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## **Mayflower 400 – 2020, a historic year commemorating a unique moment for Plymouth**

Mayflower 400 will commemorate the 400 year anniversary of the historic journey of the Mayflower with an extensive programme of activities around the city. This will include a public commemoration event on September 16, 2020, the day the passengers left Plymouth on the Mayflower and set sail for America in 1620.

From cultural exhibitions, outdoor installations and live shows to community activities and sports programmes, there will be something for everyone during Mayflower 400 year.

With over 30 million Americans being able to trace their ancestry to the first settlers of the Plymouth colony, the Mayflower 400 year will involve four nations, Netherlands, UK, USA and the Wampanoag nation who were key to their survival in the first winter as they struggled to come to terms with their new surroundings.

### **National and International Connections**

Prior to the Mayflower's departure from Plymouth, England, Mayflower history was written in many towns and cities - each of them detailed in the Mayflower trail. The trail includes Austerfield, Scrooby & Babworth, Gainsborough, Boston, Immingham, Worcestershire, Leiden, Holland, Harwich, Rotherhithe, Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth and Plymouth, USA. All of these locations play a collective part in the story of the Mayflower and the people involved.

### **Mayflower 400 in Plymouth**

Launching with Illuminate – a spectacular light-based festival in Plymouth from 28 November – 01 December 2019 marking one year to go until the 400 anniversary of the Mayflower landing in America, over 100 events will take place here in Plymouth.

### **Find out more...**

Go to [www.mayflower400uk.org/plymouth](http://www.mayflower400uk.org/plymouth) to find out all about it and follow @mayflower400uk on social media.

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### Signature Events and Highlights

- **Illuminate 2019 - Launch of the year of Mayflower 28 November – 01 December 2019**

Light-based festival with projections at Royal William Yard and The Barbican marking the start of the anniversary year. Free for all the family

- **Mayflower Sports Week 21 – 29 March 2020**

In association with Plymouth Argyle, Plymouth Albion and Plymouth Raiders

- **Opening of The Box - Spring 2020**

Plymouth's flagship cultural visitor attraction, launching with the national exhibition 'Mayflower 400: Legend & Legacy'

- **The 400 – Le Navet Bete - Summer 2020**

A comedy take on the special relationship between the US and UK at the Barbican Theatre

- **This Land 15 - 21 June 2020**

Community led theatre production involving Seth Lakeman and people on both sides of the Atlantic exploring the Mayflower story at Theatre Royal Plymouth

- **Settlement 6 July - 2 August 2020**

Creative event in Central Park by 27 Native Americans. Free for all the family

- **'Roots Up!' by Street Factory – 25 July 2020**

Take part in a free, mass street dance reaching from The Barbican to The Hoe

- **Mayflower Week 14 - 20 September 2020**

A public ceremony, field gun competition, rehabilitation triathlon and Mayflower Muster

- **Public Art Installation 1 - 31 September 2020**

A monumental scale public art installation appearing in Plymouth

- **Mayflower 400 Community Sparks Fund Projects 2019 - 2020**

Community workshops, events, music, theatre, dance and storytelling

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