



## Community Science in the Natural World

### Delegate Information

#### About the conference and venue

The citizen science revolution is growing! With the help of thousands of participants across the world, huge volumes of data are being collected for use in scientific research and monitoring of our natural world. With climate change affecting the planet on an unprecedented scale it's now more important than ever to engage members of the public in finding out more about the natural world around them.

Talks and workshops at this conference will give citizen scientists and facilitating organisations, a chance to share their wealth of knowledge and experience. This valuable networking opportunity will help citizen science move forward. It will provide a chance to discuss how organisations' data is collected by thousands of participants across the world, and how it can be used optimally for the good of conserving our natural heritage. There will also be a Community Science Open Evening event open to the public giving many passionate and enthusiastic attendees the opportunity to find out more about how to get involved.

This conference is being organised by the Community Seagrass Initiative (CSI), a citizen science project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which aims to raise awareness of seagrass habitats in the South West of England. The CSI is a pioneering research project led by the National Marine Aquarium along with its project partners. Covering the 191 mile stretch of coastline from Looe in Cornwall, to Weymouth in Dorset, the CSI is looking to find out more about native seagrass and seahorses and help to conserve their fragile eco-systems. Everyone from school children, sailors, canoeists, divers, kayakers and even internet users can get involved and help collect vital data that will aid the mapping and surveying of seagrass meadows along the South coast.

The conference will be held at the National Marine Aquarium (NMA) in Plymouth. The NMA is the largest public aquarium in the UK welcoming 300,000 visitors per year. Since opening its doors in 1998, this self-funded charity has aimed to drive marine conservation through engagement. During the conference there will be plenty of time to explore the facility, which includes the largest native exhibition in the UK. To find out more about his world class location please visit: [www.national-aquarium.co.uk](http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk)



Timetable

Day 1

Time	Event	Venue
0830-0930	Registration (including coffee)	Horizons Bar
0930-1100	CSI intro & Plenary	Horizons
1100-1200	NMA tour (3 groups)	Seagrass exhibit
1200-1300	Lunch	Horizons/ H2O
<b>Session</b>	<b>H2O (Marine)</b>	<b>Horizons (Terrestrial)</b>
1300-1400	1. Talk	1. Talk
1400-1500	2. Talk	2. Talk
1500-1530	Coffee Break	
1530 - 1630	3. Talk	3. Talk
1800	Social Conference Dinner	

Day 2

0930-1000	Coffee in Horizons Bar	
	<b>H2O (Marine)</b>	<b>Horizons (Terrestrial)</b>
1000-1100	Talk 1	Talk 2
1100-1130	Coffee Break	
1130-1300	Workshop 1	Workshop 2
1300-1400	Lunch in Horizons Bar	
	<b>H2O (Marine)</b>	<b>Horizons (Terrestrial)</b>
1400-1500	Talk 1	Talk 2
1500-1630	Workshop 1	Workshop 2
1700-1830	Set up stands for the Community Science Open Evening	
1900-2200	Community Science Open Evening (drop in for the public). Bar will be open and drinks available to purchase.	



### Day 3

0900-0930	Coffee	Horizons Bar
0930-1030	Future for Citizen Science Talk 1	Horizons
1030-1130	Future of Citizen Science Talk 2	Horizons
1130-1200	Coffee	Horizons Bar
1200-1300	Future of Citizen Science Talk 3	Horizons
1230-1300	Lunch	Horizons Bar/H2O
1300-1315	Close down	Horizons

#### Registration and abstract submission

The fee to attend the full 3 days at Community Science in the Natural World is £62.50 per delegate. This subsidised fee includes attendance to the Community Science Open Evening and enables the delegate's organisation the chance to book a stand space at this evening event on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. There is a limited number of stand spaces available and these will be issued on a first come first served basis.

For organisations not attending the full 3 day conference that would still like to attend the Community Science Open Evening the booking fee is £50 per organisation.

Extra donations to the National Marine Aquarium (registered charity 1032491) are welcome.

To register for this conference please follow the registration link on the conference website ([www.csi-seagrass.co.uk/conference](http://www.csi-seagrass.co.uk/conference)) which will re-direct you to the National Marine Aquarium ticket booking site.

For more information or if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the organisers on [csi@national-aquarium.co.uk](mailto:csi@national-aquarium.co.uk) or by calling 01752 680100.

We'd like to invite delegates to submit abstracts for talks or workshops to deliver during the conference. Potential topics include:

Day 1 talks - the citizen science activities of your organisation, any lessons learnt and your achievements.

Day 2 talks and workshops -

- Networking and communications
- Methods, tools and resources
- Data management and utilisation
- Innovation

Day 3 talks – The future of citizen science and how it can be used to influence conservation and management.

