

# UKSA is the world's leading and most accessible outdoor learning and maritime training provider

  
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# Our purpose

- UKSA inspires and supports children and young people to broaden their horizons through our life enhancing water-based adventures, education and training for careers at sea

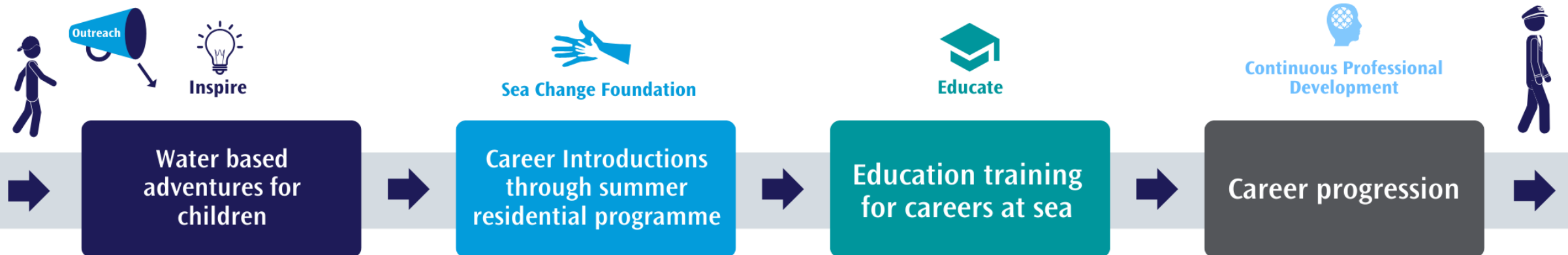




# Career development and positive pathways

Founded **35** years ago, UKSA is the largest RYA training centre in the world and is proud to be delivering Maritime and Coastguard Agency training to the next generation of seafarers

In 2023, UKSA welcomed over **11,000** beneficiaries. It is our unique pathways that sets UKSA apart



Student welfare, mentoring and inspiration running through everything UKSA delivers

# Leave no child behind

In 2023 UKSA welcomed **7096** children (under 18) of which **30%** were funded



- **26%** were registered as SEN
- **55%** of funded children were from the most deprived postcodes in the UK
- **62%** of beneficiaries were from inner-city communities

Reports from these children after their trip highlighted a staggering increase in their Skills for Life

**Skills4Life**

- **76%** increase in determination
- **75%** increase in self-belief
- **70%** in resilience
- **65%** in communication skills
- **65%** in decision making

# Sea Change Foundation

In 2023 UKSA delivered **465** Sea.Change Foundation students including **30** on the mainland at Weymouth

**95%** of Sea.Change students that participated were on Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Our aim is to expand Sea.Change into hubs on the mainland, signposting more deserving young people into the maritime careers. We want to deliver the programme to **800** beneficiaries this year

Results from participants of the Sea.Change Foundation programme in 2023 highlighted a staggering increase in skills for life

**Skills**4**Life**

- **80%** increase in determination
- **87%** increase in self-belief
- **72%** in resilience
- **73%** in communication skills
- **66%** in decision making

# Maritime Careers

- Last year **85%** of UKSA graduates went into maritime employment
- UKSA has a truly global footprint welcoming visitors from 49 countries across the globe
- Our unique cadetship programme offers funding to eligible candidates. For our 2023 intake, **80%** of superyacht cadet students received financial support
- Training students into watersports, professional yachting superyachting, workboats, marinas, ferry operators, offshore wind farms all the way up to officers and Masters



# Supporting our community

UKSA is committed to the Island and its young people and is proud to make a difference to the community

- We offer every single Year 6 Isle of Wight student a funded experience on the water through our **Test The Water** programme. In 2023, **38** Island schools participated and we increased the water confidence of **1,074** Island children.
- UKSA also provides a special opportunity for 10–14-year-old Islanders through **Polly's Fund** which provides a five-day sailing or watersports course during the summer holidays. 45% in the lowest poverty decile on the island.
- Our funded **Sea.Change** five-day residential programme for 14–17-year-olds runs throughout the school holidays and is for teenagers to learn about training and careers in the maritime sector.
- In partnership with IoW College, UKSA provides fully funded two-year Further Education courses for approx. **100** young people aged 16 to 18 each year





# Solent Oyster Restoration Project

- Installation of an oyster nursery in October 2023. Working in partnership with [Blue Marine Foundation](#) and with [Cowes Harbour Commission](#) who funded our oyster baskets and initial juvenile oyster stock, UKSA is helping to restore oysters in the Solent by hosting an oyster nursery beneath one of its pontoons.

The benefits include:

- ✓ Water filtration - each oyster filters 200 litres of water a day
  - ✓ Removing nitrogen from the water and sequestering carbon
  - ✓ The reefs that oysters go on to form provide habitat for lots of other species, increasing biodiversity
- Measuring the growth of these oysters is now part of the sustainability module on our education courses.



# Caring for our oceans

our commitment to being plastic free

As a maritime training organisation, UKSA is committed to **reducing the use of disposable plastics**. We love our oceans and environment and have a duty of care of them

## We currently:

- Separate food waste, recycling and land fill
- Use compostable sandwich containers, wraps, cutlery, etc
- Ask students & staff only to use re-usable mugs & water bottles
- Recycle crisp packets through Terracycle
- Do not use single use condiments: sauces, glasses or cups
- Use paper straws and wooden stirrers
- Use environmentally friendly boat cleaning products



# We can only change the lives of young people with your continued support

- Our ambition is to work with more children and young people who need our help most, building positive futures and pathways into maritime employment
- UKSA relies on support from individuals, companies and foundations to give children and young people hope for the future and equipping them with the skills to make successful transitions into adulthood and employment
- We need support from the sector to help these young people into work
- We want to work with education and youth organisations to help sign post these opportunities to young people

“We are truly grateful for the funding which allowed us to bring 43 children to UKSA. Our families would not have been able to afford the trip without this sponsorship as some would have had to choose between food, heating and the trip”

***Sally Hodgson, Beacon View Headteacher, Portsmouth***

