

Orca (captive)

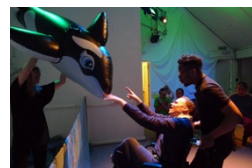
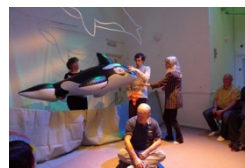
Environment Touching Pool - curvy pool, with blue voile, stripped plastic, bowls of water gels, small plastic fish, hand-puppets; crab, jellyfish, stingray, spotty fish, octopus. Fishing nets + bucket. Hermit crab exhibit. Orca pool, audience seating + tickets, inflatable orca, tubing orcas, blue voiles, black + white latex sheets. Assorted balls + hoops/rings. Captive whales projection. Microphone



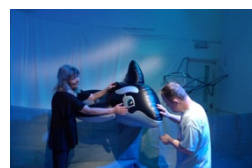
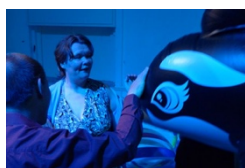
Touching Pool Welcome to SeaWorld! Come and explore the 'Touching Pool' - 'splash' the stripped plastic, see it catch the light, hear its swishing sound, feel the wetness of the water gels as they slip through your fingers and toes. Make friends with the sea creature puppets, which all feel different and move in different ways. Catch fish in the nets and save in the bucket.



Whale Performance Get your tickets and take your seats, the show is about to begin. See Winnie the whale as she performs her tricks, jumping and diving, standing on her tail, scudding backwards, dancing on her nose. Say hello, feel her skin (+latex sheets), make friends and play games with her, throw balls, and hoops, see them spin, have fun together



Whales calling The lights dim, more whales are singing to each other. Make whale sounds in the microphone and sing together - sad, sad songs of the sea... Winnie splashes water from the tank, blue voiles streaming past you, over and under and around you, leading to the sea. With a mighty jump she escapes the pool and swims away....off to the sea - goodbye Winnie



Observations The 'touching pool' created a nice, safe, settling area for people to explore by themselves and with each other. The varying textural and movement qualities of the puppets were greatly enjoyed and enabled lots of 1-1 interactions and play. Creating an arena for an audience at the whale pool sanctioned engagement as spectators for a change - lots of total focus and wonder. The balls and hoops then enabled audience participation and Winnie made friends with everyone! The microphone sections was enhanced by the back projection of more whales, creating a melancholy dynamic with lots of call and response with vocal sounds. Excitement rose as the blue voiles streamed round the space and Winnie was encouraged to jump for freedom!

