



## PRESS RELEASE

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**Join Seal Rescue Ireland in Galway Atlantaquaria for a special **COMMON SEAL PUP RELEASE** and **Volunteer Rescue Training** on November 4th, 2017!**

Seal Rescue Ireland is the only organization in the Republic of Ireland that rescues and rehabilitates seals. Established in 2010, SRI now manages a network of over 500 rescue and transport volunteers, as well as dozens of full-time resident volunteers from all over the world to rescue, rehabilitate and release between 100-120 native common and grey seals back to their ocean homes each year. Last year Seal Rescue Ireland successfully released an impressive 74% of the animals admitted. Additionally, Seal Rescue Ireland runs active educational programs and community outreach events to promote ocean conservation.

This year alone, SRI has welcomed over 30,000 people from all over the world to its hospital and visitor centre in Courtown! Visitors are encouraged to take a free tour of the facility, learn about the work they're doing, and hear about each of the seals in their care.

Seal Rescue Ireland receives its funding from donations and sales in its Courtown gift shop. Additional support is received via in-kind donations and fundraising programs like Adoptions, Rescuer For A Day, Corporate Volunteer Days, and Annual Memberships. For more information about how you can contribute to the work SRI is doing, please visit <http://www.sealrescueireland.org/how-you-can-help-us/>.

### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING – SEAL RESCUE NETWORK VOLUNTEER**

November 4th, 2017 – 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Galway Atlantaquaria

When a distressed seal pup is observed and reported to Seal Rescue Ireland's 24-hour rescue hotline (087 1955393), we call upon our Rescue Network Volunteers to respond, assess and transport pups to our facility for care. This valuable training teaches volunteers about seal ecology and behaviour as well as how to safely and effectively monitor, lift, handle and transport seals. Please email us at [volunteer@sealrescueireland.org](mailto:volunteer@sealrescueireland.org) to reserve your spot at the training and join the team!

### **COMMON SEAL PUP RELEASE**

November 4th, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.  
Ladies Beach Salthill Galway

When our rehabilitated pups are determined sufficiently fit and healthy they are released back into the wild! We like to encourage members, rescuers, adopters as well as the general public to join us at releases to be a part of the rewarding and beautiful experience! Bring your cameras and your waterproof shoes! All ages are welcome.

