

The Department of Environment of the Consell de Formentera reports that the local celebration of World Cleanup Day promoted by Plastic-Free Formentera and Qué Celeste with support from the Consell happens this Saturday, 21 September.

Volunteers for a cleanup of Estany des Peix will meet at 10.00am at the Nautical Sports Centre (*Centre d'Esports Nàutics*). Besides getting information on recycling at two educational stands, participants will get the low-down on the day's agenda before splitting off into teams of 10 to 15 and heading to nearby locations like Lago Dorado, ses Bassetes and stretches of coastline by the harbour and in Can Marroig and la Savina. Formentera Divers will join in too, combing the water—both the surface and further down—for debris.

The effort has the support of the Department of Environment, which collaborated on logistics, event planning and permits. The Consell additionally coordinates disposal of found objects, bags and other waste.

Call for local participants

All those interested should contact plasticfreeformentera@gmail.com. That group and Qué Celeste have called on islanders to “become part of a massive movement and help shape consciousness around the environmental impacts of our waste management crisis”.

World Cleanup Day began in 2008 in Estonia when fifty thousand people cleaned the country in just five hours. The model has since traveled the globe, becoming one of the fastest-growing popular movements ever.

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