

P47 Access for health and wellbeing

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.

Deliver better awareness of access and understanding of river issues around parts of the River Tyne and its tributaries with a focus on:

- access improvements (footpaths, walking routes, cycling etc.)
- using the river as a source for improving health and wellbeing
- carrying out conservation work and
- education so that people understand the importance of healthy rivers.

There would be a strong emphasis on community engagement and activities for everyone to get involved with, including interpretation, events and walk programmes.

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):	Primary Care Trusts, Groundwork, Local Authorities, Wildlife Trusts, Tyne Rivers Trust, Sustrans
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£50,000 to £100,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Environment Agency, Reaching Communities, Sport England, Primary Care Trusts