

# SHAPING PORTSMOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

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FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

08:00 - 13:30

PORTSMOUTH GUILDHALL

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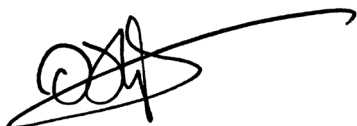
# WELCOME

I am very pleased to welcome you to our 2026 Shaping Portsmouth Conference, and we step into a new year, I want to wish you all a very happy and hopeful 2026. This year is a particularly special year for our city as we begin Portsmouth's Centenary Year. On the 21st April we will celebrate the date Portsmouth actually became a city with a Commemorative Civic Ceremony in The Guildhall but throughout the year there is so much going on across the city. It will definitely be a moment to reflect with pride on how far we've come, celebrate the people, organisations and communities who make this city the great city it is and to look ahead with confidence at what we can continue to achieve together.

At Shaping Portsmouth we champion collaboration – community over competition is at the very heart of our model as businesses, education and community groups all come together to improve our city. Shaping Portsmouth may be staff light but it is influence heavy because we are partner powered and volunteer enabled. Our partner funding acts as a lever, enabling Shaping Portsmouth to convert volunteer time, expertise and collaboration into social value at scale for the city. In 2025 Shaping Portsmouth enabled £3/4 million in social value across the city. This equates to converting every £1 of partner funding into £3.50 worth of enabled social value. This is a great achievement and highlights the power of working together. Our conference provides an opportunity to celebrate that work and look back at some of the great things we've done in 2025 but it also provides the opportunity to look ahead and aim to achieve even more in 2026.

Shaping Portsmouth is growing, our programme delivery and impact is growing, our partnerships are growing and we now have 83 partners and our team is growing. At the conference we will announce an exciting new appointment to the Shaping Portsmouth team for 2026.

I hope you enjoy the morning and feel inspired by all the great work going on. The Shaping Portsmouth board, team and myself would like to thank you for everything you do to support us, and here's to a year of continued contribution, collaboration and success for our city.



**Dave Humphries**  
Chief Executive Officer



# SPONSORS

The Shaping Portsmouth Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the organisation of this event.

## HEADLINE SPONSOR



**The Guildhall Trust's vision is to become one of the country's leading cultural organisations which places its communities at the centre of everything it does, inspiring, entertaining and transforming lives.**

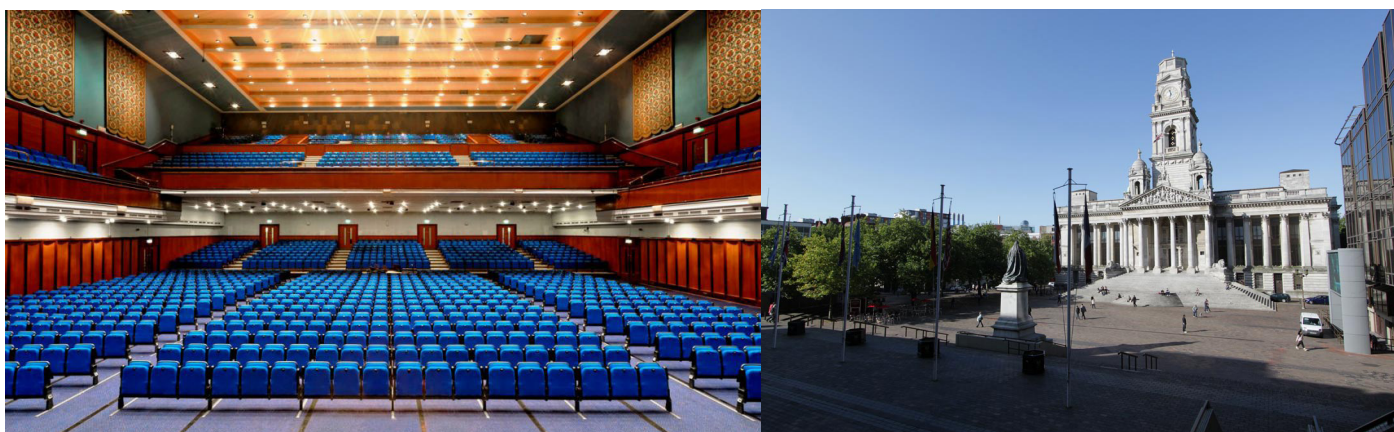
A registered charity, The Guildhall Trust provides a range of inspirational opportunities through its interactive 'Get Involved' programmes, events that it produces and manages including the successful Portsmouth Comic Con and is responsible for the operation of Portsmouth Guildhall.

In 2010, Portsmouth City Council created an Independent not for profit Distributing Organisation (NPDO) to take over the running of the Guildhall and Portsmouth Cultural Trust was formed, becoming a registered charity in 2013. Following an extensive consultation process and rebrand the Trust changed its name to The Guildhall Trust in 2019.

Portsmouth Guildhall has a 2000 seat Concert Hall which hosts a world-class programme of music, comedy, dance, drama and family shows and events and a new 170 seat Studio staging children's theatre and workshops, contemporary dance, drama, comedy and niche music.

The venue is also one of the leading Conferencing centres on the South coast offering a unique selection of rooms for hire and is licensed for weddings.

An open venue, the Guildhall has permanent and temporary exhibitions, an accessible business lounge and a thriving casual dining space, The Square Kitchen.