To submit abstracts for talks or workshops or for any more information, please email [csi@national-aquarium.co.uk](mailto:csi@national-aquarium.co.uk)



### What's included?

3 days of engaging talks and workshops.

The option of having a stand at the Community Science Open Evening event on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October to give your organisation a chance to speak to many enthusiastic visitors who all want to find out how they can get involved with Citizen Science. There is a limited number of stand spaces available and these will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Lunch is included for all three days that the conference runs – the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. Please let us know of any dietary requirements you have on the delegate booking form sent out by the conference organising team your registration confirmation email.

Tea, coffee and other refreshments will be provided during breaks in the workshops and presentations. Please bring with you reusable cups and bottles to help reduce the amount of plastic we use.

The conference dinner at is not included in the conference registration cost. More information about location, pricing and how to book on will be sent to delegates in due course.

### **Getting to the National Marine Aquarium**

National Marine Aquarium  
Rope Walk  
Coxside  
Plymouth  
PL4 0LF  
United Kingdom

### Getting Here By Car

The National Marine Aquarium is located in the Coxside area of Plymouth. Follow the brown and white fish signs, which can be found on all entry roads into the city.

The recommended route is via the A38 to Marsh Mills (Sainsbury's) then along the A374 Embankment Road. The route for the Aquarium and Harbour Car Park (main parking for the Aquarium) is signposted from here.

If you have SatNav, the postcode is: PL4 ODX

### Parking

Please note: the harbour car park is pay & display and there are no change facilities. The car park has payment by phone and contactless payment, or you can book online in advance at <https://bookings.britannia-parking.co.uk/>

Many local Guesthouses will have parking available for guests or permits for on street parking available for sale- contact your accommodation directly for more information.



## Getting Here By Public Transport

Why not leave the car at home and travel to the Aquarium more sustainably?

There are regular trains to Plymouth station, which is only a short distance from the National Marine Aquarium. It's about a 25 minute walk through the historic Barbican but is also served by local bus routes.

## Accessibility

The National Marine Aquarium is committed to providing access for all. The Aquarium is accessible by ramps and lifts throughout. There are a number of disabled parking bays on site and there are drop-off points for minibuses and coaches. We have a limited number of wheelchairs on site, available free of charge on a first come first served basis, and there are full disabled toilet facilities. Carers for the disabled are admitted free of charge (1 per person) and guide dogs are welcome.

## **Accommodation information**

Plymouth has a wide variety of accommodation available including many reasonably priced guesthouses a short walk from the National Marine Aquarium. Below is a list of contact details for some of the most conveniently located options:

<b>Guesthouse</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Ashgrove	218 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 3BB	01752 664046
Athenaem Lodge	4 Athenaem St. The Hoe	PL1 2RQ	01752 665005
Avalon	167 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2HU	01752 668127
Barbican Reach	225 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2NG	07152 220021
Berkeleys	4 St James Place East	PL1 3AS	01752 221654
Bowling Green	9-10 Osborne Place, The Hoe	PL1 2PU	01752 209090
Brittany	28 Athenaem Street, The Hoe	PL1 2RQ	01752 262247
Calendonia	27 Athenaem Street, The Hoe	PL1 2RQ	01752 229052
Caraneal	12-14 Pier Street, West Hoe	PL1 3BS	01752 663589
Cassandra	13 Crescent Avenue, The Hoe	PL1 3AN	01752 220715
Casa Mia	201 Citadel Rd East, The Hoe	PL1 2JF	01752 265742
Citadel House	55 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 3AU	01752 661712
Crescent House	18 Garden Crescent, West Hoe	PL1 3DA	01752 266424
Edgcumbe	50 Pier Street	PL1 3BT	01752 660675
Elizabethan	223 Citadel Rd East, The Hoe	PL1 2NG	01752 661672
Firs Guest House	13 Pier Street, The Hoe	PL1 3BS	01752 262870
Four Seasons	207 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2JF	01752 223591
George	161 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2HU	01752 661517
Hotel Royal	11 Elliot Street, The Hoe	PL1 2PP	01752 226222
Imperial	Lockyer Street, The Hoe	PL1 2QD	01752 227311
Island Lodge	1 Castle Street, The Hoe	PL1 2NJ	01752 220716
Jewells	220 Citadel, the Hoe	PL1 3BB	01752 254760
Kamares	17 Athenaem Street, The Hoe	PL1 2RH	01752 669509
Kyance	113 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2RN	01752 266821
Lamplighter	103 Citadel Road, The Hoe	PL1 2RN	01752 663855
Lockyer House	2 Alfred Street, The Hoe	PL1 2RP	01752 665755