

Lloyd Godson is at it again



Australian marine scientist and aquanaut, Lloyd Godson, is partnering on a new project with Cees den Toom of Scuba Academie in the Netherlands. The project's goal is to establish an underwater research facility, unique in the world, which will be used for education and outreach. The facility will be located in a freshwater lake area called, Vinkeveense Plassen, in The Netherlands.

To encourage children and young people to discover and explore and learn how to protect the underwater world and freshwater ecosystems, the

facility will serve as the international headquarters of Tik, a real-life underwater superhero, and his fishy sidekick, Bubbles. Inspired by the escapades of Tik and Bubbles, children will be encouraged to be pro-active—to take action in order to make positive change in the world—to follow their dreams, to be philanthropic and to be compassionate stewards of our planet.

To be an environmentally friendly and completely autonomous unit energy-wise is a long-term goal of the project. Off-grid renewable and alter-

native energy systems will be used to achieve this goal.

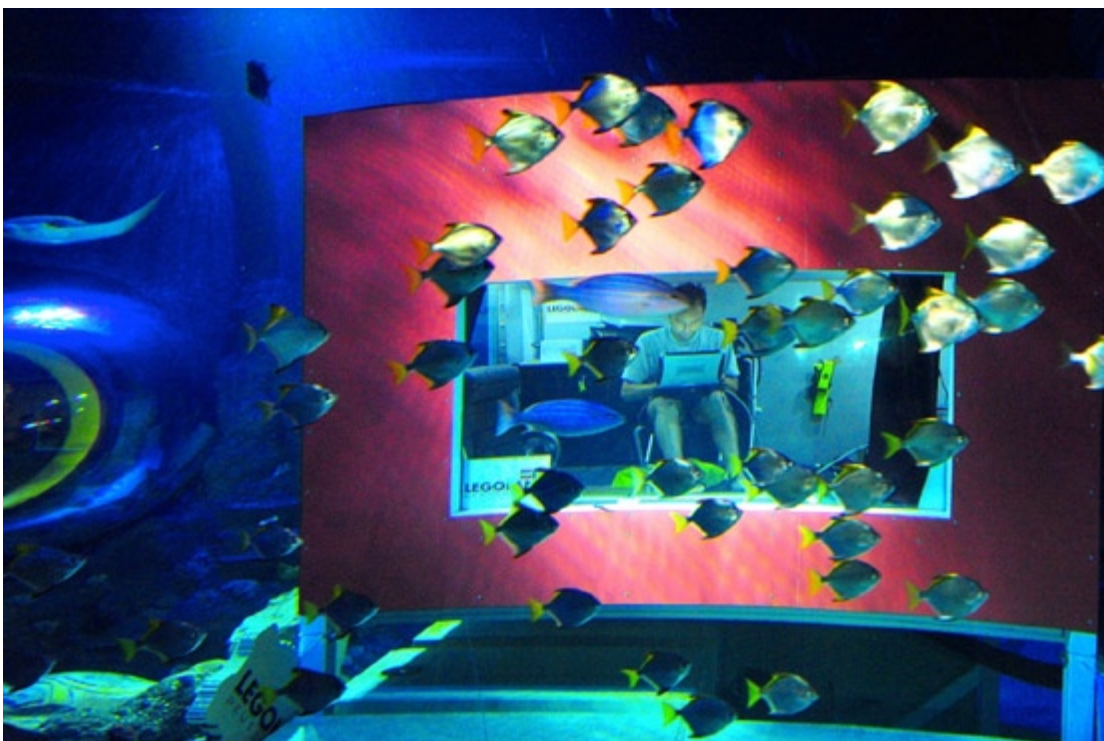
The project leader

Godson will lead the project. He has had a very active career including leading two Australian Geographic Society sponsored expeditions including the BioSUB Project and Life Amphibious.

In fact, Godson's BioSUB Project won the Australian Geographic \$50,000 prize in the "Live your dream" Wildest Adventure Competition.

In the BioSUB Project, Godson lived for 12 days in the first-of-its-kind underwater habitat, which incorporated a plant-based life support system.

For more information, visit Lloyd Godson's website (about.me/lloydgodson) and Scuba Academie in The Netherlands at (scuba-academie.nl) ■



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