

# Your Project

Please try to keep the project description brief (ideally up to 2 pages). At this stage we require outline project information only. We will contact you if we need more information.

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<b>Name of Project:</b>	<b>Understanding Rivers</b>
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	Increase local understanding of rivers in the Wandle Catchment
<b>Delivery Organisation(s):</b>	Wandle Trust
<b>Timeframe of Project:</b>	July 2016 to July 2017

**Please provide a brief description of the project** (including why you want to do this project, who you think the main beneficiaries will be, location where the project will be based, any partners you are looking to involve etc.)

## What

A series of 6 workshops for teachers and 7 professional videos focussing on rivers, how they work and other key concepts such as restoration and flood management will be created.

The workshops will be run as INSET workshops aimed at local teachers and will be held 'after hours' in an easily accessible school, e.g. Burntwood School Teachers Centre. They will be free of charge and will enable teachers to get 'hands on' with the EM River (already purchased for the Education and Catchment Plan projects); they will be invited to create Programmes of Study which include the model and the videos. Other workshops will take place on the riverbank to enable comparison of river process in theory and practice. Teachers will complete 'hands on' tasks as if they are students themselves, encouraging them to further engage with the complementary Living Wandle education project, Project Kingfisher.

The videos will each cover different topics and at least 4 will be tailored to a younger audience to complement the 'Window on the Wandle' project. They will be available free of charge and will provide the Partnership with a resource to engage with a wide audience, help consultation on future projects and increase local knowledge and enhance understanding about the River Wandle.

It would be possible to split out the videos and workshop components of the project and scale them as necessary to the budgets available.

## Why

Rivers and how they work are still misunderstood by many. With recent flooding events in the UK, local communities who live in close proximity to a river are often afraid of flood risk issues and therefore are alarmed at the potential of removing weirs or other restoration options. Many people, in particular children living in cities, have never seen a natural river that has not been modified and engineered.

The creation of a series of short educational videos about river processes and the character of river landscapes will help address this, increasing local knowledge and understanding of their local river and how restoration can assist long term management. Professional videos are a very powerful tool to promote concern for the local

environment and to increase stewardship. When uploaded to the web, they also have the potential to reach a very wide audience.

A series of 6 INSET workshops aimed at teachers will focus on using the educational handbooks and incorporating the EM river in to the classroom; they will also contribute to the creation of the videos and will use the videos to assist learning in the workshops.

Both the videos and workshops will enable greater use of the EM River.

#### **Main Beneficiaries**

- **Living Wandle Landscape Partnership:** All Partners will be able to make use of these videos for their work on the Wandle and more widely. The videos will be a powerful tool in explaining concepts to new audiences (local residents, volunteers, funders) and in future consultation for new projects. These videos would be part of the LWLP legacy, available on the new webpages.
- **Wider Community:** Increased understanding of rivers and how they work.
- **Teachers in the Wandle Valley:** Teachers will benefit from specific training which will enable them to more confidently deliver lessons around rivers. School children will benefit as they will have more dynamic lessons on rivers.
- **Schools in the Wandle Valley and beyond:** All schools taking part in 'Window on the Wandle' will be encouraged to access and use the educational videos free of charge. Local teachers will also receive these links and will be encouraged to inform schools of their availability. As a result, further schools are likely to engage in educational projects on the Wandle in the future.
- **Wider River Restoration Community:** The videos will be useful for any organisation undertaking or wanting to learn about river enhancement techniques. This will help publicise the Living Wandle project widely.

#### **Partners**

- Environment Agency
- National Trust at Morden Hall Park
- Sutton Ecology Centre
- Honeywood Museum
- Wandle Industrial Museum
- Wandle Piscators
- The Wheelhouse Pottery, Merton Abbey Mills.

It is proposed that the 7 videos will be created with our partner organisations to show how we work together and to increase people's awareness of the Wandle. This is equally something the LWLP Steering Group could be involved with.

### **Main Outputs**

Between July 2016 and July 2017 the outputs will include:

- 4 education videos created aimed at schools using the EM River and film and images of the River Wandle. This will complement the River Education project.
- 3 videos covering key river concepts for a wider audience such as flood management, weirs, river restoration and Wandle wildlife. This will complement the River Restoration (Delivering the Catchment Plan) project.
- 6 INSET workshops. This will complement the River Education project.

## Expected Outcomes

- Raised awareness of the River Wandle in local communities and create a greater sense of ownership
- Increased use of the Wandle as an educational resource
- Greater understanding about the river and its importance to the next generation
- Engagement of new families with the river by reaching a wide selection of schools throughout the LWLP area
- Education resources specifically tailored to the Wandle as a legacy for the project
- Teachers will have enhanced knowledge and confidence in using the Wandle as a teaching and learning tool
- An improved learning experience of rivers for young people
- Increased community participation on the river contributing to cleanups, volunteer days, adult education groups and potential new volunteers as individuals.

Main Costs	Amount	Notes
Creation of 7 videos	7,700	<b>1 and 2</b>
INSET workshops	3,000	<b>3</b>
VAT	2,140	<b>4</b>
Staff time and overheads	1,800	<b>5</b>
Contingency	1,464	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Cash Value:</b>	<b>16,104</b>	
Income/Budget	Amount	Notes
Match Funding anticipated (cash)	0	
Living Wandle contribution (HLF cash)	0	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>0</b>	
Any Volunteer Value to be achieved?	Amount	Notes
Volunteer Value (please see p9 of the <a href="#">HLF guidance</a> )	0	

### Notes:

#### 1. Creation of 4 education videos

4 education videos created to further compliment and expand the Education packs. These would be professionally produced and use existing Wandle footage and the EM River.  
Total £2,000 for filming plus £2,400 Total £4,400

#### 2. Creation of 3 Partnership videos

Series of 3 videos as a Partnership resource to explain important river processes and the effects of urbanisation on them. Including weirs, culverts, flooding and other themes. These would be available to share from the WT website for use in the LWLP and as part of the legacy.  
Total £1,500 for filming plus £1,800 Total £3,300

#### 3. INSET workshops for local teachers

6 workshops aimed at providing further information about using the 3 educational handbooks and incorporating the EM River in to the classroom  
Total £3,000

#### 4. VAT

Calculated at 20%

#### 5. Staff time

Staff time will be used in creating and directing the filming of the videos and in the final editing and production and marketing  
Total £1,500

#### 6. Contingency

Calculated at 10%

Thank you for your interest in the HLF Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme.

More information about the programme can be found at:

[www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/the-living-wandle-partnership](http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/the-living-wandle-partnership)

Please send your completed Expression of Interest Form to:

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