## AWARD SPONSORS



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# SHAPING PORTSMOUTH

Shaping Portsmouth is a Not-For-Profit Organisation formed, funded and led by key Portsmouth businesses to deliver a range of innovative programmes with a view to making Portsmouth the number one UK city in which to invest, live, learn, work, and visit.

## BUSINESS



**Supporting a thriving business ecosystem**

We are empowering businesses in our city, enabling them to flourish. We strongly advocate for inclusivity, ensuring that every corner of our business community is represented. We guide aspiring business leaders towards valuable partnerships, providing them with access to comprehensive support networks. Additionally, we proudly highlight the achievements of our city, showcasing Portsmouth as a vibrant and thriving hub for starting and expanding businesses.

## EDUCATION



**Equipping people with the skills they need to be employable**

Shaping Portsmouth work collaboratively with city partners and employers to deliver a range of inspiring programmes that enable residents of all ages to explore their future, develop their skills and stay connected to Portsmouth's diverse labour market. We recognise that learning, developing skills and enhancing your employability is a lifelong endeavour that every member of our community should be supported in.

## COMMUNITY



**Making our city a better place to live**

We are uniquely positioned to focus our energy on emerging areas of concern, whilst providing three key programmes that showcase the best of what Portsmouth has to offer.

Through the resources of our Patrons and Partners, and the willingness of our volunteers, we aim to give every Portsmouth resident the chance to give back to the city that they call home.

## JOIN US IN TRANSFORMING PORTSMOUTH TOGETHER

If you would like to begin a partnership with Shaping Portsmouth, please contact **Charla Grant, Partnerships & Programme Support**, at [charla@shapingportsmouth.co.uk](mailto:charla@shapingportsmouth.co.uk).





## PARKING

For anyone needing to park locally there are a number of pay and display bays along the roads, or we suggest the Isambard Brunel Multi-Storey for which we can offer discounted fixed rate day tickets at £4.50. Enter the car park as normal, take a ticket, bring this to reception at the Guildhall, and then purchase the discounted ticket directly from them.

## TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

Wherever possible, we encourage attendees to travel by public transport.

The closest station is Portsmouth & Southsea, just a couple of minutes walk from Guildhall Square. Many bus routes also stop nearby at Commercial Road South: 1, 2, 3, X4, 7, 8, 13, & 14 from First Bus, and 20, 21, 23, & 700 from Stagecoach. If travelling from outside the city the Park & Ride is available from the M275, with the PR1 route stopping at Victoria Park in the city centre.

## ARRIVAL

On arriving at the Guildhall, please proceed up the Guildhall steps from Guildhall Square and enter through the bronze doors.

Accessible entry will be available in the central door under the Guildhall steps. Please then proceed to the first floor via the lifts for registration.

Registration and refreshments will be on the first floor. On entry, please give your name to one of our team to be signed in.

Seating at the cabaret tables in the main hall is on a first come, first served basis.

## CLOAKROOM

We will be offering a coat-check service in the North Foyer on the ground floor (adjacent to the Main Hall and The Lens Studio).

If you would prefer to keep your coat with you please put it on the back of your own chair, and put any bags on or under the table rather than on a chair. Shaping Portsmouth and Portsmouth Guildhall take no responsibility for any lost or stolen items.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

The Shaping Portsmouth team will be taking photographs and recording video throughout the event. If you would prefer not to be included, please let us know.

The event is also being live-streamed, but this will be focused on events on stage.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

You are very welcome to post to your social media channels during the event.

Please do tag our accounts in your posts and use the hashtags below so that we are able to find and share them.

**#SPC2026    #TransformingPortsmouthTogether**

## 08:00 - Doors open

- Registration and refreshments

## 08:45 - Welcome and introductions

- Yvonne Clay, Co-Chair of Shaping Portsmouth
- Mark Waldron, Co-Chair of Shaping Portsmouth
- Dave Humphries, CEO of Shaping Portsmouth
- The Shaping Team

## 09:00 - Shaping Portsmouth Awards

- Volunteer of the Year: Lara Kynvin Tribute

## BUSINESS



### 09:10 - Business Pillar Update

- Dave Humphries
- Jane Lamer, Director for Business Programmes
- Marian Glover, Business Pillar Lead
- Andy Grays, CEO of The Guildhall Trust
- Anne Murphy, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth
- Dr Georgiana Buosi, Principal Lecturer and Programme Director at the University of Portsmouth
- Matthew Barker, Head of Marketing & Communications at Portsmouth Football Club

### 09:45- Portsmouth City Council Update

- Cllr Steve Pitt, Leader of the City Council
- Cllr Chris Attwell

### 10:05 - Shaping Portsmouth Awards

- Presenting the Business Award

## EDUCATION



### 10:10 - Shaped By Solent

- Suzan Win Latt, Education & Community Pillar Lead
- Joe Taffurelli, Ovio Solutions
- Richard Hale, Spinnaker Tower
- Georgina Shepherd, Shaped By Solent Programme Lead

## 10:30 - Networking, Exhibition, and Refreshments

### 11:30 - Welcome Back

- Yvonne Clay

### 11:35 - Education Pillar Update

- Dave Humphries
- Hayden Taylor, Director for Education Programmes
- Suzan Win Latt

### 11:45 - MP Vs Portsmouth Youth Cabinet

- Amanda Martin, MP for Portsmouth North
- Maheep Kuar, Portsmouth Youth Cabinet
- Theo Proca, Portsmouth Youth Cabinet

