Galway Atlantaquaria, Clean Coasts
REVIEW OF THE YEAR, 2017

Galway Atlantaquaria has supported a number of Clean Coasts events throughout the year. The following is a small review of the work carried out so far.

Galway Atlantaquaria knows it is difficult to learn about upcoming beach cleans, and so we have decided to set up a network of people who would like to be contacted for upcoming events. This network of contacts will be private, never used for marketing or any other purpose. The list is only intended for volunteers to be contacted for specific events on the beach. What do you think?

If you are interested in joining the network please email

garry@nationalaquarium.ie for more information.

Galway Atlantaquaria would like to thank Catriona Cunningham, Clean Coasts officer for all the support throughout this year, we look forward to more beach cleans in 2018.
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THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

- Galway Atlantiquaria supports ‘Think before you flush’, the posters inside the cubicles so they will be seen by lots of people.

MEETING THE VILLAGE SALTHILL BUSINESS GROUP

- Meeting with the Village Salthill business group and discussing the ‘Think before you flush’ campaign.
The Cleggan book was a great event and on the last page of the book invites you to try a beach clean! Clean Coasts gave a talk at this event and it can be viewed on https://vimeo.com/215277655

We then attend the Clean Coast roadshow in Cheathru Rua Theas, Co Galway.
SEASCOUTS DAY OUT

- This was a fun day! Explorers Education was celebrating the ‘LANCER’ model boat find and we invited the Sea Scouts to the beach. The young people were invited to do a beach clean and safari.

CELEBRATE YOUR SHORE

The Green leaf delegation

- Celebrate Your Shore event was brilliant! We are going to repeat this next year.
• This Our Ocean Project! It received great support from Down2 earth materials and Clean Coasts. Duncan Stewart loved the exhibit!
GALWAY ATLANTAQUARIA SHARED SPACES

- SAP Galway cleaned the beach and participated in a Clean Coasts event in the classroom at Galway Atlantaquaria. Galway Atlantaquaria will always make the classroom available for these types of events.

TEACHER TRAINING EVENTS

- Galway Atlantaquaria run a number of Teacher Training events and will always encourage a #2minutebeachclean
**CLEAN COASTS WEEK**

- Galway Atlantaquaria supported Clean Coasts week by hosting a beach clean and beach safari.

**BIG BEACH CLEAN**

- Galway Atlantaquaria also supported the recent BIG BEACH CLEAN.
SCHOOL GROUPS

- Galway Atlantaquaria always encourages or school tours to participate in a beach clean. Rahara National School, helped us clean the beach during their school tour.

Business of the Year award, Ocean Hero

Galway Atlantaquaria was delighted to accept the Business of the year award from the Clean Coasts officers who have supported us all the way!

Thank you Caitriona Cunningham and Becky-Finn Britton you are the best!
Summary
We love being part of the Clean Coasts group. We are really grateful for the volunteers who came out and helped us clean the beaches throughout the year. As you can see the activities on the beach create awareness of the problems of ocean litter and how it impacts on wildlife and local amenities.

People who participate in the #2minutebeachcleans also develop an acute awareness of how much litter can be collected in that short time!

Galway Atlantaquaria would like to thank our clean coast officer Caitriona who has always been positive and supportive throughout the year.
Love Beaches? Hate Plastic?

Galway Atlantaquaria would like to set up a core group of volunteers who would like to be notified whenever there is a beach clean happening in Salthill. This contact list will NEVER be used for any marketing or sales pitch; it is only for beach cleans!

To learn more please email garry@nationalaquarium.ie