

BioGs

Biographies of IGES Graduates

ANNE GALLAGHER

NOW WORKS FOR: TUSKER FILMS
DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKER

Exactly 3 years after I graduated, I received a 'Tinny' Award from the Swansea Bay Film festival for my first film and first documentary - 'The Amadis Project'

I studied for a joint honours degree in Geography/Film & TV Studies at Aberystwyth, a degree scheme which my school careers advisor told me would never get me a job! It was a fantastic three years I found every module interesting and the variety stimulating.

While in my third year a recent Aber Marine Biology graduate offered me a place on a research trip she was running around the West Indies. Seeing the opportunity I asked if I could film the trip and 6 months after graduating I found myself filming in the Caribbean.

While putting the film through post-production I decided to set up a small production company for the documentary to come out of and with the help of a small grant from the Welsh Assembly Government I set up Tusker Films. It's not been easy and I'm still having to teach surfing on weekends through the summer but I love being able to work for myself and on projects that I am interested in.

Most of my films are about environmental issues and the latest project is a documentary on climate change and its local effects here in Wales. It will be filmed in monthly instalments and uploaded monthly to www.undercurrents.org and at the end of the year a 50 minute film will be produced.

I'm never going to be a millionaire but I'm doing a job I enjoy in a place I love.