### 12:05 - Shaping Portsmouth Awards

- Announcing this year's Shaped By Solent Winner
- Presenting the Education Award and CEO Award

## COMMUNITY



### 12:20 - Community Pillar Update

- Dave Humphries
- Chris Hillman, Director for Community Programmes
- Steff Jones, Operations Manager
- Andrew Starr, Portsmouth Ambassador Co-Lead
- Terence Carvalho, Portsmouth Ambassador Co-Lead

### 12:45 - UK Pride Impact

- CP Robinson, Portsmouth Pride
- Hannah Prowse, Portsmouth Historic Quarter

### 13:05 - Shaping Portsmouth Awards

- Presenting the Community Award and Armed Forces Community Award

### 13:15 - Close & Centenary Film

- Dave Humphries

### 13:30 - Finish



# THE SHAPING TEAM

## DAVE HUMPHRIES

CEO



## STEFF JONES

Operations Manager



## MARIAN GLOVER

Business Pillar Lead



## SUZAN WIN LATT

Education & Community Pillar Lead



## MATT FARMER

Marketing & Communications Lead



## CHARLA GRANT

Partnership & Programme Support



## BEN HOWELL

Social Media Coordinator



## LIZZIE BELL

Apprenticeship Bus Marketing & Comms Coordinator



# SPEAKERS

## YVONNE CLAY

Our compère for the event, Yvonne is also Shaping Portsmouth's Co-Chair, and Centre Director of Gunwharf Quays for Landsec.



## MARK WALDRON

Mark is Co-Chair of Shaping Portsmouth, and Publishing Editor at National World for a number of sites in incredible cities across England, including The News in Portsmouth.

## DAVE HUMPHRIES

Dave is CEO of Shaping Portsmouth.



## JANE LAMER

Jane is Shaping Portsmouth's Director for Business Programmes, and Head of Economic Development and Skills within the Regeneration Directorate of Portsmouth City Council.

## ANDY GRAYS

Andy has been the CEO of The Guildhall Trust since 2012, and has spent his whole career in arts management. He has opened and developed many unique venues including the Hat Factory in Luton in 2004 and the Luton Cultural Trust in 2008.







## ANNE MURPHY

Anne is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Professor of History and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Portsmouth.

## DR GEORGIANA BUSOI

Georgiana is a Principal Lecturer and Programme Director at the University of Portsmouth leading Marketing and Hospitality and Tourism Programmes. She champions employability through student knowledge exchange, including live-client projects, and real-world industry-relevant assessments.



## MATTHEW BARKER

Matthew is Head of Marketing & Communications at Portsmouth Football Club

## CLLR STEVE PITT

Steve is Leader of Portsmouth City Council and Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Economic Development.



## CLLR CHRIS ATTWELL

Chris is Cabinet Member for Central Services

# SPEAKERS

## HAYDEN TAYLOR

Hayden is Shaping Portsmouth's Director for Education Programmes, and Co-Founder and Chief Executive of Unloc.

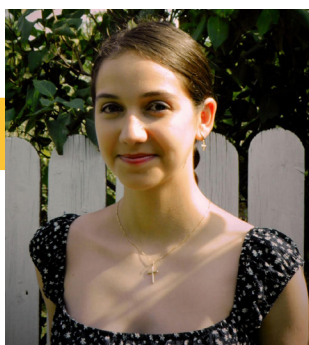


## AMANDA MARTIN MP

Amanda is MP for Portsmouth North and Chair of Portsmouth Labour Party

## MAHEEP KUAR

Maheep is a student at HSDC, currently in year 13, studying Business, Psychology and Medical Science. She is the current Member of the UK Youth Parliament (MYP) for Portsmouth. As MYP, Maheep sits on the Executive Committee of the Portsmouth Youth Cabinet.



## THEO PROCA

Theo is a Year 10 student at Admiral Lord Nelson School, where she is studying Photography, Creative Media and Drama. She was recently elected as the Chairperson for this year's cohort of Council of Portsmouth Students (CoPS), and is also a member of the Portsmouth Youth Cabinet (PYC).

## CHRIS HILLMAN

Chris is Shaping Portsmouth's Director for Community Programmes, and Head of Empowering Employment at the Minstead Trust.







## CLARE MARTIN MBE

Clare is CEO of Pompey In The Community.

## TERENCE CARVALHO

Terence is Co-Lead of the Portsmouth Ambassador Programme, and Chief Operating Officer at Delivered Social



## ANDREW STARR

Andy is Co-Lead of the Portsmouth Ambassador Programme, a Freelance Translator, Languages Tutor (French and German), a Multilingual Tour Guide, and chairs the committee for Portsmouth's Twin Cities of Caen, France and Duisburg, Germany.

## CP ROBINSON

CP is Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees at Portsmouth Pride, and Head of Development & Fundraising at Portsmouth Cathedral.

