

## YEOVIL COLLEGE STUDENTS PROVE AN INTEREST IN FOSSILS IS NOT JUST FOR DINOSAURS

Yeovil College students have taken part in an exciting project with The Jurassic Coast Trust to help 'bring fossils to life' for school children around the region.

Students have been rolling up their sleeves in replica fossil-making activities as part of their Independent Living Skills classes. The Jurassic Coast Trust then uses the Plaster of Paris 'fossils' for events for other young fossil fans, including children's activities and school trips in the Visitor Centres, and for various other organised activities.

Yeovil College lecturer and Jurassic Coast Trust ambassador, Valerie Rowlands, explains why she is keen for the students to be involved, "Giving knowledge about our pre-historic past, to children and vulnerable adults, has got to be one of the most precious teaching experiences I have had.

"As an ambassador, I'm passionate about raising awareness for this really spectacular piece of our coastline, which is recognised by World Heritage, too. It's about preserving the coastline, but also inspiring the younger generation to get involved in looking after it.

Geoff Rowland, also a Jurassic Coast Trust Ambassador, gave an informal talk on Thursday 3rd March to the students about how the fossils were formed and, how to look for them safely. He very kindly brought real fossils found on our wonderful Jurassic coastline to link with the models they had made.

The Jurassic Coast Trust is a charity aiming to fund and inspire conservation and community engagement along the 95 miles of World Heritage Coastline.

For more information about the Jurassic Coast Trust, please see <http://jurassiccoast.org/>



Valerie Rowland with students James, Christopher and Victoria