

19–21 June 2026

A weekend of free talks, workshops
and screenings on art, adaptation
and the future of our oceans.

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**Ocean
2026**

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Turner Contemporary
Rendezvous, Margate

The future of our oceans
The frontline of environmental change

One Ocean 2026



Workshops

Workshops
Saturday, 10.30–12.30pm

Flints Open Family Workshop

Open to families and all ages, this drop-in session offers coastal crafting, marine observation, arts and seasonal song. Participants are invited to join for the full two hours, with a gentle programme and rhythm unfolding throughout, concluding with a Waldorf puppet play featuring Selkie the Seal.

Talks
Saturday, 2–3pm

Bird Wise Ocean Bird Walk

A walking tour starting outside Turner Contemporary identifying local bird species and helping participants learn about how to protect them.

Workshops
Sunday, 9.30–11.30am

Seaweed and their secrets Thanet Coast Project

Join Ian Tittley from the Natural History Museum for a seaweed extravaganza! Learn everything you've ever wanted to know about their history, properties, and more. (14+; 2hrs; donation).

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Talks and Screenings

Friday 19 June

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Schools Day & One Ocean Launch

150 students from five local primary schools, including Turner’s Young Environmental Leaders, take part in activities led by our local partners Bird Wise, Thanet Coast Project, Thanet District Council, Flints and Kent Downs National Landscape.

One Ocean Launch evening by invitation only.



Helen Scales: What the Wild Sea Can Be

Saturday 20 June

Talks
12–12.45pm

What the Wild Sea Can Be with Helen Scales

Marine biologist and author Helen Scales opens the programme with an inspiring keynote on the wonder, complexity, and fragility of ocean ecosystems. Drawing on her research and storytelling, she will highlight why the ocean matters now more than ever.

Speakers
Helen Scales

Talks
1–2pm

Margate’s Coastal Identity

Grounding the weekend’s conversations, this panel explores Margate’s deep and evolving relationship with the sea, from its history as a seaside resort to its present-day cultural revival. Speakers will reflect on how coastal identity shapes community, heritage, and future possibilities.

Speakers
Polly Brannan
Artistic Director, Open School East
Dan Thompson
Artist and Historian
Phil Hubbard
Professor of Urban Studies, King’s College London
Moderator
Amber Massie-Blomfield
Cultural Producer

Talks
3–4pm

Ocean Health and Human Health

How does the health of our ocean affect the health of our community? From pollution and biodiversity loss to mental and physical health, panelists consider both local and global perspectives on why a healthy ocean is essential for life on Earth.

Speakers
Andy Hughes
Artist and Surfers Against Sewage collaborator
Nicholas Hardman-Mountford
Ocean leader and policy specialist
Randa Kachef
Lecturer, Birkbeck University
Moderator
Janice Li
Curator, Design Museum

Film
5:30–7pm

One Ocean: Artists’ Film

Artist films by Margaret Salmon, Emilija Skarnulyte, Elise Guillaume, Sonia Levy and Khadija von Zinnenberg Carroll exploring oceanic themes, including ecology, climate crisis, world building and human connection.

Curated and introduced by
Daisy Gould

Sunday 21 June

Talks
12–1pm

Speaking with the Ocean

How can we reimagine our relationship with the living world? Drawing on ancient and modern wisdom, this inspiring session explores alternative ways of understanding and relating to the ocean as a counterpoint to extractive systems, from legal rights for nature to speculative and technological approaches.

Speakers
Christiane Bosman
European Programme Director, Embassy of the North Sea
Joycelyn Longdon
Environmental Justice Technologist, Researcher and Writer, Cambridge University and Asase Innovation Studio
Moderator
Emma Lewis
Curator, Turner Contemporary



Joycelyn Longdon: Speaking with the Ocean

Talks
2–3pm

Artists and Ocean Justice

How can art go beyond raising awareness to drive real change? How can it mobilize communities and reshape power? And what does this mean for artists? In this timely conversation, leading artist-activists discuss their experience of how creative practice can challenge environmental injustice and support movements for ocean equity.

Speakers
Poulomi Basu
Artist and Activist
Suzanne Dhaliwal
Artist, Campaigner, Trainer in Creative Strategies for Decolonisation
Moderator
Iman Amrani
Journalist and Broadcaster



Olivia Mandle: Youth for the Ocean

Talks
3.30–4.30pm

Youth for the Ocean

A dynamic panel showcasing young leaders and campaigners working at the forefront of climate justice. This session centres youth perspectives, highlighting action, advocacy, and the power of collective organising for ocean futures.

Speakers
Alexandra Kristofovicova
Our Youth 4 The Climate
Louisa Casson
Greenpeace
Olivia Mandle
Ocean Conservationist and Animal Rights Advocate
Moderator
Fatima Ibrahim
Green New Deal Rising UK

Talks
4.30–4.45pm

Closing Remarks

Final reflections bringing together key themes from the programme and looking ahead to future action and collaboration.

Speakers
Polly Billington
MP

Saturday & Sunday

Screenings
11am–1pm & 7–9pm

Ocean with David Attenborough (2025)

Directed by Colin Butfield, Toby Nowlan and Keith Scholey (1h 35m)

Seaweed Stories (2024)

Directed by Jake Sumner (30m)

EKC Broadstairs College Margate Digital Campus Student’s Ocean Film (2026)

Directed by Jess Dadds (10m)



Ocean with David Attenborough: Outdoor Screenings