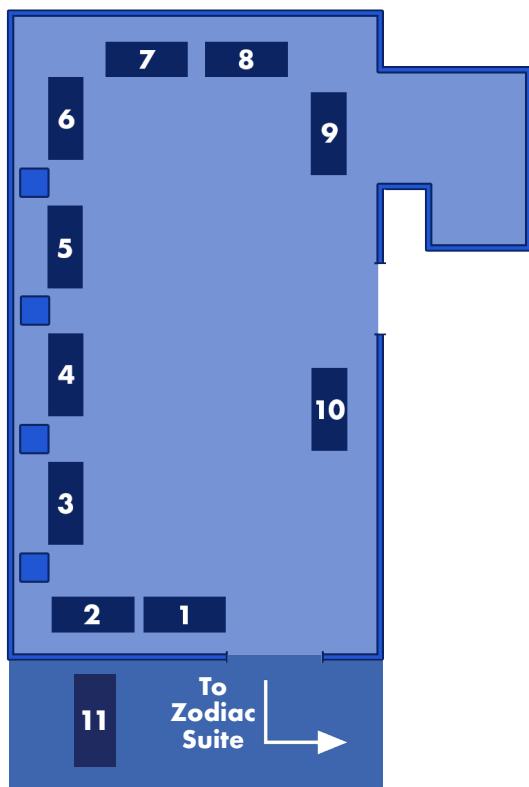


## HANNAH PROWSE

Hannah is CEO of Portsmouth Historic Quarter.

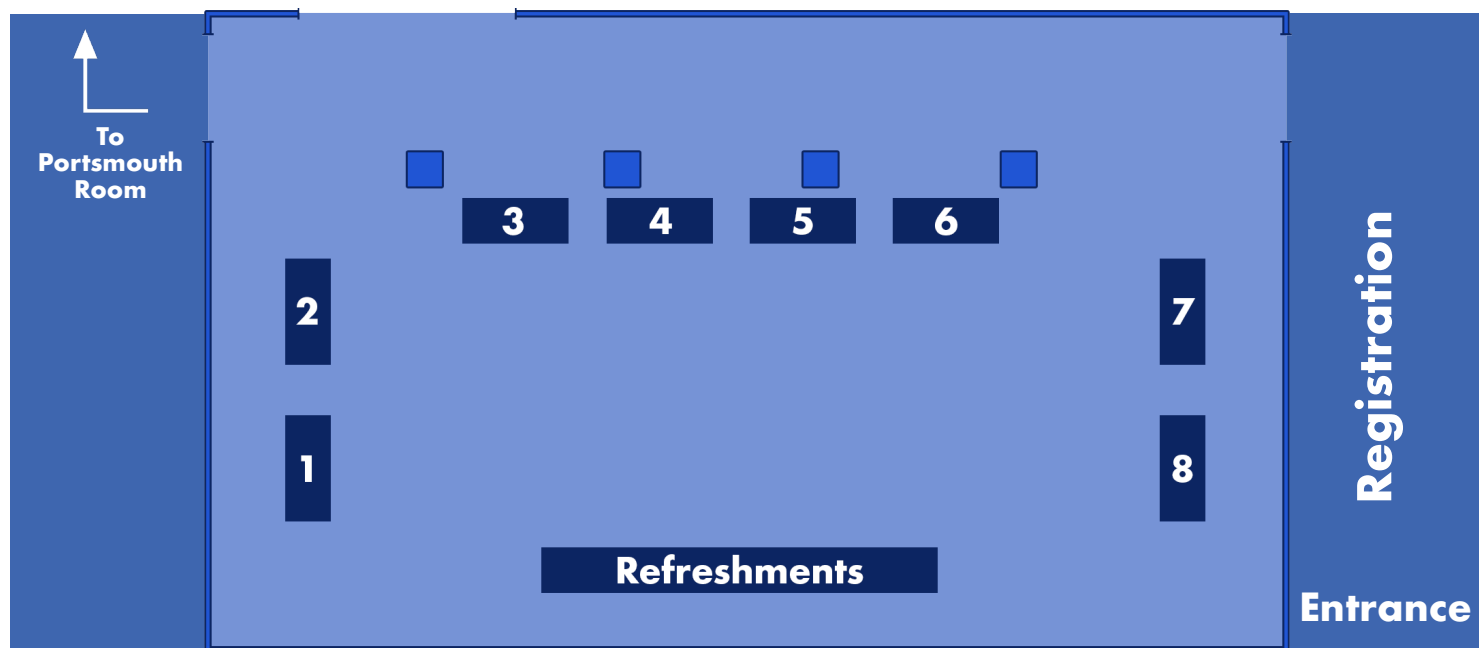
# NETWORKING & EXHIBITION

## THE PORTSMOUTH ROOM



- PR1. Armed Forces Community Programme
- PR2. Portico
- PR3. Seekers Create - 100 Sparks
- PR4. Apprenticeship Bus Programme
- PR5. Blake Morgan LLP
- PR6. Southern Motor Contracts Ltd
- PR7. Portsmouth Grammar School
- PR8. Katy Sexton's Gogglehedz
- PR9. MedHealth
- PR10. Nova Care Consultants
- PR11. Shaping Portsmouth

## ZODIAC SUITE



- ZS1. Practice Plus Group, St Mary's
- ZS2. Inspire Futures
- ZS3. University of Portsmouth
- ZS4. ComServ

- ZS5. Southsea Coastal Scheme
- ZS6. FSB
- ZS7. Solent Growth Partnership
- ZS8. HSDC

Registration

Entrance

Refreshments

There will be two opportunities for networking throughout the event:

