#Mayflower400
This Event

- Learn more about the Mayflower Story
- Understand current developments
- What are the opportunities to engage?
- Hear from the sector
- Opportunity for wider discussion
- Network and develop ideas
Mayflower 400 History

• Many of the pilgrims came from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.
• They moved to Leiden, The Netherlands, in 1607.
• In 1620 they sailed the Speedwell to Southampton, met the Mayflower and more English separatists, and set sail for America.
• The Speedwell began leaking and the ships docked at Dartmouth and then Plymouth for repairs.
• The Speedwell was left at Plymouth and most of the pilgrims boarded the Mayflower, setting sail for America on the 16th September, 1620.
Mayflower 400 History

- There were 102 passengers and crew on board.
- The Mayflower arrived 66 days later on 21st November at Provincetown, Cape Cod.
- On this date, the Mayflower Compact was signed and formed the basis of the Massachusetts State Constitution, becoming the model of the United States Constitution.
- Roughly six weeks later the pilgrims settled in Patuxet (Plymouth) where there was a developed settlement created by the Wampanoag.
- During the first winter, a significant proportion of the pilgrims died.
Mayflower 400 History

• Samoset, a Wampanoag native, helped the settlers survive and form an alliance with the Wampanoag.
• The Wampanoag helped the settlers with hunting, fishing and crop growing.
• In November 1621, the settlers celebrated their first successful harvest (known as Thanksgiving) with the Wampanoag.
Why Commemorate Mayflower 400?

- Engage people in the heritage and stories of Mayflower and the founding of the USA.
- A chance to explore the contemporary relevance of Mayflower 400.
- Develop local, regional, national and international partnerships.
- Share and develop skills.
- Connect with communities.
- Marketing and promotional opportunities.
- Develop the cultural infrastructure of Plymouth.
- Increase cultural visitor numbers and economy.
- Develop legacy for Plymouth: partnerships, experience, infrastructure & learning.
Mayflower 400 Themes

• Migration
• Persecution
• Freedom of religion and expression
• Cross-cultural help and collaboration
• Reinvention
• Self-governance
• Thanksgiving
A build up of activity leading to a year-long programme of events in 2020.

Commemoration of the Mayflower story and legacy.

Plymouth is the UK lead city (named by Government).

13 partner destinations including Boston and Plymouth (USA), Southampton, Dartmouth and Leiden (The Netherlands).

Destination Plymouth is the lead for Mayflower 400.

A multi-sector programme of activity, projects and events.
Working Across Sectors

- Education
- Business
- Military
- Sport
- Culture
Destinations

- Scrooby & Babworth
- Doncaster & Austerfield
- Gainsborough
- Boston (UK)
- Leiden (The Netherlands)
- Harwich
- Southwark
- Southampton
- Dartmouth
- Plymouth
- Provincetown (USA)
- Plymouth (USA)
- Boston (USA)
National Initiatives

- National Mayflower Heritage Trail - Funded by Heritage Lottery Fund
- Annual Illuminate Events (November)
- Public Art Commission
Major events

• Presidential visit to Plymouth
• Royal family visit
• Joint armed forces celebration
• Mayflower III sailing and voyage
• Opening of the History Centre
• International Cultural Projects & exchanges (existing & to be developed)
Plymouth’s Capital Developments

- £32m History Centre
- £5m Mayflower experience
- Mayflower monument
- £4m coach hub
- Major 4 star hotel development
- Railway station redevelopment
- Drake Leisure development (Bretonside)
- Cruiseliner Terminal
- Autonomous Research Vessel
Cultural Opportunities

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Local Projects

- Small number of large scale projects: Visual Arts Festival, Music Festival, Music/Street Theatre Event
- A series of smaller scale cultural projects & initiatives
Why Collaborate?

• Share skills, ambition and resources
• Increase funding opportunities and resilience
• Become adaptable, innovative & flexible
• Develop new partnerships & create legacy
• Increase reach and marketing opportunities
Funding

- Arts Council England
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Mayflower Community Fund
- Visit Britain
- Creative Europe
- Business Sponsorship
- Other funds
Contacts and Connections

- Massachusetts Cultural Council (contact for cultural organisations)
- Plymouth 400 (US)
- UK and European Mayflower Compact partners
- Wampanoag Tribes
Plymouth Culture

- Critical friend
- Funding support, guidance and advice
- Contact broker - local, national & international
- Provide a cultural overview
- Link to other sectors
- General coordination
More Information

- mayflower400uk.com
- plymouth400inc.org
- visitplymouth.co.uk/about-plymouth/the-mayflower
- plymouthculture.co.uk