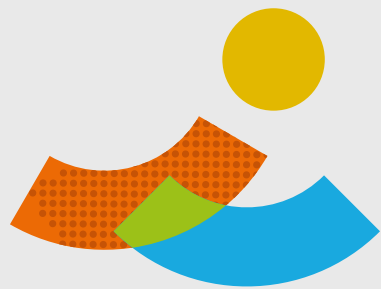


# From ambition to action



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**780+**  
**delegates**

including ministers,  
civil servants,  
professionals,  
academics, students  
and campaigners

**280+**  
**organisations**

from government,  
NGOs and industry  
to thought leaders  
academia and  
community groups



**Coastal Futures** has been at the centre  
of UK ocean, coastal and water debate  
for over three decades.

It's the largest ocean event of its kind  
in the UK with Minister Emma Hardy  
delivering the **opening address** in 2025.



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Food & Rural Affairs

## From ambition to action

The ocean underpins our climate, our economy, and our well-being. Yet rising demand for space and resources makes the future of our seas more contested than ever.

Coastal Futures 2026 will bring together leaders and practitioners from across sectors to move beyond ambition and into action, navigating our shared future by exploring the policies, partnerships, and innovations needed to deliver a thriving ocean for all.

## 2026 themes

- **Shared stewardship:** Exploring the collaborative efforts needed to manage our ocean and coasts.
- **Balancing blue growth:** Identifying the challenges and opportunities of the growing blue economy.
- **Coastal resilience and community well-being:** Connecting the health of our blue spaces and coastal communities, and asking what we can do to create opportunities for under-represented communities within our work.
- **Innovating for a healthy ocean:** Highlighting the role of science, technology, and finance in creating a sustainable ocean future.
- **Planning our ocean space:** Delving into the complexities of planning and sharing space both inshore and offshore, we will examine how to effectively allocate space for various uses.
- **Action and accountability:** Focusing on turning ambition into reality, find out what is needed to ensure commitments to ocean sustainability are met, and progress is monitored and reported.
- **Speakers will include:** Ministers, senior agency leaders, NGOs, industry and community representatives.

Coastal Futures 2026 sets out to cover the major themes in the estuarine, coastal and marine sectors. Across two days, the conference aims to challenge thinking and move debate forward in an informative and collaborative way.



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# Become a Coastal Futures 2026 partner



## **Lead partner | £8,000**

Feature at the heart of Coastal Futures' most high-profile moments. Becoming a lead partner is for those looking to showcase leadership, insight and innovation at the highest level.

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## **Network partner | £3,500**

Designed for organisations that want to be active participants. Event partners have opportunities to lead or support core programme elements – including the annual awards and evening networking reception – with elevated branding across the whole event.

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## **Sponsorship | £650–£2,350**

Becoming a Coastal Futures sponsor is for organisations looking to reach a focused audience and make new connections with targeted engagement.



Previous Coastal Futures partners include organisations from across the UK marine and coastal community:







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## As a Coastal Futures partner you get:

- + targeted engagement with marine leaders and practitioners
- + profile across print, digital and in-person channels
- + opportunities to connect and collaborate with marine influencers
- + opportunities to shape debate and support bursaries
- + alignment with ocean sustainability and community action




































-  **Lead partner**  
£8,000
-  **Network partner**  
£3,500
-  **Tier 1 sponsor**  
£1,950\*\*
-  **Tier 2 sponsor**  
£1,250
-  **Tier 3 sponsor**  
£650

All prices exclude VAT

-  Add £400 to support a bursary place for a young person aged 18 to 25 (see page 9)
-  Optional for tier 1 sponsors



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Prominently feature your brand across the venue, programme, event slides and digital channels					
Have your brand acknowledged at the venue and on the programme, event slides and digital channels					
Exhibition space at the venue					
Show your films online and at the venue					
Feature your brand on the main stage					
Brand recognition on conference badges					
Keynote, chairing and panellist suggestions					
Option to host a parallel workshop					
Delegate places included for both days (in-person)	 8	 4	 3	 2	 1
20% discount for additional in-person delegates	 5	 3			
Livestream passes for both days	 5	 3			
20% unlimited organisational discount for livestream delegates					
<b>New for 2026:</b> Feature in an OCF podcast					
<b>New for 2026:</b> Support the attendance of bursary recipients from under-represented groups (see page 9)	 3	 1	 *		
Acknowledged sponsor of evening networking reception or annual award					



# Bursaries and awards



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## Support young people from under-represented groups who are facing financial barriers

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### Bursaries

As part of **our commitment** to encouraging and supporting diversity, equity and inclusion, we are launching our third Coastal Futures Bursary to amplify the voices of young people in UK marine decision-making.

The opportunity is open for young people aged 18 to 25 years old, who are from groups that are currently under-represented in the marine and coastal sector and face financial barriers to attending.

The bursary scheme has been supported for the past two years by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and OCF, and we are offering sponsors the opportunity to be part of a sustainable future for the bursary. Your support for the bursary will be acknowledged at the event and in the run up to the conference.

**Our application process is open until 7 November 2025 and we intend to provide twelve places – six in-person and six online.**

## Be a part of The OCF awards: Outstanding contribution to ocean and coastal management

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### The 2026 Bob Earll Award

Sponsors have the opportunity to support the award ceremony, be part of the decision making process and be acknowledged as the supporter of this annual award. The award will recognise an individual(s) whose leadership has demonstrably fostered greater inclusion and community engagement.

The Award celebrates those who are building bridges between diverse groups, breaking down barriers, and creating opportunities for under-represented communities to participate in and benefit from ocean stewardship.

**The Award will be presented at the Coastal Futures conference on 28th January. Nominations are open until 7 November 2025.**



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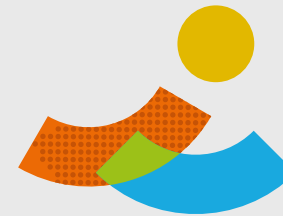
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