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## World Hydrography Day 2019

The UK Hydrographic Office has celebrated World Hydrography Day and the theme of "Hydrographic information driving marine knowledge" with a number of celebratory moments throughout the year.

### Visit from HRH The Princess Royal – 25 April 2019

To officially open our new building and celebrate World Hydrography Day, we held a commemorative event attended by HRH The Princess Royal.

During her visit, The Princess Royal delivered a speech to an audience of UKHO staff and over 100 guests who gathered from across the world to celebrate the landmark occasion. In her speech, she commended the UKHO for the vital role it plays in supporting maritime navigation, safety, security, and marine development around the UK and worldwide.

The Rt Hon Earl Howe, Deputy Leader of the House of Lords and Minister of State for Defence, was also in attendance. He addressed guests to speak of the UKHO's long and successful history of supplying navigation services to shipping companies around the world, as well as its continued contribution to defence and the long-term prosperity of the UK and its allies around the world.

A short film about the organisation and the importance of hydrographic information was also shown to guests as part of the visit.



### Social media

We engaged on social media to promote the importance of hydrographic information for driving marine knowledge through a series of posts on Twitter and LinkedIn.

This included [a short film](#) about how hydrography underpins range of maritime activity around the globe and is key to understanding the marine environment around us, which received over 1300 views on Twitter.

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### STEM activities

Throughout the year, our STEM Ambassadors have attended a number of events to promote our work as an organisation and encourage young people in the South West into **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**aths careers (STEM).

Some of the outreach work in which we've been actively involved this year includes guest lecturing at a 'Science of the Sea' community event in Taunton to celebrate British Science Week, and participating in the regional Big Bang Near Me science fairs. Central to these events was the theme of hydrography, with educational activities including:

- An Augmented Reality bathymetry sandbox to explain the science behind mapping the seafloor
- An activity on ocean environment marine sounds
- A bathymetry pairing game, featuring images of wrecks taken from hydrographic surveys
- A bathymetric drone coding challenge activity



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