rick Nickerson said: *"This is a very exciting project to investigate the challenges in developing home working opportunities for people especially in rural areas. We are delighted that KIMO has been given the chance to take it forward. The kinds of people we are looking for need to have an in-depth knowledge of their own field, as quality assurance in the reporting to our clients is of paramount importance. If you have access to the Internet and have some time to spare to take part in this pilot we would very much like to hear from you."*

Notes for Editors

KIMO UK is a constituent network of KIMO International, an organisation that consists of 115 coastal local authorities in 9 countries in Northern Europe representing over 6 million inhabitants. KIMO campaigns and undertakes projects on a range of marine pollution issues that affect coastal communities.

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