

PLASTIC: TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

EVENT: 13th November 2020

Through an expert panel discussion, students will increase their understanding of the issues surrounding plastic pollution, biodiversity and how they can become the next generation of change-makers.

- This **free** educational event is open to Key Stage 3 students
- There are up to 950 individual places available to allow for flexible attendance (whether you are in the classroom or home learning on the day).

Learning objectives

- To describe the impact of plastic pollution on biodiversity
- To support the implementation of personal or collective actions to reduce plastic pollution
- To examine the positive and negative **global consequences** that can arise from **local actions**.

Platform

This event will be hosted on Zoom.

Call in details to be provided a week before the event.



What can we do, individually and together, to reduce plastic pollution?



Hosted by Will Travers OBE Executive President, Born Free

Will Travers OBE is an internationally-renowned wildlife expert and Executive President of Born Free. He co-founded the charity alongside his mother, actress Virginia McKenna OBE and his father, the late Bill Travers MBE, in 1984. Born Free works to stop individual wild animal suffering, protect threatened species, promote Compassionate Conservation, help local communities co-exist with wild animals and Keep Wildlife in the Wild.



Baroness Natalie Bennett Green Party, House of Lords

Natalie Bennett is a Green member of the House of Lords. She was leader of the Green Party from 2012-2016, after spending 20 years working as a journalist, including on the *Bangkok Post*, *The Times* and as Editor of the *Guardian Weekly*. She shaped and developed Green Party policy on issues such as supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals and ending all unnecessary single-use plastics.



Sian Sutherland Co-Founder of A Plastic Planet

Sian's passion is igniting social change, creating brands, campaigns and businesses with soul. A multi-award winner Sian is a serial entrepreneur with a varied background in advertising, Michelin star restaurants, film production and brand creation design agencies. In 2017 Sian co-founded A Plastic Planet; a social impact non-profit with a single goal – to ignite and inspire the world to turn off the plastic tap.



Andrew Thornton Founder at Thornton's Budgens and Heart in Business

Andrew started his career at Mars, was a founder director of social enterprises The People's Supermarket and Food from the Sky, founded and ran the retail consultancy SRCG and is a fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Commerce and Industry. In addition, Andrew has spearheaded Thornton's Budgens in North London becoming the first UK supermarket (and the second in the world) to launch plastic-free zones.



Alex Bruce Founder of Turtle Straws

Alex Bruce founded Turtle Straws in May 2018. After growing up in Portsmouth and working overseas in childcare – teaching children how to sail and windsurf – he developed a passion for all things active and ocean. In 2019, Turtle Straws supplied two million biodegradable straws in over 35 countries. Alex also has a passion for educating and helping people understand the minefield of waste reduction.



Chris Coode Deputy Chief Executive at Thames21

Chris Coode has over 25 years' experience working in the field of aquatic conservation, community engagement and environmental education. He joined Thames21 as Education Officer in 2001 and has been working to develop and grow the organisation since then. Thames21 engages thousands of volunteers every year in projects to improve, protect and learn from London's river network.

SIGN UP FORM

Contact details

School name:

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Contact teacher:

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Phone number:

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Contact teacher email address:

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Students

The platform has a maximum capacity of 950, therefore please do let us know how many students and teachers/staff from your school will be taking part.

Although, we anticipate that most schools will join as a class through a single feed we would like to allow for flexible joining on the day, should your school situation change and students be learning remotely.

Age of students:

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Number of students:

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Number of teachers/staff:

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Subject of study (if applicable):

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Complete and return form to greatdebate@bornfree.org.uk ASAP

Tickets will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Once your places are confirmed, we will be in touch with more details, to provide an advance question submission form and to review safeguarding procedures.