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Working to restore and enhance our rivers

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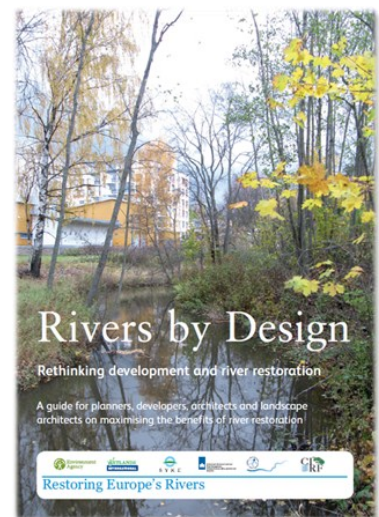
Bulletin

INCORPORATING RIVER RESTORATION IN SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Rivers by Design is a new guide which provides practical advice and information to maximise the ecological, social and economic benefits that can be delivered by incorporating river restoration and habitat enhancement in spatial planning and development.

The guide has been developed by the RESTORE partnership, an EU LIFE+ project sharing knowledge and promoting best practice on river restoration in Europe. It includes step-by-step guidance on how to restore rivers and features a range of best practice case studies.

[Download](#) the new guide.



OVER 300 PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE RRC CONFERENCE

We have been pleased to see strong interest from those wishing to attend this year's conference.

It will be one to remember as it is set to be the best attended RRC conference to date. There will be more presentations and parallel sessions that ever before and the impressive facilities on offer at Whittlebury Hall should mean an enjoyable few days for all involved. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Burton or Ian Brown.

The RRC would like to thank the sponsors of the RRC Annual Network Conference 2013 who support discounted places.



PRACTICAL DELIVERY OF RESTORATION PAST & PRESENT

RESTORE partnership field visit: 22nd-25th May 2013 to Germany and Switzerland.

Book now, places are limited, attendance is FREE.

Programme includes:

22nd - 23rd of May

Best practice restoration on the [River Isar in Munich](#). The Isar Plan has enhanced ecology, improved fish passage and created areas of recreation through the city centre.

24th - 25th May

River habitat enhancement and fish passage improvement on the rivers Rhine, Aare and Limmat, including dam and hydropower sites.

You are welcome to attend both or only one part of the trip. Amongst our guides will be river restoration experts Walter Binder and Rolf-Jürgen Gebler.



River Isar restoration through Munich
(planform design & photo post restoration)

Submit an abstract and book now for:

5th European River Restoration Conference & RESTORE final conference in Vienna 11th to 13th September 2013 which aims to celebrate successes and address challenges. **Abstract deadline extended until the 1st of May 2013.**



THAMES21 TACKLING POLLUTION WITH CITIZEN SCIENCE

Enfield residents are helping to source and reduce river pollution in the borough, equipped and empowered through Thames21 training. The volunteer's efforts have already lead to five significant pollution incidents being reported to the Environment Agency, with action taken to source and remove the pollutants.

The group of volunteers between the ages of 15 and 72 sample the water from Enfield's streams and rivers in pairs on a weekly basis as part of Thames21 [Love the Lea](#) campaign. The findings will contribute, amongst other things, to the [Salmon's Brook Health Rivers Challenge](#) project, and help build baseline datasets to map the health of the borough's rivers.

A free training session will be held on April 24th for those interested in helping to monitor the health of the River Lea on a fortnightly or monthly basis. Volunteers will learn how to safely and effectively sample fresh water for nitrates, phosphates and pH. [Contact Thames21](#) to find out more.

MEET THE STAFF: ANNA GEE

After completing an MSc in Environmental Management at the University of Nottingham I joined the RRC as Project Officer in November 2012.

I have been involved in updating the Manual of River Restoration Techniques, developing the RESTORE 'Rivers by Design' guide and have helped to co-ordinate the RRC's role in the Catchment Restoration Fund. I have also compiled the programme for the Annual Network Conference, so I am looking forward to putting names to faces at this year's event!

Working with Simon Whitton on the Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area project means that I have also had the opportunity to get out on site to assess river geomorphology and identify opportunities for habitat improvement.

I am happiest on the water and outside of work you will find me wakeboarding, diving or playing Canoe Polo.



Anna Gee
RRC Projects Officer

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS *INCLUDE:*

[River restoration evening seminar in Scotland - 25th April](#)

[How the Environment Agency is working with Natural Resources Wales](#)

The RRC would like to thank our core funders and Cranfield University for their continued support.



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