



## Community Boat Leadership Programme (CBLP)

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The National Community Boats Association (NCBA), the national body for Community Boat Organisations across the UK, is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Boat Leadership Programme (CBLP). The Programme has been made possible through securing a Young Foundation grant and support from the British Waterways. The NCBA was one of seven successful recipients from over 380 applications to the Young Foundation.

The CBLP is an exciting new programme engaging young people across six Community Boat Organisations, training and supporting them to become future community boat leaders. The Community Boat Organisations working in partnership with the NCBA to deliver the CBLP are: River Thames Boat Project, Reach Out, Dream Achievers, Surrey Care Trust, Hillingdon Narrow Boats Association/Tideway Adventures, including Rickmansworth Waterways Trust.

The Programme will include training and expertise in leadership, understanding the waterway environment and boating awareness, as well as opening up opportunities to gain experience in a range of leadership roles. Each young person will be fully supported by a Community Boat Organisation and a mentor throughout the Programme.

The CBLP plays an important part of the NCBA's active promotion of the waterways as a positive place for enjoyment, challenge and improved physical health and emotional wellbeing.

The three key outcomes of the Programme are:

- Young people learning and applying new skills through the waterways that they can use for their own development and the community's benefit
- More young people coming forward to influence the leadership and management of community boat projects and other community projects.
- Young people leading by example in encouraging their peers and families to use the waterways positively for enjoyment, challenge and improved physical health and emotional wellbeing.

We are currently recruiting for a Project Coordinator for the CBLP. For information on the post or more information about the CBLP please email the NCBA main office [staff@national-cba.co.uk](mailto:staff@national-cba.co.uk)

### **Notes:**

The **NCBA** provides a network for over 70 Community Boating Organisations (CBOs) to bring about the waterways as a pathway for bringing communities together and engaging excluded or disadvantaged people. Its CBOs work across diverse communities in a wide range of ways for the enjoyment and benefit of local people e.g. boat skills,

local community events, residential trips, forums, waterway campaigns, boat restoration. Since 1983 the NCBA has forged a strong presence on the inland waterways, not just through its active network but also through a dedication to quality standards, training and stakeholder management. For more information on the work of the NCBA and/or community boats in your area go to [www.national-cba.co.uk](http://www.national-cba.co.uk) For more information on the Community Boat Organisations involved in the CBLP please go to:

**River Thames Boat Project** <http://www.thamesboatproject.org/>

**Reach Out** <http://www.reachoutplus.org/>

**Dream Achievers** <http://www.dreamachievers.co.uk/>

**Surrey Care Trust** <http://www.surreycaretrust.co.uk/>

**Hillingdon Narrow Boats Association/Tideway Adventures, and Rickmansworth Boat Trust**  
<http://www.hna.org.uk/> <http://www.rwt.org.uk/index.html>

**British Waterways** cares for 2,200 miles of the nation's canals and rivers. Rich in heritage, abundant in wildlife and teeming with activity, inland waterways are as popular today as they've ever been. Half the population lives within five miles of one of our waterways and an incredible 13.1 million adults use them every year as part of their everyday life – as a short-cut to work, for walking the dog or simply for taking time-out and watching the boats. British Waterways' job is to ensure the waterways attract enough investment to be well maintained and remain appealing to society and the local communities through which they pass.

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