



#GetOnBoard2020

1620—2020

Mayflower
400™

Steering our future,
inspired by the past.

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage, one of the most influential journeys in global history and a defining moment in the relationship between Britain, the US and the Netherlands.

There are already some incredible projects in development in Plymouth for Mayflower 400 which we want to share with you. But to make this really special we need you to get on board. So this is an invitation for you to join us; to organise, to have fun, to debate, to be involved and ultimately to celebrate Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City.

Mayflower 400 Values:

Freedom: The liberty of the individual to pursue their beliefs

Humanity: We do not discriminate, we are for everyone

Imagination: In the spirit of the Pilgrims we think big, we improvise and we innovate

Future: We always look forward, building knowledge and legacy

“Just as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many”

William Bradford,
Pilgrim and Governor of Plymouth Colony



Plymouth Illuminate Parade

The Mayflower Compact Partnership

Upon their arrival in America the Mayflower's passengers created a document agreeing the rules for their community, called the Mayflower Compact.

400 years later a compact has been agreed by national and international partners to deliver the Mayflower 400 commemoration, with Plymouth appointed the lead for the UK.

This partnership will bring Mayflower 400 to a global audience, using events such as Illuminate and projects in the spheres of education, culture, sport and business to emphasise our shared heritage and build a legacy between our communities.



Boston Illuminate Parade



The Mayflower Pub, Rotherhithe



The Long Journey

The Mayflower's journey started with a group of religious Separatists based in the north of England, who we now call the Pilgrims. Regarded as renegades who rejected fundamental principles of the State and Church of England, they worshipped in secret to avoid arrest and persecution.

Seeking a safe place to practice their beliefs, the Pilgrims escaped to Leiden in the Netherlands. Over time, tensions grew as the Separatists found it difficult to adapt to their new surroundings and lifestyle. Ultimately, they left to find somewhere where they could fully realise their religious ideals.

102

Passengers

Roughly...



half pilgrims



half pioneers and servants

The Pilgrims commissioned two ships to transport them to the 'New World' in America, the Mayflower and Speedwell. They met in Southampton, from where they planned to sail directly to America. However, problems with the Speedwell meant they needed to stop to undertake repairs, first in Dartmouth and then again in Plymouth.

The Speedwell was eventually declared unfit for the journey. The Mayflower left on 16 September 1620, with around 30 crew and 102 passengers onboard. Just under half of the passengers were Separatists. Others were 'economic migrants'; skilled tradespeople sent by investors to help build the new colony.

"...the wind coming east-north-east, a fine small gale, we loosed from Plymouth having been kindly entertained and courteously used by divers friends there dwelling"

Edward Winslow, Pilgrim and Governor of Plymouth Colony

Please note all dates use the Gregorian calendar

Storm-Tossed
66 Days



It certainly wasn't just the Pilgrim Fathers! The Mayflower's passengers consisted of fifty men, nineteen women, three of whom were pregnant, fourteen young adults, and nineteen children

After a storm-tossed 66 days at sea, on 21 November, the Mayflower anchored off the tip of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. On this day the passengers signed the Mayflower Compact, formally recording a set of rules to help govern their community; this document is said to have been influential in the creation of the American Constitution.

The Pilgrims decided to create their home at the site of the Native American village of Patuxet – already named Plymouth on earlier charts. Over half of the Mayflower's passengers died during the first winter.

The Pilgrims were saved by a Native American called Tisquantum, who had been taken to Europe as a slave in 1614 before escaping and returning to America. He showed them how to fish and plant crops, and helped negotiate trading agreements and a peace treaty with leaders of the Wampanoag Confederation, which lasted for over 50 years.

America

Great Britain

The Mayflower Route

Plymouth's Events Calendar

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 Bigger and better in 2020

Year-long activity

Education – syllabus content, STEM events and more. Check mayflower400uk.org/education for more information

Sports – international, national and grassroots events

To come, events from

- Plymouth Dance
- Literature Works
- RIO
- Plymouth Octopus Project
- Improving Lives Plymouth
- Karst
- Barbican Theatre
- Plymouth Argyle
- And many more!

