

## P46 Stream Team/Stream Champions

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. B3: Engage widely to educate about river issues and encourage positive behavioural change.
Sub-goal(s):	B2a: Improve river-based access and activities in urban areas with a focus on health, wellbeing and physical activity.

Riverside community engagement championing the value of streams and burns in urban settings to all people of all ages. Rivers and streams enrich local communities with a diverse and inspiring landscape for quiet recreation. Wildlife and local people benefit from a clean and attractive stream-scape. Local watercourses need local friends to maintain them in good conditions so that they become the community assets they have the potential to be. At selected river sites Groundwork would engage the community in community clean up days, family fun days, and guided walks to recruit stream champions/stream teams to champion these streams and keep them clean. Local schools and groups would be invited to come and get involved in river explorer visits and clean-up days.

*Update as at April 2013: A group of organisations met in March, and will meet again in April 2013, to explore the possibility of putting together a bid for funding from a number of sources to deliver a programme of awareness raising and engagement projects targeted at improving understanding and protection of the rivers in the Tyne catchment.*

Project Status:	Proposed
Potential Deliverer(s):	Groundwork
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£5,000 to £25,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Awards for all, Branching Out, Landfill Trusts, Tudor Trust, CDENT