

Discovery Centre, Ocean Gallery

Halifax, NS



Ocean science built on local connections

Atlantic Canada has long been bound to the ocean. Today, the region is a leader in marine industry, technology and scientific research.

From concept through design and construction supervision, AldrichPears Associates worked closely with Halifax Discovery Centre staff and local partners to develop exhibits that illustrate ocean connections over a range of scales. Visitors examine micro plastics collected from local beaches in the Lab area and trace the ocean currents that carry them on a touchscreen globe in the Climate area.

Exhibits encourage whole-body experiences: visitors move balls through an interactive water cycle, get their hands wet at a touch pool loaded with ocean critters and use Lego to bring to life their ideas on how Nova Scotians can adapt to climate change.

With exhibits based on real research, local stories and deep engagement, the Discovery Centre encourages curiosity, local awareness and responsibility for the shared future of our oceans.