November 2019

- Illuminate 2019
- Mayflower Trail Launch


March 2020

- Mayflower Anthology 2020 launch


April 2020

- Opening of the Box
- The Box – Mayflower Exhibition and response series
- Launch of Theatre Royal Plymouth's Mayflower production

May 2020

- Mayflower History Festival
- OSTAR Transatlantic Sailing Event
- Pirate Weekend 


June 2020

- Armed Forces Day
- NSSA Mayflower Regatta
- Mayflower Trade Expo
- Flavour Fest 
- Plymouth Youth Network
- Mayflower 400 Youth Festival

July 2020

- The Atlantic Project
- Jubilee Sailing Trust
- Mayflower Music Event

August 2020

- The Atlantic Project
- British Fireworks Championship 
- Mayflower Classic Car Show
- The Plymouth Philatelic Society
- Mayflower Stamp Fair

September 2020

- The Mayflower Muster
- The Mayflower Arts Weekender
- Plymouth Seafood Festival 
- Ocean City Festival 
- The Box - Oceania: A Captain Cook based exhibition
- Heritage Open Days 2020
- The Mayflower 400 Volunteers Celebration

November 2020

- Illuminate 2020

Headline Events



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Kwassa Kwassa, Superflex

Illuminate

Illuminate will open the Mayflower 400 commemorations in style in November 2019. Building on Plymouth's existing festival, we'll be running a high profile light inspired event held in partnership with over 20 national and international partner locations. Illuminate will also be the grand finale in for the commemoration in November 2020, providing an opportunity to celebrate our achievements over the year and set the foundations for Mayflower 400's legacy.

The Mayflower Muster

The Mayflower Muster will be a spectacular 9 day festival running across the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's departure on 16 September 2020. It will celebrate Plymouth's diverse heritage through a range of events, including major military activity, fireworks, music, culture and sport.

Jubilee Sailing Trust

The Jubilee Sailing Trust has the only two fully accessible tall ships in the world. For nearly 40 years the JST has used the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing to facilitate the building of stronger, more connected, resilient and inclusive communities, allowing people of all abilities to sail.

In 2020, in honour of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's journey, the JST will undertake a voyage from Plymouth, England to Plymouth, Mass, empowering a socially inclusive crew as they sail along the Mayflower's original route, giving them the chance to experience a life changing adventure. The Trust's visit to Plymouth will be accompanied by a range of activities celebrating diversity and promoting social inclusion.

The Atlantic Project

The Atlantic Project will be a major international festival of contemporary art, bringing world-class artists to Plymouth and providing an ongoing addition to the region's events programme. Piloting in 2018, the festival in 2020 will investigate the contemporary relationship between the UK and US, using this as an opportunity to reassess Western principles such as freedom of speech, religious freedom, civil rights and the right to privacy, as well as tackling themes of colonisation, globalisation and democracy.

Trails and Houses



Indicative trail marker design

Plymouth City Council is investing over £5 million in trails, historic houses and associated public spaces specifically for 2020. This will deliver:

- Three bespoke trails that will guide people through Plymouth's heritage and connect the Hoe and Barbican with the Box. We'll be working with partners to bring these trails to life through theatre, digital elements, artwork and other activities
- Upgrades to the Elizabethan and Merchant's House, bringing these stunning buildings back into public use
- Improvements to the area around the Mayflower Steps, making it a fitting space to commemorate the Pilgrim's journey
- Improvements to public spaces across the waterfront and city centre, making sure that Plymouth looks its best for residents and visitors



