

Courses and Accreditations

CCC - Complete Crew Course

The CCC is primarily aimed at people with no formal qualifications and those with no previous experience of the waterways.

CCBM - Certificate in Community Boat Management

The CCBM is a combined training and assessment course that is a nationally recognised qualification endorsed by British Waterways. This course is open to people who have some previous experience of the waterways.

Alternative Courses

Fender Making
Rope making
Knot Tying

Accreditation Options

We can offer you access to the following:

Youth Achievement Awards
Youth Challenge Award
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
Hours towards Millennium Volunteers
AQA Unit Award Scheme
First Aid
Various Outdoor Adventure & Watersports Awards

Staff Training Days

We can offer a variety of packages for use by organisations looking to build upon their needs. e.g: Drug Awareness / Challenging behaviour

Staff Motivation Days

Why not have a staff motivation day on our boat?

Current Prices

Day Booking £150
Overnight Residential £400
Three Day Residential £600

SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE:

Subsidies of up to 75% are available through Lottery Funding to most groups in the Greater Manchester Area. Please ask for further details.

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Ask us about our boat handling courses!



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The Open Lock Project

Trafford CYPS brings together council and health services to improve outcomes for children, young people, their families and schools

The Open Lock Project

The Open Lock Project has two purpose built canal boats, fitted out for a maximum of 12 passengers, based on the Bridgewater Canal, run by Trafford Projects Team.

Who are we?

The Projects Team provides accredited training courses, outreach courses, summer activities, schools programmes, and the canal boat project. We have been organising developmental and educational based residential canal boat initiatives for many years.

What are we?

The Open Lock Project is an innovative youth development programme delivered on our local waterways, offering a variety of educational services for community groups and young people in the Greater Manchester Area and beyond.

Who can use the boats?

The Open Lock Project is available for use by: Absolutely anyone!!

Groups from the Greater Manchester Area could benefit from up to 75% subsidies, please get in touch to find out more.

Day Trips

Why not book one of our boats for a day trip with your group?

You can choose which way you would like to head down the canal—into industrial Manchester or maybe into the rural countryside towards Dunham and Lymm.

Residentials

Choose from a one night or two night residential (longer can be arranged with sufficient notice).

Like the day trips, it is possible to choose your route. Some organisations hire The Open Lock Project and a skipper for two weeks and change groups half way through. This makes trips around the Cheshire Ring (97 miles and 92 locks) a practical proposition.



“Add Ons”

Choose from a variety of “Add Ons” to add value to your trip. We can provide Leadership and Team Building games, Communication and Problem Solving games, Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Open Canoeing, Raft Building, Camp Craft, Fishing and Orienteering.

“Youth Support”

We can offer alternative educational programmes to provide intensive support to young people who face barriers to achievement. E.g. Drugs & Alcohol Issues / Anger Management / Low self esteem etc

What can we offer?

- **Team Building**
A range of team building and personal development challenges can be built into any program.
- **Activities On Water**
Understanding of environmental issues, living history, water safety and canal culture awareness.
- **Life Skills**
Domestic skills, menu planning, cooking, budgeting, coping strategies for unfamiliar territories, map reading and organisational skills.
- **Building Confidence**
Inter personal skills, body language, raised self expectation.
- **Challenging attitude**
Equal opportunities awareness, low motivation, personal development planning.
- **Communication skills**
Presentation skills using Information Technology, photography, video and computer media programmes.
- **Having fun**
Making new friendships, building positive relationships with peers and group leaders. Camp craft, night walks and team games.
- **Listening Skills**
Non verbal communication, Sign Language and empathy.
- **Operation Skills**
Route planning, lock operation, winding, kit list, boat management, waterside safety and transferable skills recognition.