

P49 Corbridge schools river ecology education

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): B3: Engage widely to educate about river issues and encourage positive behavioural change.

Building on the project run two years ago by Corbridge First School which examined the life cycle of salmon and culminated in salmon being released into the Tyne, this project would work with both the First School and Corbridge Middle School to explore wider water cycle and catchment issues, how urban environments and human interventions affect water systems and how the river environment in Corbridge can be improved. Potential to roll out to other Tyne Valley schools.

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):	Heart Land Design, Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School, Northumberland County Council, Tyne Rivers Trust, Northumbrian Water Ltd
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£50,000 to £100,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Awards for All, Esmee Fairburn Foundation