

# Dorset Coast Forum Conference 2025

## Agenda

Wednesday 19th November, RNLI College, Poole



09:00	<b>Registration &amp; Information stands</b>	
09:30	<b>DCF Annual Conference Welcome</b> , Ness Smith, <i>DCF Chair</i>	5mins
09:35	<b>Team Update: Dorset Coast Forum Highlights</b> <i>Toni Powell, DCF Coordinator</i>	20mins
<b>Session 1: Rising to the Challenge: Navigating Climate and Ecological Crises</b>		
09:55	<b>Clean Energy Super Cluster - Opportunities and what this means for Dorset.</b> <i>Matthew Piles, Strategic Director, Dorset Council</i>	20mins
10:15	<b>Adapting to Warming Seas in the South West: Challenges and Possibilities.</b> <i>Professor Rick Stafford, Bournemouth University</i>	20mins
10:35	<b>Delivering Coastal Resilience: Timber Groyne Renewal in Action.</b> <i>Livvy Williams and Ricardo Leite, Suttle Projects</i>	20mins
10:55	<b>Session 1 Q&amp;A panel</b>	10mins
11:05	<b>Morning Break</b>	20mins
<b>Session 2: The Changing Tides of Fishing and Marine Nature Recovery</b>		
11:25	<b>Fishing Futures: Challenges, Opportunities, and Local Insight</b> <i>Robert Clark, Association of Inshore Fisheries &amp; Conservation Authorities</i>	20mins
11:45	<b>Poole and District Fishermen's Association - From a Fisher's Perspective.</b> <i>Tom Russell, Chair of Poole &amp; District Fishermen's Association &amp; from the Poole Harbour Clam &amp; Cockle Fishery</i>	5mins
11:50	<b>The Poole Harbour Aquatic Management Plan ... What's it all about?!</b> <i>Luke Bennett, Poole Harbour Aquatic Management Plan Project Lead</i>	20mins

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## Session 2 continued: The Changing Tides of Fishing and Marine Nature Recovery

12:10	<b>Oyster Restoration in the Solent: Lessons for Reviving Marine Habitats</b> <i>Matt Uttley, Restoration Project Manager, Blue Marine Foundation</i>	20mins
12:30	<b>Session 2 Q&amp;A panel</b>	10mins
12:40	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>	60mins
<b>Session 3: Shorelines and Stories: Building Coastal Community Connections</b>		
13:40	<b>Why stories matter – World Heritage and the Jurassic Coast</b> <i>Sam Scriven, Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Principal Officer</i>	20mins
14:00	<b>Soapbox presentations:</b> 1. <b>B-side the Seaside.</b> <i>Rocca Holly-Nambi, b-side</i> 2. <b>Making Dorset beaches accessible for everyone.</b> <i>Will Behenna, Beach Access Project &amp; Inclusive Paddleboarding</i> 3. <b>Ocean Conservation Trust and Ocean Literacy.</b> <i>Megan Ross, Blue Meadows Community Engagement Officer, Ocean Conservation Trust</i>	40mins
14:40	<b>Session 3 Q&amp;A panel</b>	10mins
14:50	<b>Round-up and Close, Ness Smith</b>	10mins

### Information stands

- Suttle Projects
- Moffatt & Nichol
- Coastal Lives Stories Exhibition
- Studland Bay Marine Partnership
- Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster
- Dorset Catchment Partnerships



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