

## P43 Watersports Centre of Excellence

Theme(s): B: Improve people's understanding of rivers, catchments, weather extremes and climate change. Increase community participation in monitoring change and taking action to improve and protect water environments.

Goal(s): B2: Improve access to river-based recreation to engage more people in river issues.

Develop the tidal reaches of the Tyne as a Centre of Excellence for a broad range of watersports (including canoes, kayaks, rowing, gigs and surf boats and dragon boats). Promote family and community-based involvement in these sports and provide safe access to the river at appropriate points through steps, slipways, paths and roads. Enforce speed limits for motorised craft.

Ideally the project would include an assessment of the future impacts of siltation at key access points (particularly Newburn).

Project Status:	Proposed
Potential Deliverer(s):	Sports clubs and leisure centres, NHS Trust, Sport England
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£25,000 to £50,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Sport England capital projects