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## Thousands celebrate Angel Canal Festival

More than 10,000 visitors joined in the fun at last weekend's Angel Canal Festival, held around City Road Lock on the Regent's Canal.

The festival was run by the Canal & River Trust – the charity that cares for the waterway – with the help of local volunteers, Islington Boat Club, Angel Community Boat Trust and St Pancras Cruising Club. It featured boat trips, floating theatre, craft stalls, food, and live music, providing a host of fun both on the water and the towpath.

The festival was devised, and has been run for over thirty years, by a team of dedicated volunteers who together formed the Angel Canal Festival Management Group. This year's event was a milestone in the festival's history as the Management Group handed over organising responsibilities to the Canal & River Trust.

Ros Daniels, Canal & River Trust director, London & South East, says: "We're delighted so many people came out to enjoy the festival. This event has become iconic, thanks to an amazingly dedicated group of volunteers who have done so much to make it happen. I'd really like to thank everyone who helped us to run it, and for all those who paid us a visit.

"As a charity we think life is better by water, so it was great to see so many people enjoying being by the canal. We think canals and rivers can bring so much to local communities, and this was a fantastic example of that. What's great is that so many of the activities on offer continue all year round, so I hope people will come again to experience them."

More information, including how to volunteer with the Trust, is available at [canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk)

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