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People's Postcode Lottery players fund outdoor lessons at the Horniman

People's Postcode Lottery players are helping thousands of local children to enjoy learning about nature at the Horniman Museum and Gardens.

The Horniman's curriculum-linked environmental learning sessions will allow children to get in touch with nature and learn how to care for the environment, thanks to £6,000 from Postcode Local Trust, a grant giving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery. Topics covered include exploring trees, caring for plants and creating habitats for local wildlife.

Kate Oliver, Head of Learning at the Horniman Museum and Gardens, says: 'It's more important than ever that children have access to green spaces and can learn about the natural world. These sessions will allow young Londoners to observe, handle and smell natural objects, and inspire them to love and care for their environment. Thank you to People's Postcode Lottery players.'

The Postcode Local Trust grant has enabled the Horniman to devise and start delivering the first 55 sessions. Over the course of the current academic year, more than 11,000 children will enjoy environmental learning at the Horniman.

The environmental learning programme is part of the Horniman Museum and Gardens' wider commitment to environmental responsibility, including its pioneering Project Coral research which is developing induced spawning of lab-based corals to support reef restoration. The Horniman has also begun to overhaul its facilities for visitors to reflect this environmental commitment. It has recently replaced single-use plastics in its Café, introduced a plastic bag charge in the gift shop with proceeds going to Project Coral, and will host one of 20 new water refill points, provided by #OneLess and the Mayor of London, as part of the London Drinking Fountain Fund.

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Notes to Editors:

- Other funders of the Horniman Museum and Gardens' environmental learning programme include The Nineveh Charitable Trust, The Banister Charitable Trust, Sir William Boreman's Foundation and The Michael Marks Charitable Trust.

- **Project Coral** is an innovative coral reproductive research project led by the Horniman Aquarium with international partners. The Horniman Aquarium has been pioneering research into developing techniques to stimulate coral sexual reproduction, and became the first institution globally to successfully induce predictable broadcast coral spawning as well as the first successful in-vitro fertilisation of captive corals in the UK. Project Coral's breakthrough of controlled captive coral spawning will support coral research facilities all over the world, by opening up opportunities to examine the effects of climate change, aid restoration of the reefs and support sustainable livelihoods.
- With capital from [the London Drinking Fountain Fund](#), #OneLess and the Mayor of London are installing an initial pilot network of drinking fountains and bottle refill stations across London to make it easier for Londoners to refill on the go and ditch single-use plastic water bottles.
- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to 'bring the world to Forest Hill'. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include natural history, music and an acclaimed aquarium. A new World Gallery of anthropology opened on 29 June 2018. Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London. horniman.ac.uk
- The Horniman Museum and Gardens is core-funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust, registered charity no. 802725. The Horniman Museum and Gardens also receives funding from Arts Council England as one of its National Portfolio Organisations.
- **Opening times and admission.** The Horniman Museum is open daily 10.00am-5.30pm, except 24 - 26 December, when it is closed. The Gardens open at 7.15am Monday to Saturday and 8.00am on Sunday and Bank Holidays, and close at sunset. Entry to the Museum and Gardens is free but charges apply for the Aquarium, Butterfly House and some special exhibitions and events. Horniman Members and Benefactors go free. horniman.ac.uk/members
- **Access.** The Museum and the Gardens are both wheelchair and pushchair friendly with accessible toilets. Limited on-site parking is available for Blue Badge holders.
- **Travel.** The Horniman is situated at 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ on the South Circular Road (A205). It can be reached easily by train to Forest Hill station (London Overground/Southern, travel time approx.15-20 minutes from east/central London or East Croydon) and by local buses (176, 185, 197, 356, P4).