



Living With Floods
Shared Experiences From
The North of England
30 November 2011

About the event



Date: 30 November 2011
Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Great North Museum: Hancock
Registration: Free, refreshments included. Register at <http://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=2166>

Over the last decade, northern England has been hit by a series of major floods and damage to property and livelihoods has been severe. Forecasts for UK river systems suggest a future increase in the number of these extreme events, and by the end of the century scientists predict we could see a 10-30% increase in the size and severity of UK rainfall events.

Have you been affected by recent flood events? Were you or families or friends flooded? Were your school activities disrupted? Are you involved in flood action groups or flood warden activities? Have you any experiences of flooding to share with others? If so, you're invited!

This event seeks to bring together a wide range of young people and other members of communities from affected areas, together with members of the scientific and educational communities, with the aim of improving communication on how to respond better to future floods.

Programme

- 10.30am Arrival, registration, refreshments**
Introduction to the event, recent floods
- 11.00am Roundtable discussions**
10 tables on different flood related topics. Group discussions and debates with feedback
- 12.30pm Buffet lunch**
Opportunity to explore the museum, informal networking, interactive displays in the School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences, Newcastle University
- 1.30pm Creative exhibition**
Interactive session where tangible flood-related memories are shared. Displays of photographs/posters/poems/drawings/stories, recording space for solutions and actions, as well as the chance to discuss ideas with professionals and practitioners
- 3.00pm Feedback from experts**
- 3.30pm Wrap up and depart**

What will the outcomes of the day be?

The British Hydrological Society (BHS) are co-sponsoring the event, and will be producing teaching resource packs for use in schools.



These will be free to teachers, and consist of interactive files that can easily be used in GoogleEarth. With the BHS, we will also develop a dedicated website for you to access further information. We will also be collating your thoughts, opinions and information relating to lessons learnt and discussed at this event and making these available to flood risk managers to help them prioritise responses to future events.

Schools: we are keen for students to attend and share their experiences, so encourage teachers to promote this event to their students. Venue space is limited, so depending on the response we may have to request that student attendance be restricted mainly to those with a 'story to tell'.

Enough, For All, Forever:

This event is part of a series of activities taking place throughout 2011 to celebrate Newcastle University's world-leading work on sustainability. For more information, see www.ncl.ac.uk/sustainability.

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