

PRESS RELEASE

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The National Marine Aquarium supports Jeremiah's Journey

The National Marine Aquarium will be working closely with another local charity over the coming months, as it supports the work of Plymouth-based Jeremiah's Journey.

Jeremiah's Journey is a local, self-funded charity that offers support and information to children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special. The Aquarium will be providing 20 free Day Plus Passes for families involved with the charity's Stepping Stones Project, which works with families where a parent has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. Five of the families being supported by the project will also be invited to attend one of the Aquarium's popular Sleeping with the Sharks events this summer.

Dr David Gibson, Managing Director at the National Marine Aquarium, commented: "We are very proud to be supporting such a deserving cause. Jeremiah's Journey provides vital support to families right here in Plymouth, and it's wonderful to be able to support them in their work with our donation, providing children and their parents with the opportunity for a day out together."

Kim Higham, Project Coordinator for Stepping Stones added: "We are so delighted that the Aquarium is offering our families a fabulous opportunity to spend time together. Our groups run every other week at Plymouth College of Art and provide a space for the children to meet, talk and be creative. The Aquarium is giving us the chance to provide families with some precious time together, building happy memories that they can treasure when times are really tough".

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The National Marine Aquarium

The National Marine Aquarium is a registered charity committed to promoting a sympathetic understanding of the sea through programmes of education, conservation and research. With a mission to *drive marine conservation through engagement*, the National Marine Aquarium operates the largest public aquarium in the UK and is the lead partner in Just Add H₂O, a programme for schools that aims to *bring the marine curriculum alive*.

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Opened in 1998, the National Marine Aquarium is based in Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City, and has since become one of the most popular attractions in the region.

With over 4,000 marine animals and Britain's deepest tank – measuring 10.5m deep – the National Marine Aquarium facilities includes the Eddystone tank and a state-of-the-art learning centre, as part of Just Add H₂O programme.

More information about National Marine Aquarium is available at www.national-aquarium.co.uk

About Jeremiah's Journey

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