

14 Women. 3,000 Nautical Miles. X Trillion Pieces of Plastic World Premiere for Ground-Breaking Film - 1 May 2024

- Feature Documentary Follows Pioneering All-Women Expedition to Great Pacific Garbage Patch -

X Trillion - a film following the renowned all-women 'eXXpedition North Pacific' to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch - premieres on 1 May 2024 at Curzon Soho, in London. The feature debut by Eleanor Church follows the gruelling journey of eXXpedition's all-women crew led by Emily Penn, as they sail 3,000 miles across the North Pacific Ocean through the densest accumulation of ocean plastic on the planet - in order to make the unseen, seen.

The Premiere event kicks off a number of screenings around the UK - find out more at <https://www.xtrillionfilm.com/>

The 14 women international crew was made up of scientists, filmmakers, circular-economists, engineers, teachers, packaging designers and creators - but very few were sailors. It is a life-affirming story of adventure, discovery, science, solidarity and a call to action that burns with optimism.

Director, Eleanor Church, said:

"We were a crew of women with different skills, goals and motivations, brought together to witness and record the true extent of the plastic pollution crisis - with a focus on micro plastics and their toxic impact on female bodies in particular. We all emerged transformed by the experience and are committed to telling the story of what we witnessed and working to find solutions.

"The film is about this global crisis, but more than that it highlights the crucial role women play in helping to change systems and find solutions to the big problems facing humanity."

Produced by Verity Wislocki, the film explores the practical and emotional responses to one of the biggest global challenges of our time, as the crew leave families and land behind, to battle high seas, storms and sea sickness, and carry out cutting-edge microplastics research. For the first time the film turns the camera on the extent of the plastic pollution crisis in one of the most remote places on Earth.

As Michelle Byle, crew member and packaging designer, sums up in the film:

"We are about as far away from civilisation as one can get. Yet here, all around us, is evidence of our daily lives on land. Our choices. Our purchases. This is your old toothbrush, my empty shampoo bottle, the lid to his coffee cup."

The crew recorded an average of half a million pieces of microplastics per square kilometre here, and that was only on the surface. Who knows how much is in the 5,000 metres of water beneath. The scientific data they gathered has been used as part of ten international research projects.

eXXpedition North Pacific was the 10th eXXpedition mission - it set out for answers to questions like: Where is the plastic coming from? What does it mean for our natural world and human health? And what can be done to solve it?

Emily Penn, eXXpedition Founder, concludes:

“We know that there is no silver bullet to solve the plastic problem. Our expeditions help people to understand the true challenge of ocean plastic pollution, so they can use their skills to solve it from sea to source. This voyage turned these incredible women into ambassadors for change, with the power to help transform our future. It’s amazing to see the impact they’ve achieved since!”

“We hope the film will take audiences with us on this journey, so that they too are inspired about all the ways they can be changemakers. We don’t need everyone to do everything, we need everyone to do *something*.”

Screening Dates - for latest list of screening dates and venues visit:

<https://www.xtrillionfilm.com/screenings>:

- Wednesday 1 May - UK Premiere screening and Q&A - Curzon Soho, London
- Friday 24th May 2024 - Firstsite, Colchester
- Saturday 25th May - Alnwick Playhouse, Northumberland
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - Electric Theatre, Guildford
- Wednesday 12th June 2024 - Genesis Cinema, London
- Thursday 13th June 2024 - The Electric Palace, Harwich
- Thursday 11th July 2024 - Glasgow Film Theatre
- Saturday 13th July 2024 - Highland Cinema, Fort William

In partnership with production company **Park Village**, X-Trillion producers have also secured a broadcast deal with **Warner Bros. Discovery**, having acquired the rights to broadcast X-Trillion across the EMEA region in multiple territories, with a global broadcast premiere on World Ocean Day, 8th June 2024.*

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For more information and to set up interviews or filming contact Abby Richardson - abby@freshcommunication.co.uk / 07876 378733

Images for media use - as well as the film trailer - can be found here:
<https://www.xtrillionfilm.com/pr>

ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

ELEANOR CHURCH | DIRECTOR

Eleanor is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and photographer and has been telling stories through her cameras for over 15 years. With a background in documentary, investigative and creative filmmaking and photography, the projects that she has worked on have taken her across the UK and the world. Eleanor works on a variety of projects, with a particular interest in stories that focus on society, environment, women, human rights, migration and supply chains. A number of her films have contributed to policy change - something she is very proud of. This is Eleanor's first feature-length film.

VERITY WISLOCKI | PRODUCER

Verity has worked on films by Tim Burton, Alfonso Cuarón, Terry Gilliam, Anthony Minghella, Molly Manning-Walker and Yorgos Lanthimos. She produced Another News Story and was longlisted as Breakthrough Producer at the BIFAs.

Verity produced On Our Doorstep (premiere Leeds Film Festival), Stormskater (premiere Sheffield DocFest, online on Nowness, winner of Best Sport Film at Kendal Mountain Festival), and Nice To Meet You All (premiere Norwich Film Festival 2021, winner Best Mini Doc Award - Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, Anti-Stigma Award - Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival, shortlisted for Aesthetica Art Prize) as well as As For Me for BBH's 'Differently Does It' short film strand. She Exec Produced Road Trip which has won multiple awards at film festivals. As well as launching X Trillion in UK cinemas she has numerous documentary and feature films in development.

EMILY PENN | EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Emily is an ocean advocate and skipper who has spent over a decade exploring plastic pollution from the tropics to the Arctic. She has organised the largest ever community-led waste cleanup from a tiny Tongan island, trawled for microplastics on a voyage through the Northwest Passage, rounded the planet on the record-breaking biofuelled boat Earthrace, and worked on a sailing cargo ship trading western supplies for coconuts.

Emily runs her not-for-profit *eXXpedition*; a series of all-women voyages on a mission to help people understand the true ocean plastic and toxic pollution problem, so they can use their skills to solve it from sea to source. Since 2014, Emily has led 19 scientific research missions and developed upstream solutions on land with a network of changemakers, industry partners and government bodies. Her recently launched platform *SHiFT.how*, helps people and businesses

navigate hundreds of solutions to find the ones that are best for them and take actions that result in less pollution in our ocean.

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