

‘Plastic Warriors’

Sunday 21 April 2024, 2:00 to 5:15 p.m.
The Gallery screen,
Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle upon Tyne

Elements of the event,

- 1) Screening of ‘Plastic Warriors’ feature documentary
- 2) Five speakers:
 - a) Dove Marine Laboratory, researcher / PhD student, Hannah Lloyd-Hartley
 - b) Natural History Society of Northumbria, Director, Clare Freeman
 - c) North Tyneside Council, Environmental Sustainability Manager, Anneliese Allen-Norris
 - d) Newcastle City Council, Waste and Recycling Engagement Team Leader, Rebecca Wilson
 - e) Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys (NEBBS), Group Coordinator
- 3) Facilitated discussion, questions from the audience (facilitated by Heather Devey of Wild Intrigue)

In attendance will be artist Stephen Livingstone with two or three paintings from his exhibition ‘Seabird Necropsy’.
Cain Scrimgeour from Wild Intrigue will capture some photographs of the event.

Seats: £14 adult & £8 junior / concession

Please contact NEBBS Group Coordinator for further details and to book:

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Three photographs by D M Turner
‘Plastic Warriors’ event

The Gallery, Floor 3, Tyneside Cinema (Newcastle upon Tyne)

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Agenda: 2:00 p.m. The Gallery opens to visitors, to allow settling-in ready for film screening
 2:15 p.m. **Screening of 'Plastic Warriors'** (1 hr 23 mins) 3:38 p.m. Break
 3:50 p.m. Speakers 4:40 p.m. Discussion, open to the floor 5:10 p.m. End

Has our plastic problem improved? Despite enormous public, industry and policy attention in the past 5 years, this new eye-opening feature documentary investigates the damaging effects plastic pollution is continuing to have on our health, lifestyle, and wildlife with a strong focus on the UK. The film tells the story of the Plastic Warriors – from eminent scientists, campaigners on the front line, to the innovators and designers working on solutions to solve this global crisis that politicians and governments are largely ignoring.

The film takes audiences on a journey to deep sea coral reefs, basking shark hotspots and huge seabird colonies, to discover first-hand the extreme danger of the scourge of plastic that is engulfing every aspect of their lives. Plastic Warriors is an urgent reminder about the wider issues and a film that inspires action.

The Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys group (founded 2002) features in the film with some of their 'Save the North Sea' fulmar project work at the Dove Marine Laboratory (Newcastle University), Cullercoats.

Film trailer <https://plasticpioneersdocumentary.com/>

Attendance Price: £14.00 each seat (£8 for a Junior). Extra donations towards costs are welcome.

To book a place – please contact Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys group Coordinator:

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Any profit from the event will go to the Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys Group.

<https://www.nhsn.org.uk/north-east-beached-bird-surveys/>

Venue: Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6QG

Website: <https://tynesidecinema.co.uk/>

- Car parking in Newcastle city centre:
https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/sites/default/files/parking_map_and_list_30.03.16.pdf
- There are nearby Metro stations in the city centre at Monument and Haymarket.
- Many local buses visit Newcastle city centre.
- Rail station is at Newcastle Central, a ten minute walk away.

'Plastic Warriors' a feature documentary film produced by Outpost Pictures Ltd

<http://www.outpost-pictures.com/#documentary-corporate-content-specialists>



This event is supported & sponsored by these organisations ... (there may be more to come)



With thanks for extra donations from our attendees.

The Speakers at Newcastle ‘**Plastic Warriors**’ event
The Gallery, Tyneside Cinema (Newcastle upon Tyne)
Sunday 21 April 2024, 2:00 to 5:15 p.m.

3:50 p.m. to 5:10 p.m. - **Speakers and Discussion period**

Hannah Lloyd-Hartley, Research Assistant (Dove Time Series) and PhD student, Dove Marine Laboratory, Newcastle University.

Small but mighty indicators:

Integration of molecular and morphological techniques for development of indicators and marine ecosystem health using a plankton time series. Plankton are ocean drifters and are easily susceptible to change. Monitoring of these organisms via a blend of methods and recording environmental readings can be used to measure the marine health. When monitored fully, potential impacts can be detected earlier before consequences higher up the food chain and into other marine systems.



Clare Freeman, Director, Natural History Society of Northumbria.

NHSN is the proud owner of the 'Hancock Museum' and natural history collections, some of which have been used for research on plastic pollution. Today, thanks to support from members, NHSN inspires wonder in the natural world. 'I will not throw litter down' and 'I will recycle my bottles' are some of the pledges from local young children at our growing programme for North East young naturalists. Our latest guide, 'North East Coastal Wildlife' showcases nature and issues from Berwick to Saltholme.



Anneliese Allen-Norris, Environmental Sustainability Manager: Climate and Waste Strategy, North Tyneside Council.

Year round, North Tyneside Council, community groups, local businesses and citizens clear thousands of tonnes of rubbish, including single-use plastics, left on the beaches near Newcastle. Tackling this issue along the coast, the council offers a variety of reuse, refill and recycling options to raise awareness and help people visualise and reduce the impact their actions have on marine life and the environment.



Rebecca Wilson, Waste and Recycling Engagement Team Leader, Local Services and Waste Management, Newcastle City Council.

Discussion will include recycling priorities at Newcastle City Council, tackling plastic bag and wrapping waste through new recycling trial and initiatives to reduce litter and encourage residents to “Love Where You Live”.



Dan Turner, Coordinator of Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys project and ‘Save the North Sea’ International Fulmar Project in Northeast England. River Tyne Nesting Kittiwake Surveyor (Volunteer).

Will provide a little background on the beached bird (NEBBS) group, their methods and projects.



Following the speakers: There will be a facilitated discussion during which the audience will be invited to pose questions for the speakers and audience members to consider and address. Afterwards you may be able to discuss over coffee in the cinema café.

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