

RRC CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATES THE PASSION AND PERSEVERANCE OF PEOPLE WORKING TO RESTORE RIVERS

With over 300 delegates, an RRC record, this year's conference demonstrated the increasing interest in river and catchment restoration. Thank you to everyone who attended and in particular those who presented talks and posters, and helped to facilitate workshops and site visits.

Please pass any further feedback to us as soon as possible as we are already looking ahead to next year (rrc@therrc.co.uk).



Next month's special issue will feature outputs from this year's annual network conference.

RRC LED RIVER RESTORATION TRAINING COURSE IN JUNE

Register your interest now - [River restoration training course](#) in the Netherlands, 25-26th June. The deadline is Monday 10th June 2013. Bookings will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Understanding River Restoration" will provide participants with an appreciation of the importance of understanding natural river processes in designing river restoration projects for ecological and habitat benefits. It will also include sessions on how to monitor schemes to determine success.

The event includes classroom activities and site visits to demonstrate the need to understand the science that underpins river restoration and the practical implementation of design and monitoring.

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.



COLLABORATION ESSENTIAL TO DELIVERING RESTORATION

"Exploring the synergy between EU directives to achieve river restoration and management"
 Workshop and site visits in Dublin, Republic of Ireland. April 2013

Presentations included managing cross-border fresh water pearl mussel projects to incorporating WFD requirements, and working with natural processes within flood risk management. To improve the synergy between EU directives it was clear that increased collaboration is crucial. The workshop provided an opportunity for water managers from Northern Ireland and the Republic to come together to discuss management of cross-border restoration projects and common concerns.



Click [here](#) to download a summary of the workshop outcomes.

HEAD WEIR REMOVAL SCHEME ON THE RIVER MOLE

The RRC Bulletin aims to celebrate both current and completed projects.

Head Weir on the River Mole in South-West England was removed over two years ago. A [press release](#) by the Westcountry Rivers Trust provides an update on what has been achieved. A [video](#) at the time of construction, shows a digger "opening" the new natural fish pass.



Before



After

[Further works in the Tav catchment](#) are currently be delivered through the Catchment Restoration Fund.

RECORD NUMBER OF RIVERPRIZE APPLICANTS IN 2013

More than forty applications have been received across the three 2013 Riverprize categories. [Read full article](#)

Applications are in the process of being reviewed and applicants will be notified soon as to whether they have been shortlisted for stage two. With the introduction of the European Riverprize this year, there has been a marked increase in the number of applicants.

If you are interested in applying for next year's Riverprize in any of the categories, please [contact Alastair Driver](#) (National Conservation Manager at the Environment Agency) who is happy to talk to any potential applicants thinking about submitting a project for consideration.

MEET THE STAFF: VICKY WEST



Vicky West
 RRC Projects Officer

I joined the RRC in November 2012 as a Projects Officer. In this time I have been contributing to the current update of our Manual of River Restoration Techniques and supporting the RRC's role in advising Catchment Restoration Fund projects. I have assisted with the organisation of the annual conference, as well as updating the RRC website and the National River Restoration Inventory.

I have also been helping to facilitate RRC's role in the RESTORE partnership, by uploading new river restoration case studies to the RESTORE River Wiki and helping to organise events such as the upcoming river restoration training course in the Netherlands.

Before joining the RRC I completed a BSc in Physical Geography and an MSc in Geography by Project (Geomorphology of Exposed River Sediments) from the University of Portsmouth. In my spare time I enjoy being out on the water sailing, as well as being a keen home baker.

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS INCLUDE:

[New book: Thames Wilderness - A guide to the Natural Thames](#)

[Environment minister visits pioneering river restoration project in Scotland](#)

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