



## ARONA

# International year for sustainable tourism

Recently, the mayor of Arona, José Julián Mena, accompanied by his tourism councillor, David Pérez, signed a contract with the World Tourism Organisation, UNWTO, which is a United Nations agency.

The contract will include the organisation's international trade fair on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism in Arona in June. The borough has been appointed a diamond member and thus appears in all public announcements issued by the United Nations. In this way millions of potential holidaymakers will be reached. Conversely, the borough itself can use the emblem, which distinguishes it as an international alliance partner in its publications.

Arona's mayor takes sustainable tourism to heart. Mena said: "When we speak of sustainability, we not only mean environmental friendliness, but



↑ Mayor Mena (centre left) stands for sustainability on many levels and is looking forward to international cooperation

also social and economic sustainability. That is, we want the wealth generated by tourism to be important in the community and for the people by creating and safeguarding jobs. This

is also sustainability". Tourism councillor David Pérez pointed out that he would work closely with UNWTO as it is necessary to reach common goals and share experiences. He

said: "We in Arona, for example, can share our experiences of how the holiday metropolis has become a disabled-friendly resort. Other destinations can benefit from this."

## ONCE LOTTERY

## Award for Angelita

Ángela María del Carmen Almeida, best known in Telde, Gran Canaria as Angelita, has been selected as the best seller of the ONCE lottery tickets in the Canaries for 2016. Angelita has been selling tickets since January 11, 1988, in Gran Canaria and was recently honoured at a gala in Madrid for her dedication.

ONCE is Spain's national organisation for the blind and was founded on December 13, 1938, in order to collect funds for the visually impaired. Various programmes for the blind, such as guide dogs, are financed via ticket sales. For disabled people, selling them gives them a meaningful job and the support of others.

Angelita is known in Telde as a sympathetic, home loving, hard working, responsible and committed woman. She enjoys taking care of her garden and has a passion for Canarian folklore. A culinary expert, she loves to cook typical beef and rabbit dishes.

She was presented with her award in March at the Gala entitled 'Buena Gente ONCE'. Social and work commitment and personality are some of the factors which determine the annual winners who are selected from the 1,064 vendors in Spain. This year, Angelita was one of a total of 22 who were praised for their achievements and were rewarded with an exciting weekend in the capital.



↑ Angelita was extremely proud of her award

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