- 8:00 - 9:00
- 10:30 - 11:30

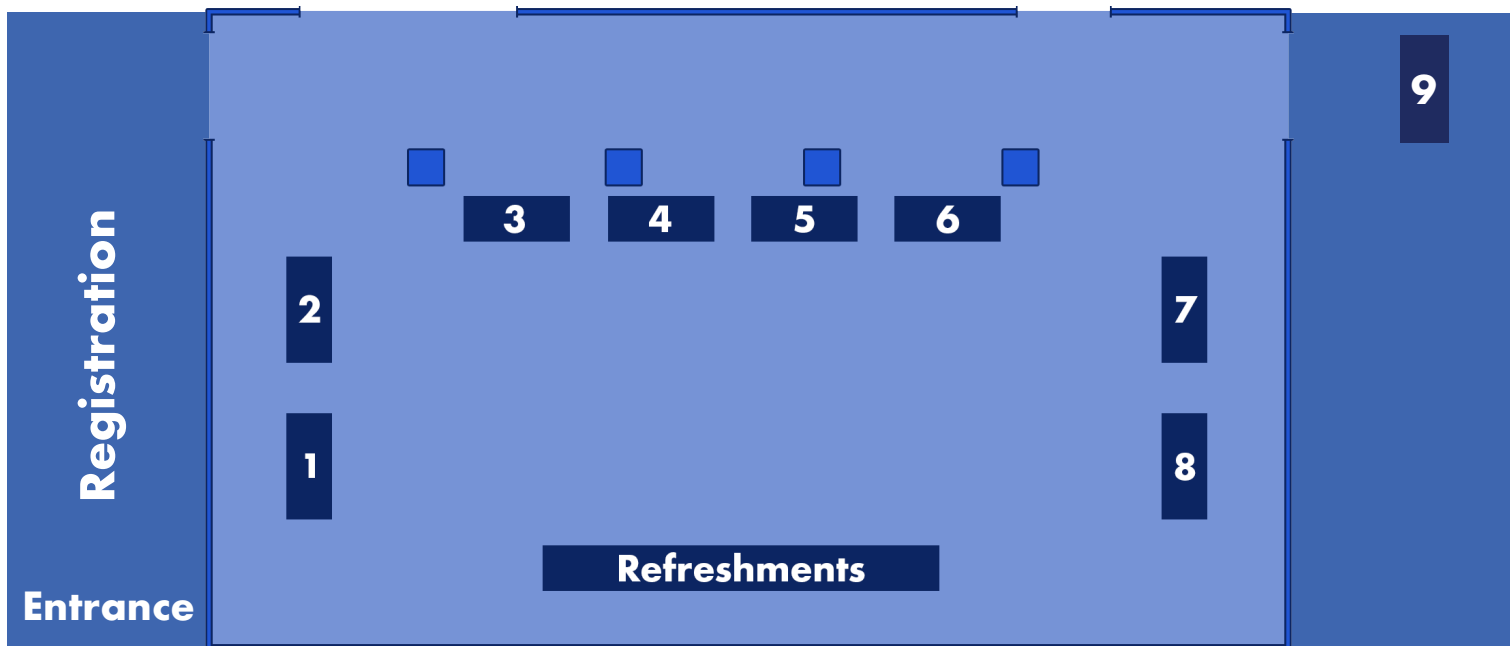
Please do make use of this time to network with fellow delegates and visit our exhibitor stalls.

Refreshments will be available on the first floor during these times.

The exhibitor stalls can be found in four locations around the building. These will be around the edge of the main hall on the ground floor, and on the first floor in the Portsmouth Room, the Zodiac Suite, and the Freda Swain Lounge.

This year the Shaped By Solent Shop can be found on the ground floor in the Lens Studio.

