Piracy and Plymouth: Privateering, Profiting and Policing

What is the difference between pirates, privateers and smugglers?

Pirates and privateers hold an enduring fascination but who were the real life Jack Sparrow and Ann Bonny - thrilling, celebrated or entrepreneurial privateers?

Mixed media presentations and hands-on activities will showcase the stories of piracy and smuggling through the ages across the globe and in the South West.

- What drove the men and women involved in piracy and what were the dangers and risks of being caught?
- What is the difference between pirates, privateers and smugglers?
- How do we understand what are the modern-day equivalents of piracy and plunder?
- Is it disproportionally on the high seas or deep jungles, heritage crime or people smuggling?

Children can learn more about the role and lives of pirates by following an interactive Treasure Island hunt searching for clues amongst the exhibits and playing games to navigate their way round and find the treasure. Finishing in a Virtual Reality green room experience to give a sense of being on a real pirate ship and to speculate on marine resources at the bottom of the ocean.

This event is open to all and no booking is required.

**Related events**

- **Piracy & Plunder: The International Pirate, Political and Strategic Risk 1689-1900** Wednesday 20 September, 10:00 - 12:00
- **Piracy & Plunder: Modern Smuggling and Piracy in the South West** Wednesday 20 September, 13:30 - 15:00

View the event profile on the ESF Festival website.