

NEBBS 'Plastic Warriors' III

Sunday 19 April 2026, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
The Gallery screen,
Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle upon Tyne

Elements of the event,

- 1) Screening of '*Plastic Warriors*' feature documentary
- 2) Nine speakers:
 - a) **Dame Chi Onwurah**, Member of Parliament, Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West;
 - b) Urban Foresight, **Anneliese Allen-Norris**;
 - c) **Lutz Lemmer**, regional Greenpeace campaigner (NE England);
 - d) Newcastle City Council, Waste & Recycling Engagement Team, **Rebecca Wilson**;
 - e) **Ellie Davison**, Urban Naturalist, Natural History Society of Northumbria;
 - f) North Tyneside Council, Operations Manager, Cleansing & Enforcement, **Danny Hogg**;
 - g) **Dr Hannah Lloyd-Hartley**, Cefas, Plankton Scientist;
 - h) Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys (NEBBS) Coordinator, **Daniel Turner**;
 - i) **Matthew Harrison**, Environmental Science student, Northumbria University.
- 3) Facilitated discussion, questions from the audience (facilitated by Heather Devey of *Wild Intrigue CIC*).

In attendance will be artist Stephen Livingstone with some paintings from his exhibition '*Seabird Necropsy*' based around the laboratory work of the NEBBS Group. Cain Scrimgeour from *Wild Intrigue CIC* will capture some photographs of the event.

Seats: £16 adult & £8 junior / concession

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



Three photographs by D M Turner
(Tyneside Cinema; Gallery Screen; Northern Fulmar in flight at Marsden Bay, 2 July 1977)

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Sunday 19 April 2026, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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
3:55 p.m. Speakers 5:20 p.m. Discussion, open to the floor 5:50 p.m. End

Has our plastic problem improved? Despite enormous public, industry and policy attention in the past few 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 and researchers, to the innovators and designers working on solutions to solve this global crisis that politicians and governments are largely ignoring and need to address.

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: £16.00 each seat (£8 concession). Extra donations towards costs are welcome.
To book a place – please contact Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys group Coordinator:
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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
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The Speakers at Newcastle NEBBS ‘Plastic Warriors’ III event

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3:55 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. - **Speakers** (to be followed by break and Discussion up to 5:50 p.m.)

Dame Chi Onwurah MP is a British politician representing Newcastle upon Tyne Central and West in the House of Commons. She was first elected in 2010 to represent Newcastle Central. She serves as the Chair of the House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Committee. Chi is a Chartered Electrical Engineer and before entering Parliament spent over twenty years working on engineering projects around the world. She has previously served as Head of Technology at Ofcom where she oversaw the development of PIA, the Physical Infrastructure Access regulatory product which has enabled competition and greater fibre coverage in the UK. Born in Wallsend, Chi attended Kenton Comprehensive School in Newcastle, where she was elected the school’s ‘MP’ in mock elections aged 17.



Anneliese Allen-Norris, Principal Consultant, Urban Foresight.

As the European strategy lead at one of the world’s leading environmental Non-Governmental Organisations, Anneliese has been at the forefront of technology and policy-tool developments accelerating the circular economy transition. Has two Masters degrees – in Innovation, Technology and Environmental Law, and Natural Sciences. Holds postgrad. qualifications in Climate Change Science, Energy and Business Practice, and Advanced Greenhouse Gas Accounting, Net Zero Targets and Carbon Reduction Planning.



Lutz Lemmer, regional Greenpeace campaigner (NE England).

“Freelance Coach, Knowledge Manager and Educator, pursuing my passion for more conscious living and environmental regeneration.”

B.A. (University of Hamburg);

MBA (Frederick Taylor University);

MSc, Distinction (Newcastle University).

Lutz kindly spoke at our first NEBBS ‘Plastic Warriors’ event, October 2023 at the Jam Jar Cinema, Whitley Bay.



Rebecca Wilson, Operations Manager, Waste and Recycling Engagement Team, 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”.



Ellie Davison, Urban Naturalist, Nat. History Soc. of Northumbria.

After graduating in Biology from Newcastle University Ellie worked as a laboratory technician, but knew she wished to be in conservation and began a traineeship with red squirrels before joining North York Moors National Park. After studying for a Masters in Conservation and Ecosystem Management she joined NHSN as Urban Naturalist – working on the Reece Foundation’s Ouse Burn Way Vision amongst other things. She will speak on behalf of the Natural History Society.



<p>Danny Hogg, North Tyneside Council, Operations Manager, Street Cleansing & Enforcement.</p>	
<p>Dr Hannah Lloyd-Hartley, Plankton Ecologist, Cefas. Small but mighty indicators: Integration of molecular and morphological techniques for development of indicators of marine ecosystem health using a plankton time series. Plankton are ocean drifters and easily susceptible to change. Monitoring of these organisms via a blend of methods and recording environmental readings can be used to measure marine health. When monitored fully, potential impacts can be detected earlier before consequences higher up the food chain and into other marine systems.</p>	
<p>Dan Turner, Instigator (2002) and Coordinator of Northeast England Beached Bird Surveys project and Northeast England representative of 'Save the North Sea' International Fulmar Project. River Tyne nesting kittiwake surveyor/study since 1994 (volunteer). Has published five books (White Wings Publishing) since 2014. Worked in IT for twenty years, has three degrees and will talk about the beached bird (NEBBS) group, their methods and projects.</p>	
<p>Matthew Harrison, Environmental Science student at Northumbria University. Matthew is working alongside Dan Turner in winter 2025/2026 during his third year dissertation project. Together they are investigating beach-washed deceased kittiwakes mainly from Northeast England. Matthew is a volunteer with the Natural History Society of Northumbria and leads bird walks in our region. Has also volunteered with Durham Wildlife Trust.</p>	

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.

Afterwards you may be able to discuss over coffee in the cinema café.



'Seabird Necropsy' Artist: Stephen Livingstone.

Stephen is an artist based in the North East of England. He was born and brought up on Tyneside and studied Fine Art at Wimbledon and Chelsea Colleges of Art in London. His work deals with human impact upon landscape and habitat. He works with museums, institutions and historic sites in the production of exhibitions and installations.

Event facilitators: *Wild Intrigue* - Heather Devey and Cain Scrimgeour.



Wild Intrigue CIC is passionate about sharing the captivating wonders of Northern England – its vibrant wildlife, fascinating people, and enchanting landscapes. For over a decade, they have been celebrating these remarkable regional treasures with thousands of visitors through their immersive wildlife experiences, photography hides, projects and media. Website: <https://www.wildintrigue.co.uk/>

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Anneliese, Rebecca, Hannah and Stephen
Lutz; Matthew; Heather & Cain (*Wild Intrigue CIC*)
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by Cain Scrimgeour

by Dan Turner

Further information on speaker presentations:

Anneliese Allen-Norris, Principal Consultant, Urban Foresight.

Your Home Made Plastic? Cutting the Plastic and its Climate Impact from Renovation explores the hidden plastic in everyday home improvements and much-needed energy efficiency upgrades - from shedding acrylic paints and pvc flooring to synthetic insulation. As we strive to make our homes warmer, healthier, and more affordable to run, we often overlook the simple swaps to natural materials like lime plaster, clay paint, wood and wool, that can eliminate pollution at source. Drawing on real retrofit data, this talk bridges construction's overlooked role in ocean-bound toxins, and reveals the personal and climate wins of plastic-free reno: low carbon building, clean air, and damp-free, comfortable homes across our region.

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