

## Ways to Protect the Environment



<b>Date</b>	Monday 17 Feb 2025	<b>Time</b>	1 - 2
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sarah Reeves (ECO-E)</li> <li>● Sarah O'Connor (Ellacombe Community Partnership)</li> <li>● Tanny Stobart (Play Torbay)</li> <li>● Hannah Worthington (BATS)</li> <li>● Nicky Bailey (South Devon National Landscape)</li> <li>● Davina Luther (Torbay Communities: Ripple Effect)</li> <li>● Jed Stevenson (LocalMotion)</li> <li>● Liz Muir (Torbay Communities/People's Parkfield)</li> <li>● Lisa Money, Jo Morrell, Rebekah Daws</li> </ul>		

### Agenda

- **Welcome and quick catch up**
- **Green Skills audit**
  - members to add any courses they know about (formal or informal) to spreadsheet ahead of meeting.
  - discussion to identify gaps
- **Green Marketplace 2025**
  - discussion of how members can become involved attention to improving access: Ellacombe? ASR? Foyer?
- **Vision for the year**
  - what is our strategic aim for 2025?
- **AOB:** unicef training, f2f meeting date, CAF update

### Summary

### Key Takeaways

- Green skills audit revealed gaps, especially in marine/blue skills; partners encouraged to add to live document
- Need for better engagement strategies to reach underserved youth for environmental initiatives
- Green Marketplace event (3rd annual) planned; partners invited to participate with activities/stalls
- Group agreed to extend future meetings to 90 minutes and focus on defining 2025 strategic aims

### Green Skills Audit and Gaps

Significant gaps identified in marine ecology and blue skills training in Torbay. Lack of entry-level conservation jobs due to budget cuts, though high interest (e.g. SDNL received 65 applications for their 2 trainee posts recently). Disconnect between Plymouth University's marine specialities and Torbay's lack of capitalisation of marine assets. Need to engage South Devon College more in coastal/marine education. Suggestion to involve organisation like Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, Paignton Zoo and Geopark in skills development.

### **Youth Engagement in Environmental Initiatives**

Challenges in sustained engagement with hard-to-reach youth groups (e.g. young carers, refugees). Need for more relational, long-term approach to youth engagement. Importance of building relationships with youth organisation to effectively promote opportunities. Suggestion to use Local Motion funding to support transportation to events to underserved youth

### **Green Marketplace Event Planning**

Play Torbay are hosting their 3rd annual Green Marketplace event in Brixham on Sat 7 June. Partners were invited to contribute activities, stalls or content for the Eco Champion booklet. Sarah R offered educational activities (thermal camera, ice blocks). There was a discussion on improving accessibility, potentially through provided transportation. LocalMotion and Imagine This to explore supporting the event. There was also discussion around linking the event with the Sustainable Food Network.

### **Strategic Aims for 2025**

We agreed to dedicate more time in the next meeting to flesh out strategic direction. There was a suggestion to align with Torbay's green strategy while ensuring youth voice is incorporated. Proposal to use the CAF bid conversations and application as starting point for shaping action plan.

### **Next Steps & Actions**

- Partners to consider strategic aims for 2025 before next meeting
- Rebekah to extend next meeting invitation to 90 minutes
- Tanny to send out previous eco-champion booklet examples
- Partners to contact Tanny with ideas/contributions for Green Marketplace event
- Group to review Torbay's green strategy and CAP bid proposal to inform 2025 aims
- Local Motion to explore support options for Green Marketplace event

<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Invite Matt Green from South Devon College to a future IG meeting (Green Skills team re: their offerings & potential collaboration)	Jo
Invite TerraFerma consultants to present on Geo Park project at a future meeting	Liz
Send Sarah R PDF of previous eco champion booklets & specs for new contributions	Tanny
New invite for next meeting to be 1.5 hours	Rebekah