## FREDA SWAIN LOUNGE

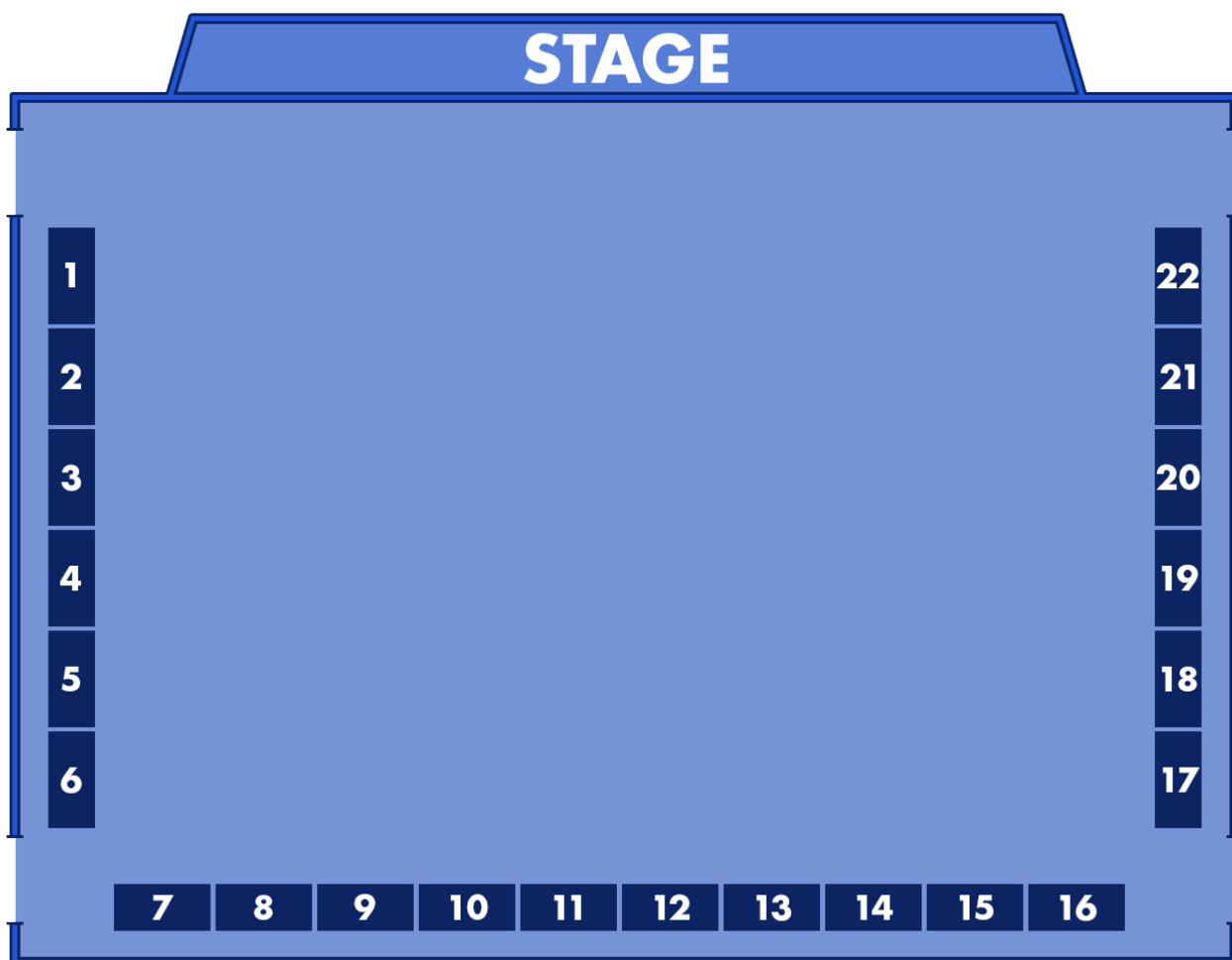


FSL1. PETA Ltd  
FSL2. City of Portsmouth College  
FSL3. Portsmouth Football Club  
FSL4. First Steps First Aid  
FSL5. Victoria Park (PCC)

FSL6. Fair Ways  
FSL7. Pamodzi Creatives  
FSL8. South Hampshire College Group  
FSL9. Digital Resilience Programme



## MAIN HALL



MH1. Hampshire Flag Company  
MH2. Portsmouth Guildhall  
MH3. Millstream Productions Ltd  
MH4. Ferryspeed  
MH5. Known For  
MH6. The News  
MH7. Ovio Solutions  
MH8. HTP Apprenticeship College  
MH9. Gunwharf Quays  
MH10. South Western Railway  
MH11. The Mary Rose Trust

MH12. Southern Water  
MH13. Portsmouth Historic Quarter  
MH14. Citrus Facilities Management  
MH15. Solent Hotel & Spa  
MH16. Biscoes Legal Services  
MH17. WetWheels Foundation  
MH18. Wightlink  
MH19. Portsmouth Water  
MH20. SLR Marine Recruitment Solutions  
MH21. Mindworks Marketing  
MH22. Portsmouth Business Support Service /  
The Marketing Agency



# SHAPED BY SOLENT SHOP

The Shaped by Solent project brings together Solent Academies Trust, City of Portsmouth College, Havant & South Downs College, and a range of Shaping Portsmouth Partner businesses to provide experienced Portsmouth business leaders as mentors to classes of Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) students.

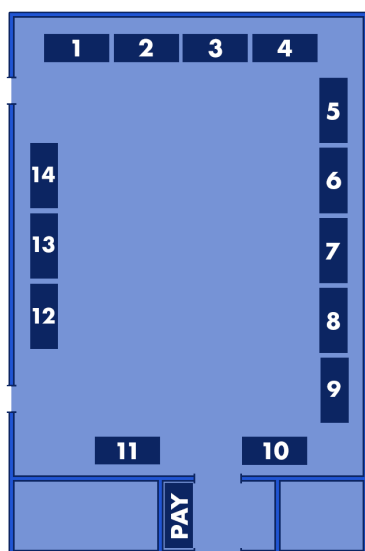
Their task is to brainstorm, create, and present products that the students will then sell at the Shaping Portsmouth Conference, upstairs in the Portsmouth Room, with profits from funds raised going to the schools to benefit their students and facilities. This year the winning product will also be sold in the Spinnaker Tower gift shop.

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## THE LENS STUDIO



- TLS1. Dockyard Group, Redwood Park Academy
- TLS2. Castle Group, Redwood Park Academy
- TLS3. Team Eastney, Redwood Park Academy
- TLS4. Museum Group, Redwood Park Academy
- TLS5. Team E2K, HSDC
- TLS6. Team Victorious, HSDC
- TLS7. COPC Highbury Team
- TLS8. COPC 6th Form Team
- TLS9. COPC 6th Form Team
- TLS10. Littlegreen Academy Team
- TLS11. Solent Academies Trust
- TLS12. Mary Rose Academy Compass
- TLS13. Wildings Team, Mary Rose Academy Craneswater
- TLS14. Magic Wand Team, Mary Rose Academy Craneswater



**City of  
Portsmouth  
College**





# SHAPED BY SOLENT SHOP

## THE PRODUCTS



### Recycled Folding Bag

Dockyard Group, Redwood Park Academy

Mentored by: Tim Rampton & Charla Grant, Shaping Portsmouth

£10.00



### Portsmouth 100 Bottle

Castle Group, Redwood Park Academy

Mentored by: Kirstie Higgins-Day & Sam Woodsman, Wightlink

£6.50

**VOTE FOR YOUR  
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**Mentimeter**

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The winning team will be announced on stage during the second part of the event.





