

## P51 John Muir Discovery Award

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.

Work with two local high/middle/secondary schools in the Prudhoe, Corbridge and Hexham area to deliver the John Muir Discover award to young people along local rivers for them to engage, learn and understand the river environment and their impacts on it. The award would be run over 8 weeks, 2 hour sessions with groups of around 8 young people per award. The project would run with different groups of young people over a year. At the end of the award the young people would arrange an event for their families and local community to share their findings and show them what they had learned.

*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 Northumberland, Northumberland Wildlife Trust
Estimated Project Cost:	£5,000 to £25,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Northumberland County Council community chest