

Waterways Restoration Workshop 2016

"Partnership Working for Multiple Outcomes"

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My talk today will touch on...

- Principles of partnership working
- About the Waterways Partnership
- Effective partnership working
- Challenges and change
- Any questions
- Group discussion

Principles of Partnership Working

Working Definition

...An arrangement between various and often diverse organisations that helps them to work together and make it easier for them to achieve the things they want to achieve....



Waterways Partnership Background

It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.

-- William James, American philosopher, psychologist and leading proponent of the 19th-century pragmatism movement

Our Waterways

Aire & Calder Navigation Beverley Beck Driffield Navigation **Dutch River** Gypsey Race Hedon Haven Hornsea Mere

Leven Canal

Market Weighton Canal Pocklington Canal River Aire River Derwent River Foulness River Hertford River Hull River Ouse

Unique and Diverse

- Almost the entire length of Pocklington Canal falls within three SSSIs
- Hornsea Mere is Yorkshire's largest natural lake and the only surviving example of a mere created by glacial retreat.
- The area around the River Hertford hosts archaeological treasures including the UK's oldest house.
- Gypsey Race is Europe's most northerly chalk stream.
- Leven Canal is a SSSI for its whole length.
- The **River Foulness** is the centre of a prehistoric and Roman settlement.

Our Roots – LEADER



Early Success and Recognition





Building a Vision

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- Economic growth and resilience (e.g. tourism, flood risk management)
- Community engagement for learning, relaxation and enjoyment East & North Yorkshire East & North Yorkshire
 - Improved navigation for business and leisure purposes
 - More and better sport and recreation opportunities
- Water management to benefit local communities
 - Cleaner, healthier waterways where nature thrives
 - More awareness of the heritage of our waterways

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Building Capacity











Effective Partnership Working









Challenges and Change

- Sustainability funding
- Geographic spread
- Partnership model and governance
- Maintaining momentum
- Maintaining our Focus
- Capacity to develop and react





ANY QUESTIONS?

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Group Discussion

- In your experience, what are the elements of a successful partnership?
- What are some of the pitfalls of partnership working?
- What partnerships/networks are active in your area?
- Do you engage with them? Why? Why Not?
- What type of projects or work benefits most / least from partnership working?





Thank you for your time

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