## Portsmouth 100 Magnet

Team Eastney,  
Redwood Park Academy

Mentored by: Darren Hussey, Mary Rose Museum

£4.99



## Portsmouth 100 Lion Tote Bag

Museum Group,  
Redwood Park Academy

Mentored by: Kay & Brad Goddard, We Are Jungle

£10.00



## Pompey Trumps Card Game

Team E2K, HSDC

Mentored by: Alison Lee, Biscoes Solicitors

£5.00



## SpinJar Jelly Beans

Team Victorious, HSDC

Mentored by: Daniel O'Brien, Citrus Facilities Management

£6.99



## 100 Years Sketchbook

City of Portsmouth College Team

Mentored by: Joe Taffurelli, Ovio

**£6.00**



## Portsmouth Postcards

City of Portsmouth College, 6th Form Team

Mentored by: Rod Sessions, Hampshire Flag Company

**£5.99**



## Tirpitz the Pig

Littlegreen Academy Team

Mentored by: Janet Martin, Ferryspeed

**£7.00**

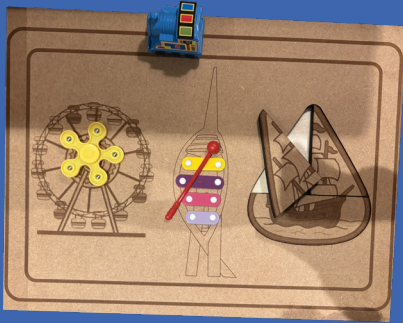


## Salted Caramel Brookie

Mary Rose Academy Compass Team

Mentored by: Paul Gorst, Landsec

**£10.00 for a box of four**



## Senscapes Fidget Board

Wildings Team,  
Mary Rose Academy Craneswater

Mentored by: Nick Gibson, Ferryspeed

£10.00



Front



Back

## Pillowcase

Magic Wand Team,  
Mary Rose Academy Craneswater

Mentored by: Terence Carvalho, Delivered Social

£10.00

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UK City of Culture bid

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## Support Local Causes Through the Portsmouth Lottery

The Portsmouth Lottery is a simple way for people to support local charities, community groups and good causes right here in our city.

By buying a ticket, you can help generate vital funding for organisations that make a real difference across Portsmouth, from supporting vulnerable people and improving wellbeing to strengthening neighbourhoods and community spaces. A significant proportion of every ticket goes directly back into local causes, helping them continue their important work.

The Portsmouth Lottery is about more than the chance to win prizes - it's about collective impact. Small contributions, when combined across the city, can create meaningful change and long-lasting support for the charities that matter most to Portsmouth.

Scan the QR code to learn more and discover how playing the Portsmouth Lottery helps support our local community.



## **Meet Olympian Katy Sexton in the Portsmouth Room.**

We're thrilled to welcome Olympian Katy Sexton to the Shaping Portsmouth Conference!

Katy is keen to share her latest initiative...Gogglehedz which has been co-created with illustrator Oliver Stubbs, combining elite sporting experience with creative storytelling to tackle a serious issue: water safety.

With many years of swimming and teaching experience between them, Katy and Oliver saw first-hand the risks that exist in and around water. Through creativity, community engagement and a strong focus on safety, Gogglehedz is helping to build a more water-aware generation.

Throughout the day in the Portsmouth Room, Katy will be on hand to share their mission, chat with delegates and inspire with stories from their work in and beyond our city.

Pop by and discover how sport and community come together to make a positive splash in Portsmouth.



# THE ROAD FROM KARACHI

INDIAN AND PAKISTANI COOKERY MADE EASY

## Meet Nadia Arab from The Road from Karachi

We're delighted to welcome Nadia Arab to the Shaping Portsmouth Conference!

Nadia is the Director of The Road from Karachi, a beautifully crafted cookery book that brings the flavours of Indian and Pakistani home cooking to life. The book was lovingly created with her mother, Khalida, reviving a lost family cookbook that celebrates heritage, family recipes and the joy of shared food.

Nadia will be joining us at our Shaping Portsmouth stand, where you can support her mission and purchase a signed copy of The Road from Karachi.

Come and say hi, learn more about Nadia's Clean Water Project, discover delicious stories from the heart of Portsmouth's community and add a signed cookbook to your collection.





## Meet Spark Community Space - Sparkling Connection Across the City

We're delighted to welcome Spark Community Space to the Shaping Portsmouth Conference!

Spark is a pay what you can community space on a mission to fight isolation and loneliness. The volunteer led space works hard to create an environment where everyone feels welcome, inspired and connected - from workshops and community projects and collaborative events. A cup of kindness and warm welcome awaits.

Visit the Shaping Portsmouth stand throughout the day to meet the Spark team, hear about their Ambassador programme and learn more about how they're helping build connection and community across the city.

You can also purchase your very own community cup and your support helps Spark offer tea, toasties and friendship to those who need it most.







## Meet the Pamodzi Creatives Team in the Freda Swain Lounge

We're honoured to welcome Pamodzi Creatives to the Shaping Portsmouth Conference!

Pamodzi Creatives is Community Interest Company with a bold mission: to amplify stories, encourage creativity and support connection through thoughtful cultural projects. Their work is purposeful, brings people together and honours the voices in our city that deserve to be heard.

