

The Formentera Council's Office of Environment is coordinating a new round of courses on home composting. Alternating between the Council's Sala d'Actes and Capella de sa Tanca Vella children's garden, the classes will take place from 11.00am to 1.30pm on Sunday, March 18, and Saturday, March 24. All those interested can register at the CiF environment office, located in Sant Ferran on carrer Mallorca, or online at the OVAC.

Classes will be led by Juanjo Torres, a specialist from Amics de la Terra. The €20/student registration fee includes a composting device valued at €65 (plus an aerator and a user's manual) and all the knowledge needed to use it.

Environment secretary Daisee Aguilera called the courses "a chance to transform waste into something useful and reduce our environmental footprint here at home". Aguilera continued: "We hope that, armed with this knowledge, islanders will be able to enrich their land and keep organic rubbish out of es Cap de Barbaria's treatment plant".

In addition to the classes, which are a mix of theory and on-hand practice, Amics de la Terra offers phone assistance and the possibility of getting ongoing feedback from Torres. The instructor will conduct home visits to gauge each student's success with the composters.

By covering €3,000 of the courses' costs, the Formentera Council makes sure 50 islanders can receive the composting training. Formentera's Office of Environment and Amics de la Terra also wish to thank Trasmapi for the transport assistance they provide during the course.