SEA CHANGE

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FROM ABC TO ABSEAS:
OCEAN LITERACY FOR ALL

NEW ONLINE COURSE OFFERS EDUCATORS INNOVATIVE WAYS TO TEACH OCEAN LITERACY

The **Sea Change** project invites second-level teachers and marine educators to join a free online course to empower them to give students a greater understanding of the importance of the ocean.

Many European citizens are not aware of the ocean's influence on us and our influence on the ocean. In other words, many of us lack a sense of "Ocean Literacy". This presents a barrier for citizens to engage in ocean-responsible behaviour or consider ocean-related careers. To overcome this, the EU-funded **Sea Change** project has developed this Massive Open Online Course (MOOC).

When?
7 November - 5 December 2016

Where?
Online at: **goo.gl/GwM22a**

The course will be available in:
English, French, Spanish, Italian and Catalan

The course is led by UNESCO and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Experienced educators, tutors, professors and researchers within the **Sea Change** project have developed this MOOC to create a deeper understanding amongst European citizens of how their health depends on the health of our seas and ocean.

Objectives

The ultimate goal of this education resource is to equip educators with the tools to encourage their students to make informed and responsible decisions regarding the ocean and its resources, by:

- Providing support and advice for educators to incorporate Ocean Literacy into educational programmes.
- Sharing activities and lesson plans developed by Marine Education experts.
- Creating a community of educators interested in ocean issues and Ocean Literacy.

Course Structure

The course has two sections:

1. A narrative format which introduces participants to the Ocean Literacy principles, focusing on how to incorporate them into lessons with tips, advice, references and activities.
2. An interactive section which covers contemporary and emerging issues such as seafood, marine pollution and human health, simulating a "real-world experiences" with a problems-solutions approach.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, course participants will be able to:

- Take the Ocean Literacy principles and concepts into the classroom using a range of educational approaches.
- Suggest engagement and exploratory (self-discovery) learning to their students.
- Develop enquiry-based activities with an interdisciplinary context.

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