Many know Pamodzi for the Inspirational Women Portsmouth Awards, a celebration that recognises the achievements of women across the city. The awards are taking a break this year but are a real testament to Pamodzi's commitment to community and empowerment.



**PAMODZI**  
COMMUNITY -  
COLLABORATION - CREATIVITY

Visit them in the Freda Swain Lounge to learn more about their work and treat yourself to some of their brilliant new merch.





## The Armed Forces Covenant - Supporting the Armed Forces Community

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise that those who serve, have served and their families are treated fairly and supported within our community. It recognises the contribution and sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and encourages organisations to play an active role in ensuring no one is disadvantaged because of their service.

For Portsmouth, a city with deep military roots and a strong veteran community, this commitment is especially important. It reflects our pride in supporting those who have served and our shared responsibility to create a city where Armed Forces families feel valued and respected.

If you're interested in learning more, visit the Shaping Portsmouth team in the Zodiac Suite and talk to us about how your business can better support our armed forces community.



**ARMED FORCES  
COVENANT**

# Clare Martin's Pompey Plod

## 5 Marathons in 5 days



### Help us celebrate Clare Martin MBE - When Purpose Meets Perseverance

We're proud to be supporting Clare Martin MBE, a champion for community causes and a powerful example of what determination and generosity can achieve.

Clare has set herself an extraordinary challenge: completing five full marathons in five consecutive days, also known as the Pompey Plod challenge. This remarkable feat has been undertaken to raise awareness and support for the phenomenal John Jenkins community hub at Pompey in the Community, shining a spotlight on the vital role local spaces play in bringing people together, offering support and creating opportunity.

Driven by a deep belief in the power of community, Clare's challenge is about far more than physical endurance. It reflects resilience, compassion and an unwavering commitment to helping others - values that resonate strongly across our city.

Clare's journey is a reminder of the impact one person can have when purpose meets perseverance and why community will always be at the heart of Portsmouth.

Together, let's celebrate and share in the joy of this remarkable achievement. You can support Clare and donate here:

[tinyurl.com/PompeyPlod](https://tinyurl.com/PompeyPlod)





# UK PRIDE '25

In 2025, Portsmouth was proud to host UK Pride, delivering a nationally significant programme of LGBTQ+ celebration, culture and civic engagement, rooted firmly in the life of the city.

UK Pride 2025 was delivered as a months-long, city-wide programme, shaped by local communities and reflecting Portsmouth's creativity, diversity, and values. **More than 50** events and activities took place across the city, culminating in the main UK Pride celebrations on Southsea Common on 7 June 2025, which welcomed **14,000 visitors**, despite the great British summer weather!

What made UK Pride 2025 distinctive, and central to its values, was that it was completely **free to attend and entirely unfenced**. As one of the largest city Prides in the UK to operate in this way, the event removed physical, financial and symbolic barriers, reflecting a clear commitment to inclusion and ensuring that everyone in Portsmouth could take part.

The programme was delivered with the support of over **170 local community groups and businesses**. As a completely volunteer-run charity, UK Pride 2025 was powered by **thousands of hours of skilled volunteer time**, contributed by people living, studying, and working in the city. To deliver the full programme, **over £300,000** was raised, enabling both local impact and national profile.

UK Pride 2025 leaves a legacy of openness, collaboration, and shared civic pride, demonstrating how Portsmouth comes together to create welcoming, inclusive spaces for all.



# PORTSMOUTH 100 SPARKS

1926-2026



**Ready to light up Portsmouth like never before?**

In 2026, Portsmouth will celebrate a truly special milestone — 100 years since it was officially granted city status in 1926. To mark this centenary, we're launching Portsmouth 100 Sparks: a joyful, citywide celebration of creativity, community, and colour. Our mission? To spark every neighbourhood with colour, creativity, and curiosity. We're giving every primary school child and their family a vibrant, whimsical colouring book designed by Seekers Community Artists, a playful guide to explore Portsmouth like never before.

Each page is a story, a hidden corner, or a sparkling personality that makes our city shine. From historic streets to modern gems, secret gardens to bustling squares, the colouring book invites families to play, explore, and fall in love with Portsmouth all over again. Portsmouth 100 Sparks isn't just a book, it's a citywide adventure, connecting communities, celebrating creativity, and creating joyful memories that will sparkle for generations. Every Neighbourhood, One Team and a hundred ways to make Portsmouth shine!



**SCAN ME**

## A century of pride, a future of possibility

2026 sees Portsmouth mark 100 years since it was officially granted city status. Portsmouth100 is a year-long celebration of our city's rich heritage, vibrant communities, and bold future. From civic ceremonies and cultural showcases to community-led events and creative installations, this programme invites everyone to take part in honouring the past and shaping what comes next.

## Everyone is invited, be part of the story

Whether you're a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, Portsmouth100 is your opportunity to explore, connect, and celebrate everything that makes this city extraordinary. The programme is curated by Portsmouth City Council in collaboration with partners, local organisations, and community groups, each contributing to a shared story of pride, resilience, and ambition.

Throughout the year, you'll find events across the city that reflect the diversity and spirit of Portsmouth, from heritage and history to sport, environment, enterprise, and the arts.

Let's make 2026 a year to remember.



**Join us back at the Portsmouth Guildhall in January 2027 for**

# SHAPING **PORTSMOUTH** CONFERENCE 2027