

## P50 Education on river issues

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.

Empowerment through knowledge on the basis that communities can bring about change - give them the knowledge to do so. The skills/knowledge gap between school and universities needs addressing. Evening and day classes aligned to catchment areas would give individuals and businesses understanding of climate change, land management, adaptation, mitigation and inspire innovation from grass root sources and created educated community champions or spokespersons.

*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):	Council education providers/private deliverers if self-sustainable - a partnership of specialists, someone who can give some accreditation. Northumberland Wildlife Trust.
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£5,000 to £25,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Heritage Lottery Fun, BIG Lottery Fund, Community Foundation