



2016

January

Lancaster University hosts the Eden Project team and organises a trip to Morecambe. Plans to create an Eden Project Morecambe begin.

2018

November

Principal of Lancaster & Morecambe College visits Eden Project Cornwall to discuss partnership opportunities, leading to the inception of the Morecambe Bay Curriculum (MBC).

2019

Spring

Lancaster University holds a **Big Conversation** focused on the opportunities Eden Project Morecambe could bring, including life-long education opportunities.

Spring to Autumn

Principal of Lancaster & Morecambe College and the Head of Eden Project Learning meet with key local stakeholders, including the Lancaster and Morecambe Headteacher Cluster, and momentum for what will become the MBC grows.

From these conversations several **groups begin to meet monthly**; Partnership Board, Steering Group, Early Years, Primary and Special Schools Working Group, Cumbria Schools Working Group, Lancaster and Morecambe Secondary Schools Working Group, Further Education Working Group, Children in Care Working Group and Higher Education Working Group.

Winter

Lancaster & Morecambe College set up an Eden Hub which MBC educators use as they start to plan how they can embed place, sustainability and environment into their day-to-day teaching.

2020

May

Lancaster University and Eden Project jointly appoint **Eden Project North Chair of Education and Engagement**, based in Lancaster University's Department of Educational Research, to work closely with the local education community on the MBC. This includes regular talks with teachers, the NHS, voluntary and cultural organisations, charities, MPs, councillors, local press and FE staff.

July

Our Educational Programme for Morecambe Bay: A Curriculum for Lifestyle Learning statement created and agreed by the Early Years, Primary and Special Schools Working Group.

August

Lancaster University and Lancaster & Morecambe College sign a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the Morecambe Bay Curriculum in partnership with Eden Project and local schools.

Autumn

Noticing pilot project (Biodiversity Logbooks) developed by Computing and Design colleagues at Lancaster University in Ryelands Primary and Nursery School, then rolled out to other local primary schools, seeking to reduce 'plant blindness' amongst primary children.

Made by the Moon storytelling project, originally commissioned by Morecambe Bay Partnership, starts in schools (EY, Pri & Special Schools Working Group).

2021

January

Clarence the Cart Horse story is written, with a focus on celebrating oral storytelling traditions in the region (EY, Pri & Special Schools Working Group).

February

Launch of **Eden Bear** oral storytelling project. Eden Bear starts their journey travelling around Early Years settings in Morecambe Bay, collecting children's stories and hopes for the Bay (EY, Pri & Special Schools Working Group).

February

Public talk hosted by Lancaster University's Vice-Chancellor on the unique place-based curriculum focused on Morecambe Bay, featuring Professor Robert Winston.

March

Lancaster University appoints an MBC team of three to support partners and educators to grow this special movement.

June

The Association of Colleges awards Lancaster & Morecambe College a national **Beacon Award** for its work on the MBC.

September

The MBC's sister project, **Where the Wildings Are!** launches, supporting schools to re-wild grounds and grow their own food.

University of Cumbria embed the MBC into their Initial Teacher Training modules.

October

The University of Cumbria **MBC Think Tank** of trainee teachers is formed.

2022

February

Cumbrian teachers decide to work on four key strands; **Mapping Stories of the Bay, Reimagining School Grounds, Agriculture and Farmers as Custodians of the Landscape**, and **Living in the Lakes** (Cumbria Schools Working Group).

March

MBC hosts 30 schools as part of the **Lancaster District Pupil Parliament** at Lancaster and Morecambe College, creating a Climate Charter over 3 days of activity.

Wellness Woods at St Paul's Junior School in Barrow-in-Furness are opened for activities, including a canopy, bird boxes and storytelling area. Regular visits to the wood from the South Cumbria PRU start a successful collaboration (Cumbria Schools Working Group).

Geography Subject Leaders and the MBC Think Tank launch **Place-Based Best Practice resources** at University of Cumbria's Geography Leaders' conference.

2023

January

Eden Project Morecambe awarded £50m from the UK Government.

February

Eden Bear's collection of books is launched at Lancaster and Morecambe College, inspired by visits to early years settings around the Bay.

March

Morecambe Bay Curriculum logo finalised and an official website is launched.

Morecambe Bay Curriculum Steering Group meet to develop the movement's theory of change, identifying that what matters most to those involved are **young people, educators, our environment and its sustainability, Wellbeing, Green Skills and Community** are also recognised as important elements of the project.

May

The **Lost Sounds** project creates interactive soundscapes of bird calls through Digital Naturalists activities. Aimed at Year 5s, the project is supported by Lancashire Wildlife Trust, RSPB and National Trust. The resources can be borrowed by schools and community groups.

Little Researchers project is launched. Nine Lancaster University students work alongside four primary schools and one nursery to help children research their local surroundings which they later present at Lancaster University.

June

The **Half Hectare Project** explores bringing young people together to think about where food comes from. Workshops are held with local school learners at Lancaster & Morecambe College on food production in a community space.

July

First annual **MBC Conference** takes place at Lancaster University, with educator-led discussions, stalls and speeches. Over 100 people attend. The Chairs of the Early Years, Primary and Special Schools Working Group and the Cumbria Schools Working Group share the path forward for the MBC.

It is announced that Lancaster University intends to invest £65,000 into the project to help academics and teachers create curriculum resources.

August

Little Researchers interviewed on BBC Radio Lancashire about their findings!

September

Lancaster University appoints new role of **Lecturer in the Morecambe Bay Curriculum**.

November

Resources for our Bay; Place, Sustainability, Environment and Hope begins. MBC Steering Group decides curriculum areas they would like educators to focus on and which Lancaster University academics to approach as collaborators.

2024

January

Following November's decisions, teachers are matched with academic partners from Lancaster University and explore how place-based and environmental research can be featured in the National Curriculum. The first workshop at Lancaster Castle includes an inspirational talk from Eden Project.

February

MBC membership and **Moodle** are launched, open to every educator around the Bay.

March

First **MBC newsletter** sent to all official members of the movement.

April

Key Cities Innovation Network names MBC as an innovative example of how communities can work towards net-zero at a policy launch at the House of Commons.

May

MBC Steering Group and Partnership Board meet at Lancaster University to discuss priorities for a five-year strategy.

July

Second annual **MBC Conference** held at Lancaster University. Over 200 people attend. **Resources for our Bay; Place, Sustainability, Environment and Hope** launched, featuring sixteen co-designed curriculum resources designed to support educators. Participants get a sneak peek into Eden Project Morecambe. 40 community-led workshops delivered.

August

Resources for our Bay; Place, Sustainability, Environment and Hope booklet and resources are posted to every school in the Bay.

September

MBC and Overton St Helen's Primary School are featured on ITV **Granada Reports**, with the presenter commenting "This should be rolled out nationally".

October

£50m of UK government funding announced under previous administration confirmed as a Labour Government commitment by Lizzi Collinge MP.

November

After consultation with the current Working Groups, it is decided that six groups will re-launch in February 2025.

December

An additional set of geography and history resources created by the MBC Think Tank of trainee teachers added to the University of Cumbria web shelf.

2025

January

A celebration event for six years of MBC Working Groups held at The Midland in Morecambe.

