



Plymouth  
Sound

National Marine Park

**NMP HORIZONS PROJECT**

Activity Plan 2022



# ABOUT PLYMOUTH SOUND NATIONAL MARINE PARK

The unique waters of Plymouth Sound have been instrumental in shaping our city and nation's heritage, culture, wealth and security.

The National Marine Park (NMP) will encourage greater engagement with our marine environment.

Partners across the city created the UK's first-ever National Marine Park in 2019 and thanks to the lottery players the 'Park in the Sea' was awarded £9.5 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund Horizon Awards in 2021 to fully develop the idea.

## **The Plymouth Sound National Marine Park Horizons Project aims to:**

- Support the ongoing enhancement of our world-class natural environment and heritage landscape;
- Get the entire city and surrounding communities involved with the Sound;
- Increase access to our heritage so everyone can enjoy the benefits;
- Provide new employment opportunities and career pathways in sustainable future ocean jobs;
- Position Plymouth as a UK top day-visitor destination;
- Champion health and wellbeing with a new generation of engaged volunteers, communities and champions;
- Support the positive transition to net zero carbon by 2030.



# NMP HORIZONS INSPIRED

Through a programme of events and activities we want the NMP to inspire people from across the city to get on, in, under and next to the water to explore, learn and connect with the Park.

National Marine Park Plymouth residents open weekend event at National Marine Aquarium (1 to 3 April 2022, repeated 2023).

SailGP – Inspire programme & STEM events (July)

Challenges linked with Give it a Go and SailGP

## School involvement

National Marine Aquarium lead Generation Ocean pilot programme, a long term programme with schools across year groups.

Trial participation of 27 classes (~800 children).

## Ocean Citizenship

Programme to support people to learn more about the marine environment, connect with the Park and become a marine citizen.

## NMP Apprenticeship

Specific work stream to work with providers to develop a framework apprenticeship programme to be delivered in the Delivery stage of the project from 2023.

## NMP work experience programme

Badged work experience programme.

New career pathways to blue jobs.



# NMP HORIZONS INVOLVED

To become the 'People's Park in the Sea' we need communities across Plymouth to be part of the design team. There will be loads of ways to get involved and shape the Park's future. Have fun, try something new and tell us your thoughts on what the Park should look like in the future.

## Give it a Go Programme

National Marine Park Give it a Go Journey (July).

SailGP Inspire programme & STEM events (July).

Challenges linked with Give it a Go and SailGP.

## Finding out more about our past and shaping what comes next

Maritime Archaeology programme.

Community Stories linked to History Festival.

## Designing community access points to the NMP

Communities designing their own part of the NMP.



# NMP HORIZONS CREATIVE

**We'll be enabling a range of events and engagement activities to enable the park to be co-designed with local residents, communities and stakeholders.**

## **NMP connecting with other brilliant programmes**

History Festival photographic exhibition – past, present (May).

National Marine Park Take over of The Box (August).

Seafood & Harbour Festival (September).

British Arts Show 9 (October to December).

## **Community creativity**

National Marine Park Sparks programme

Community-led content for the Park' website and social media channels

National Marine Park Guerilla Screening

## **Sea in the Park**

'Sea in the Park', taking the NMP all over the city, bringing the blue to a green space near you (Easter and summer holidays).



# NMP HORIZONS INNOVATE

**Building a Digital Park in the Sea – time for ideas, testing and creating.**

## **Innovation Labs/Hidden Treasures**

Exploring the art of the possible in giving everyone a full immersive NMP experience and bring the treasures beneath the waves to life.

## **NMP Connections and Community**

We'll provide an updated and engaging Plymouth Sound National Marine Park website, designed and delivered with communities across the city, focussing on enabling community content.

## **Marine Observation Post**

We'll install 2 fixed webcams to enable the city to see the NMP from new viewpoints.

1 roving webcam that can be used to give insight into the Park, so we can take virtual journeys around the NMP.

Streams to be linked to the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park website



# NMP HORIZONS AMBASSADORS: VOLUNTEERING AND GUARDIANSHIP

We'll pilot a range of roles, programmes and activities to develop environmental ambassadors of the future.

## Pilot Park Ranger Team

Linking with the great activities already happening and delivering new NMP wide activities.

## Pilot programme of activities

Programme to include and align with existing programmes such as:

- Beach cleans, plastic reduction programmes
- Bioblitz style citizen surveys
- Green Minds
- Natural Grid
- Community Forest



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## April 2022

National Marine Park Plymouth residents open weekend event at National Marine Aquarium

## May 2022

Photographic exhibition – past, present (History Festival)  
'Sea in the Park' in community events

## June 2022

'Sea in the Park' in community events

## July 2022

National Marine Park Give it a Go event  
SailGP – Inspire programme & STEM events

## August 2022

National Marine Park take over of The Box  
'Sea in the Park' in community events

## September 2022

Seafood & Harbour Festival

## October 2022

British Arts Show 9

## November 2022

British Arts Show 9

## December 2022

British Arts Show 9

## April 2023

National Marine Park Plymouth residents open weekend event at National Marine Aquarium

And this is just the start of what's to come. Keep an eye on our social media channels to find out more about how you can get involved.





# PLYMOUTH SOUND NATIONAL MARINE PARK PARTNERS



## THE GATEWAY HUB PARTNERS