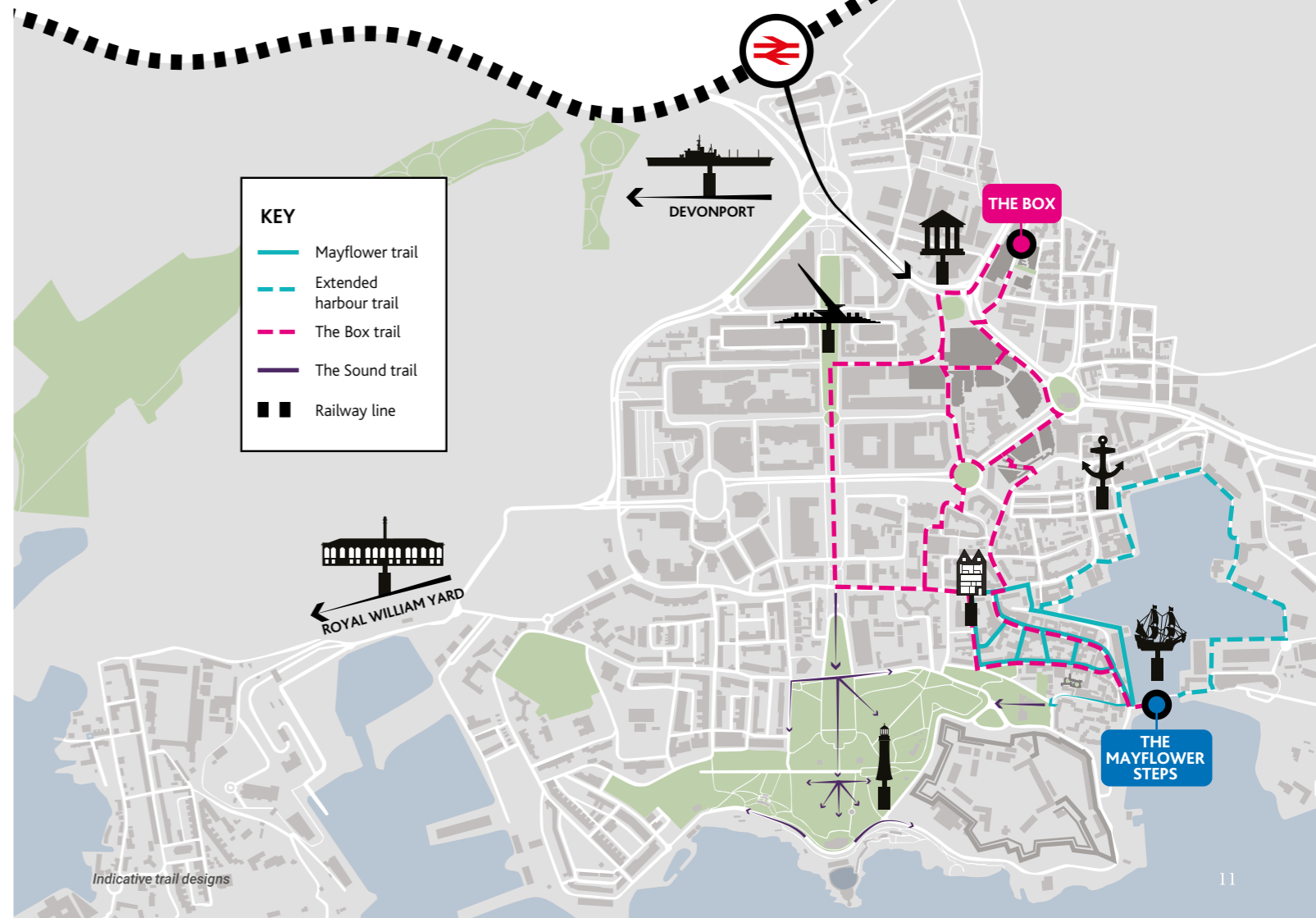
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Merchant's House



Ropewalk



THE BOX

The Box is a major redevelopment scheme in the heart of Plymouth, a symbol for the city's current regeneration and a museum for the future.

The Box's opening in Spring 2020 will be accompanied by a dedicated programme of activity that will be a highlight of the Mayflower 400 commemoration. Incorporating world-class spaces for cultural activity, the project will create an on-going legacy for the city by providing a great offer for residents and visitors alike.



Draft exhibition design



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Mayflower: Legend and Legacy

An epic journey of survival, imagination and 400 years of America.

This new exhibition, opening alongside the Box, will share the stories of sailors, passengers, presidents and the Wampanoag people. It will be a chance to explore the myths, discover new

meanings and experience the largest show about the Mayflower's legacy ever seen in the UK.

Mayflower 400: Legend and Legacy is being created with the help of over 100 museums, libraries and archives in the UK, the Netherlands and the USA.



Get On Board

Many organisations are already getting on board for Mayflower 400 at a local, regional, national and international level. We're keen to hear what you can do for 2020 and how we can support you.



Plymouth College of Art – Identity Banner

For centuries and across cultures the humble banner has been used to represent and celebrate identity. It is this notion of identity through the visual representation that we wish to explore.

Working with a professional artist, primary and secondary schools in Plymouth UK will be partnered with schools in Plymouth US to explore and debate the theme of identity, with their ideas culminating in the creation of a unique Mayflower banner.

