TEDx GreatPacificGarbagePatch

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Plastic Pollution Coalition to Host TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch Livestream on November 8, 2025

SANTA MONICA, CA/USA; October 28, 2025 – TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica, California, from 9am-5pm PST. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TEDx Talks around the question: *How Do We Solve Plastic Pollution by 2040*? The public may join the event's livestream, from anywhere in the world by registering to join online.

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a program of locally organized events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

At TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch, global leaders (see below) will convene in person in Santa Monica, CA, to explore the plastic pollution crisis, share solutions to single-use plastic and envision a world free of plastic pollution and it's toxic impacts. Topics include microplastics and human health, environmental justice, and climate change, with experts presenting the latest knowledge and research. The event will explore necessary and innovative solutions to the plastic pollution crisis—strong policies, culture change, and business solutions, including regenerative materials and product design, reuse solutions and circular systems, finance and investing, and corporate accountability.

Speakers at TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch include:

- Jo Banner, Founder and Director, The Descendents Project
- Arlene Blum
- Hon. Rob Bonta, Attorney General, State of California
- Ken Cook
- Hoa Doan, Head of Impact and Sustainability, Notpla
- Fran Drescher, Actor
- Dr. Jane Muncke, Managing Director and Chief Scientific Officer, Food Packaging Forum
- Antonique Smith
- Suzanne Smoke, Community Health Specialist, Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Rice Lake
- Dr Leo Trasande,
- Reverend Lennox Yearwood Jr.
- And many other notable experts

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TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch sponsors include: Plastic Pollution Coalition, Elbaz Family Foundation, and Environmental Working Group.

Community Partners include: Algalita, Blue Mind, Break Free From Plastic, CEH, Climate Revival, Earth Island Institute, EcoEquity, Ecoton, Fenceline Watch, Green Latinos, Greenpeace, Grove Collective, Heal the Bey, Hidden Plastic, One Green Thing, Project 17, PSF, Race to Zero Waste, RULA, Surfrider, The Bay Foundation, The Oxygen Project

For more information about TEDxGreatPacificGarbagePatch, please visit https://tedxgreatpacificgarbagepatch.com/.

About TEDx, x = independently organized event
In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED
TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed; and TEDBooks, short e-books on powerful ideas. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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