



## 'Understanding River Restoration'

### Two day training course

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Register your interest with RRC by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

#### Summary:

This training course will focus on the importance of understanding natural river processes when designing river restoration projects for ecological and habitat benefits.

It will show how to set measurable project objectives that can then be monitored to demonstrate the level of success of the project.

The two day event will combine a mix of 'classroom' activities and site visits. It will provide a great opportunity to appreciate the science that underpins river restoration and the practical implementation of design and monitoring.

#### Audience:

This event is aimed at project managers, designers and a range of other river restoration practitioners. The course will be delivered in English.

#### Cost:

The **cost** for this training event is only **£30 GBP**. The rest of the cost is being covered by the RESTORE project. Participants will be responsible for organising and paying the cost of their own transport to and from the event, accommodation and evening meal on Tuesday. Lunch on both days will be included.

There will be a limited number of attendees per country, so please **register your interest in this event with the River Restoration Centre by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**. Email: [rrc@therrc.co.uk](mailto:rrc@therrc.co.uk) or call on +44(0)1234 752979.

Once we have received an expression of interest, you will receive further information from RRC by email including a full agenda, booking form, details of how to make payment and suggested accommodation.

#### Location:

Utrecht offers excellent conference facilities and its position on the Lower Rhine provides a variety of interesting site visit opportunities close by. The city has good transport links, with a journey time from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to Utrecht central station of 40 minutes. Please follow this [LINK](#) for a map.



## Provisional Agenda:

### Day 1– Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013

#### Morning:

##### **1) Fluvial processes in river restoration**

- The concept of channel forming discharge for restoration design
- Sediment continuity/connectivity
- Implications of differing catchment characteristics and impact on river systems

##### **2) Ecological aspects of river restoration**

- The importance of creating a bio-diverse system
- Flow regime requirements for fish and invertebrates
- Examples of restoration projects for habitats

**Lunch** and an introduction to afternoon site visits

#### Afternoon:

Visits to a number of nearby river restoration sites including practical exercises; examples of best practice habitat management projects

**Evening meal** and informal discussions of problems and issues facing delegates in their own projects

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### Day 2– Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013

#### Morning:

##### **3) Objective setting and design, monitoring and appraisal of river restoration**

- Understand how to develop a cost effective and robust monitoring strategy to demonstrate project objectives will be met
- Using the site visit as a case study, learn how to design your own monitoring strategy

**Lunch** and an introduction to afternoon site visit

#### Afternoon:

Visit to nearby example of best practice in river restoration. Practical exercises on monitoring and appraisal

Site visits will include example projects from RESTORE's new River Wiki, which presents a database of river restoration projects from across Europe. For more details and to view the River Wiki please follow this [LINK](#).

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The [UK River Restoration Centre](#) (RRC) is coordinating this event through the EU Life+ funded RESTORE partnership. It presents an unmissable opportunity to learn from river restoration experts with experience from across Europe.

The RESTORE project aims to disseminate current knowledge to a wide audience of policy makers, river basin managers, practitioners and other stakeholders across Europe, to help ensure best practice river management and restoration is implemented. To find out more visit **The RESTORE website** - <http://www.restorerivers.eu> **Life+ Project Code: LIFE09 INF/UK/00003.**

