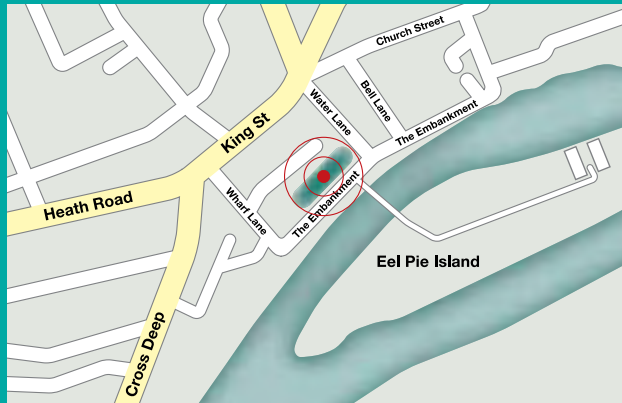


The team behind the River Centre

The core partners are the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames, BTCV, Richmond Environment Network, and Thames Landscape Strategy. The Centre is supported by many local and regional organisations and individuals including: Vincent Cable MP, Susan Kramer MP, Bamber Gascoigne, Henley River and Rowing Museum, Port of London Authority, Age Concern, HANDS, Richmond Youth Partnership, RNLI, Richmond Education Business Network, Jubilant Trust, many local boating organisations and amenity groups, and a large team of consultants and volunteers who are donating their time and expertise.

HELP US BRING THIS VISION ALIVE

Thanks to the generosity of City Bridge Trust and local supporters, we have been able to develop our proposals and set up education projects with partners. We need your help to continue this work! To find out how to contribute your money or your time ring 020 8891 5455 or e-mail office@environmenttrust.co.uk



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Between the Locks: Recording the working lives of the Thames

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded a grant of £44,700 to the Environment Trust for Richmond in support of its exciting new 2-year project to record the lives of people making their livings from the River.

'Between the Locks' is an oral history research project with a practical dimension, bringing together school students with elders of the river community. As well as recording the elders' voices, the students will carry out some of the practical activities of boat-building, lock-keeping, river bank management and other skills. Sound and video recordings will be captured on DVD and made available to schools, libraries and community centres and via local and national websites.

The Trust's Chair Jenny Pearce said, "We are thrilled that the Heritage Lottery Fund is enthusiastically supporting this exciting project, and extremely grateful too to Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity which has generously provided matched funding. We have appointed a Project Officer to lead the work, and have volunteers queuing up to help us with the interviews and practical activities, which will begin in March. The volunteers' enthusiasm confirms the widespread local fascination with the river's history and industry that will be celebrated in Twickenham River Centre."

Can you help? Have you worked on the upper tidal Thames and have you memories to share?

Contact us to contribute to this fascinating project. office@environmenttrust.co.uk or telephone 020 8891 5455



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“ I am greatly looking forward to helping the Environment Trust bring together at the River Centre all of the people and organisations who share my love for this stretch of the Thames. ”

Sir David Attenborough
Patron of the River Centre

This is the River Centre...

A focus for understanding and enjoying the Thames in Twickenham

Environmental education linked to practical experience and enjoyment for all ages.

An exhibition

At the heart of the Centre will be our aquarium and water interactives to engage and inform about how the river works and lives.



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A venue for events, activities, talks, films and courses:

A free, fun and informative community building with a café, public toilets and a home for environmental organisations.



Photo: Angela Kidner



Photo: Tricia de Courcy-Ling

“The river is a flourishing wilderness, as exciting as many a jungle yet flowing right beside us. Great crested grebes display and nest on its surface, bats and dragonflies hawk above it, swans nest on its banks, and fish ranging from eels to dace, flounder and chub and an occasional salmon swim in its depths. The River Centre will provide a window on these dramas and enable us to participate in the river’s day to day life.

The River Centre will be a new type of building, one that serves the whole community but that has a specific purpose- to help everyone to understand and enjoy the river. It requires commitment and imagination to bring it about, because nothing like it has been done before. But the Environment Trust has the expertise and the specialist support to carry through this innovative project and to manage it successfully. We are now doing the work to make certain that this wonderful project is watertight – in every sense. ”



Patron of the River Centre

This is the River Centre...

A boathouse, workshop and hire centre

With Eel Pie Island so close, the boat-building industry and Twickenham share a long history. The Centre will celebrate this, linking the past, present and future.



Photo: Angela Kidner

A flagship sustainable building

Built to the highest eco-standards, it will demonstrate sustainable construction and will be used as a teaching tool together with the landscape around it.

“Fighting the impact of climate change is perhaps the greatest challenge of this century. It’s a matter for individual responsibility as well as government action, and by making it possible for everyone to recognise this, we can go some way to preventing the situation worsening.”

Sir David Attenborough

The Thames Landscape Strategy’s ‘one stop shop for the river’

Offering practical information and news:

Anything and everything you want to know about the Thames, Tourist information, tides, trip boats, walks, links to sailing and boating centres upstream and down.



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