



An education programme using film to explore water flows, tides and systems - over, under and around Bristol. Aiming for deeper awareness of the interconnectedness of ecology, biodiversity, energy, and the role of the wilder green spaces of the city.

*"I love this project because it understands that Science and Art have the same starting point or foundation - observation. I believe that its imaginative connection to fundamental ecology through its celebration of the role water plays in the past, present and future of this great city will inspire all who take part to look at their world afresh and, once inspired launch us on a thousand journeys of our own fuelled by the greatest gift of all curiosity" Tim Smit, Founder and Chair of the Eden Project*

## What are the Aims of the Bristol Loves Tides Green Capital Programme?

1. **More young people** and their families experiencing and understanding Bristol as a city built on rivers and tides and its related water supply and waste water discharge systems.
2. **Deeper public awareness** in Bristol of the interconnectedness of ecology, biodiversity, energy, and the role of the wilder green spaces of the city through the 'lens of water'.
3. **More young people** and their families believing that their help is needed in 'Greening Bristol' in the future.
4. **More young people** understanding why renewable energy from sustainable sources is the future, environmentally and commercially.
5. **More understanding** amongst young people of the importance of historical 'long view' perspectives on environmental and social change around Bristol's waterways and water supply.



6. **More people** aware that Bristol has a world-leading marine energy industry hub and know that a new generation of workers are needed for this nascent industry hub to thrive.
7. **Evidence** that there is a desire in young people to become skilled, engaged and empathetic with the rivers, tides and docks of the city.

## The Bristol Loves Tides Concept

Young people will be inspired by film, theatre, and activities.

They will understand that their help is needed in greening their city.

They will see that loving their city's tides and waterways is one way in which they can make a difference.

The project can work in school or at home with the support of adults

The project starts with two fantastical characters who have come to Bristol during its the highest tides for decades.

These characters are the tides in human form and they have given scores to Bristol for how much the city loves its tides.

Young people are challenged to provide evidence that they can raise these scores.

Possible activities are grouped into six key themes.

1. Heritage
2. Water
3. Biodiversity
4. Energy
5. Hydropoetics – (the arts and water)
6. Future

The emphasis is on action by children to make a difference.

- ✓ Awareness, knowledge and understanding of science, heritage and the issues and concerns that are required for a green future
- ✓ Creative activity
- ✓ Taking the message home to their families
- ✓ Positive impact in real terms on the environment through changing behaviours

The Bristol Love Tides Team will capture and collate any feedback from participants

*\*Bristol has the highest tidal range of any populated area in the world.*



## **Sustaining the BLT Programme**

The project is linked to other activities about Bristol's maritime past and the Bristol Harbour Festival  
There are activities for various ages from 5 to 18

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