"Mayflower is an amazing opportunity to place Plymouth, its communities and its activities on a global stage. However, we are interested in this being more than a one-off spotlight moment and are determined to ensure that a legacy is created for the city in terms of opportunities and international partnerships"

Hannah Harris, Director of Development



Real Ideas Organisation

"This is a hugely exciting time for Plymouth. There is a great spirit of ambition and collaboration within the city, which provides a platform to create new opportunities for all of our citizens. Mayflower 400 will extend this platform, creating an impact not just locally but nationally and internationally"

Lindsey Hall, Chief Executive



Torrington Cavaliers

"The Torrington Cavaliers were created 50 years ago in response to an invitation from Plymouth to join the Mayflower 350 celebrations. Having recently won the Queens Award for Volunteering, we're proud to be joining Mayflower 400 and celebrating our 50th anniversary by building a life size replica of the Mayflower which we'll then, in traditional Cavaliers style, set on fire"

Steve Blake, Bonfire 2020 Project Lead



Plymouth Octopus Project

"Someone said to me that 400 years ago a small acorn was planted and that it has grown into a great tree... and every twig has a story. All of us have different things to offer this commemoration, from challenging to exploring to just having a party, and it will be great to see the whole city engaged in making this event something that really belongs to us in Plymouth"

Jacky Clift, Chief Executive



Plymouth Dance

"Plymouth Dance are looking forward to working with partners across the city and further afield on intergenerational and inclusive dance projects leading up to, through and beyond Mayflower 400. Let's get the city moving!"

June Gamble, Co-ordinating Producer



Birmingham University Mayflower Virtual Reality Project

"As a born and bred Plymothian, I'm really excited about my University Team's involvement in the Mayflower 400 programme. We are using the latest Virtual and Augmented Reality technologies in ambitious projects to turn back time and enable members of the public and schoolchildren - on both sides of the Atlantic - to experience the sailing of this historic ship with its crew and passengers, not just in 2020, but for many decades to come"

Professor Bob Stone, Birmingham University



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How Can I Get On Board?



Join the Programme

If you run an event or would like to do something special in 2020 we'd love to make you part of the Mayflower 400 programme.

Joining is simple. You'll need to fill in a short form confirming that you share our values. Once your application has been submitted and approved we can offer you use of our branding to formally mark you as part of the commemoration and advertise your activity on our website and through other forums.

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Community and Cultural Fund

We want to give you the opportunity to run your own events through 2020. But we know to do this you might need funding. To this end we're launching two funds from 2017.

The Mayflower Community Fund will launch in April 2018 and be available to local groups and community organisations for a broad range of activities – basically anything you might want to do that aligns with our values. The application process will be very simple, and decisions will be made by representatives of the community.

The Mayflower Cultural Fund will launch in September 2017 and be available to cultural organisations to support larger scale activity for 2020. If you've got an idea for a cultural production, be it art, music, dance or anything else, we'd love to hear from you. The application process will be really straightforward, and decisions will be made through Plymouth Culture.

Volunteering

We're working with Improving Lives Plymouth to deliver a range of volunteering opportunities for individuals and businesses who want to make a difference for Mayflower.

A wide variety of roles will be available for individual volunteers starting in 2018, from stewarding through to beach cleans, project management and city welcoming.

Training will be included and volunteers who are able to commit consistently will be invited to a range of events celebrating their involvement and receive a bespoke memento.

Businesses are already contributing to 2020. From 2016 over 30 organisations have been volunteering to rejuvenate local areas and offer wider support for Mayflower 400.

For more information or to get involved, visit mayflower400uk.org/about/volunteering



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What Next?

A range of events are taking place across the city to find out what Mayflower 400 means to you and explore ways you can get involved. Information on these events is available at: mayflower400uk.org/explore/getonboardplymouth

You can also register your interest by calling Plymouth City Council's Contact Centre on 01752 668000 or by dropping into 1st Stop.

Once we've spoken to you, we'll be collating the feedback we receive. We'll come back to you in December 2017 to mark the 1000 day countdown to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's departure from Plymouth on September 16 2020 and share your vision of what the commemoration can achieve for the city.

You can keep in touch with Mayflower 400 through a range of sources including:

Mayflower400uk.org

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Join us on the 23rd and 24th of November for Illuminate 2017





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