

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I've registered my school's details – what happens next?

Registration to enter the competition closes on **31st March 2022**. After this date, our panel of seven judges will meet to determine the final criteria to shortlist schools to go through to the 'second round' of the competition.

All registered schools will be assessed against this criteria and successful, shortlisted schools will be contacted by **6th April 2022**, via the original registered contact details, providing them with details of the next round.

What is the 'competition'?

All shortlisted schools will be asked to perform 3 activities and submit their competition entries before midnight **23rd May 2022**. Schools will be asked to:

1. Make a marine creature from one use plastic (and send in pictures/video of it)
2. Make a short 2-minute video why their school should/want to win the competition
3. Write a 500-word essay on why we should protect the ocean

The judging panel will meet again on **30th May 2022** to judge all entries received and will choose 20 winners from the defined competition areas in the UK ([see map here](#))

[Competition rules can be found on the DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL website.](#)

Who will be judging the entries?

There are seven independent judges on the Dive Project Cornwall panel. They are:

Kim Conchie, Deputy Lieutenant of Cornwall, CEO Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, Co-Founder Navas Drinks Ltd

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kimconchie/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Chairman (Kim is also a Non-Executive Director of Dive Project Cornwall)

Malcolm Bell MBE, Head of Tourism at Visit Cornwall

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/malcolm-bell-6274481b/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Cornwall Ambassador

Trevor Osborne, Chairman, The Trevor Osborne Property Group

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/trevor-osborne-578b23a/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: VIP Member

Paul Strike, Founder & Director, Fourth Element

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-strike-ab828329/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Dive Brand Representative

Emma Samuelsson, Regional Manager, PADI

(<https://www.padi.com/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Dive Training Representative

Hannah Tapping, Editor, Cornwall Living & Drift

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/hannah-tapping-92342318/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Media Representative

Lorna Young, Non-Exec Director & HR Director Saxo Bank

(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lorna-young-b898926/>)

Role on Dive Project Cornwall Judging Panel: Industry Member

You can find their full credentials [here](#) and see their relationship to the project and our Project Director Andy Forster, who put the panel together.

When will I find if our school has been successful?

We will contact all winning schools on the **1st June 2022**, via the original contact details provided at the point of registration and let them know they have been successful with their entry.

Please note, the judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Full terms and conditions of entry can be found on the DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL [website](#).

What are the dates for taking part in the week-long dive activities?

The first dive weeks will start in September 2022, with the first five schools taking part to the end of October. The remaining dive weeks will take place from April 2023 and will continue to the first week in August.

Every school/region has a specific week allocated within the dive-week timetable which you can find on the DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL [website](#).

What preparation takes place before our school takes part?

Each winning school will be introduced to their DIVE CENTRE OF CHOICE – this will be a local PADI dive centre working with DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL. This will be an opportunity for them to meet the school and the students taking part and explain the basics of what to expect when they visit Cornwall.

Dive Project Cornwall will be in contact with each winning school prior to advise what clothing, equipment and kit to bring along. In addition, each student taking part will also be required to complete a PADI (Professional Association of Dive Instructors) medical form prior to their visit along with some basic measurements for wetsuit provision.

You can find complete details of competition terms and conditions for taking part [here](#).

How else can our school support DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL?

DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company and all monies raised through sponsorship, fundraising or donations are invested back into the Project to enable it to continue beyond 2022/23 and to funding Marine Conservation Society initiatives to protect our oceans.

Your school may wish to support our endeavours and fundraise independently. Ideas to do this include Non-Uniform days, bake sales, car wash, auction of promises, raffle – whatever direction your creativity takes you!

DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL will be happy to support your school with your fundraising plans and promote alongside your Dive Centre of Choice as well through our own media channels – if you would like to fundraise for DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL please email andy@diveprojectcornwall.co.uk.

Your donations will help us in our mission to protect our oceans for future generations to enjoy through our education programme and competition.

If you haven't been able to find the answers to your question, please contact Andy Forster, Project Director at andy@diveprojectcornwall.co.uk