

# PLASTIC FREE PROTOCOL

Preventing Plastic Pollution - Working in partnership with 18 organisations from across France and England, Preventing Plastic Pollution seeks to understand and reduce the impacts of plastic pollution in the marine environment. By looking at the catchment from source to sea, the project will identify and target hotspots for plastic, embed behaviour change in local communities and businesses, and implement effective solutions and alternatives.

## Logos and Symbols



Industrially compostable: all of these symbols indicate that a product has an industrially compostable certification in association with EN13432.



**Financial contribution:** this means that the manufacturers have made a financial contribution to recycling services in Europe. It doesn't mean the product itself is recyclable.



**Mobius Loop:** this shows some is capable of being recycled. Sometimes the symbol will come with a percentage in the middle signifying how much of it has been made from recycled materials.



**Widely recycled:** this symbol means widely recycled (by 75% or more of local authorities across the UK).

## Plymouth is committed to...

Reducing Plymouth's reliance on plastic – to refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle; switching to alternatives wherever possible.

Tackling the plastic waste that is already in our environment – limiting its impact and creating a better world for our communities, our wildlife and our city.

Adhering to this protocol will be a requirement for all events hosted within the Plymouth City Council Local Authority boundary. This includes festivals, markets, events, celebrations, parades and so on, irrelevant to the size and audience.



SCAN QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE WAYS TO PREVENT PLASTIC POLLUTION

BUY LOCAL	REFUSE	REDUCE	REUSE	RECYCLE
Minimise use of transport	Avoid single use plastics from events	If no alternative – reduce amount available	Plates, bowls and cutlery, use deposit return schemes	Provide access and signage for recycling bins

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## HOW YOU CAN MINIMISE PLASTIC AT YOUR EVENT...

This protocol is **compulsory** and needs to be adhered to all first and third party events hosted on Plymouth City Council property – ensure you complete the lists below

### CATERING

- Avoid wrappings/plastic packaging
- Reusable servers/no single use plates/cutlery
- Avoid individual plastic packaging on foods
- Environmental supply chain
- Suppliers sustainable purchasing policies
- Check environmental supply chain
- Check supplier's sustainable purchasing policies

### WASTE

- Can any waste be avoided, reduced, reused
- Staff training on recycling
- Check enough bins to reflect number of attendees
- Signage to advertise bins and what goes in them
- Check local authority recycling policy

### DECORATIONS

- Are you using sustainable resources
- Reusable options – hire/lease/buy back schemes
- Can you reuse decorations after event
- Eco friendly signs/banners – bamboo/canvas
- Avoid dating decorations so they can be reused

#### AVOID

Can you eliminate the product or packaging entirely?

#### RE-THINK

Can you meet the outcomes in a different way?

#### REDUCE

Can you use less materials to meet your needs?

#### SOURCE

Is there a more sustainable product you could use?

#### REUSE/REFILL

Can products or packaging be recycled or refilled?

#### RECYCLE

Are you buying products that can be recycled?

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