

## Meet Shelley the LEARNZ field trip teacher

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### Job:

I am a field trip teacher for LEARNZ.

### Job description:

I organise science, geography and social science trips to a variety of places including cities, construction projects, Antarctica, mountains, glaciers, forests and geologically active areas. In term one you can join me during sea week to learn more about how people use and value our marine areas and how we can better manage these uses to ensure our seas remain healthy for years to come.

Each LEARNZ field trip has background pages so that everyone knows where we're going and what we are going to see. These pages give helpful supporting information and are linked to the curriculum. I am happy to make videos, take photos and organise web conferences with experts about anything related to your classroom programme.

There are also activities associated with the background pages to further assist your students' learning. Please don't hesitate to share any ideas that you may have that can help us to improve the programme.

On location I am lucky enough to work alongside experts and we talk live to schools during web conferences. You and your class can feel part of the journey by reading my daily field trip diary, which is posted each evening. From the comfort of your own classroom you can also experience new images and videos, which are updated daily during the field trip.

### Work background:

I taught for ten years, mostly in Intermediate Schools. I was in charge of science and outdoor education. I became a LEARNZ teacher in 2009.

### Favourite part of job:

Getting out and about all around exciting and interesting places in New Zealand and meeting people.

### Least favourite part of job:

Filming in the rain.

### What I am working on now:

In term 1 I am preparing for this year's Sustainable Seas field trip in Nelson. During Seaweeek I will head to Nelson to meet scientists who are studying marine ecosystems and find out how we can improve the way we manage these precious places.

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A (humorous) story about a job that went badly and what you learned:

While I was working on the rugged West Coast of the South Island, we stopped on a corner of the track to complete a web conference. During the conference a cheeky weka sneaked out from under a flax bush and grabbed one of the ambassadors. After we had finished the web conference I looked for the ambassador and wondered where it had disappeared to. Eventually we found it well off the track after we had scared the weka away. I learned to keep an eye on the ambassadors!

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science majoring in Physical Geography
- Bachelor of Education
- Diploma of Teaching

Interests outside work:

Spending quality time with my husband Paul, and our cat Tommie. I love anything that involves the outdoors and a bit of exercise. I enjoy mountaineering, rock climbing, ski touring, trail running, mountain biking and travel. I am always keen to learn more about our environment and how we can protect it for future generations.



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Shelley is one of the LEARNZ field trip teachers who can take your students virtually to places they may otherwise never visit. Image: LEARNZ.

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