



A Message from Sir David Attenborough
Patron of the Thames Landscape Strategy

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“The Thames Landscape Strategy is that very rare animal: an organisation with real popular appeal and an imaginative sense of what it is about landscapes that fires people’s imagination. We need to take active steps now to ensure

that we maintain a varied wildlife habitat, support traditional river activities, and manage the landscape to complement the marvellous historic buildings, nature reserves and parks that line this stretch of the Thames. The ideas proposed by the Thames Landscape Strategy are truly groundbreaking and really moving forward. We should rejoice in having such an enthusiastic and committed organisation to guide this process and I look forward to continued success throughout the coming years”.



The Thames Landscape Strategy is one of three sub-regional partnerships for the Thames in the greater London area, whose focus is the remarkable river corridor between Hampton and Kew. Launched in 1994, the strategy is a 100-year blueprint for the Thames, whose vision is to conserve, enhance and promote for the future, one of the world’s great urban landscapes. To achieve its aims, the strategy brings together a partnership of statutory and non-statutory organisations, local groups and individuals to inform strategic policy and to implement a broad range of projects and management proposals.

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Education & Outreach

The Thames Landscape Strategy in Action

DISCOVER THE ARCADIAN THAMES



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During the 18th Century, Arcadia, an idyllic pastoral landscape was created along the Thames between Hampton and Kew. Magnificent royal and aristocratic palaces, gardens and parks were constructed and linked by a series of avenues, set within a framework of meadows and woodland.

Today this stretch of the Thames is recognised as one of the world’s great urban landscapes, allowing Londoners to escape the hustle and bustle of modern day city life.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The Thames Landscape Strategy is committed to increasing education, access and understanding of the Thames environment to as wide an audience as possible. An exciting Education and Outreach Programme has been devised and is currently being rolled out by the London's Arcadia project. A Heritage Education Officer has been appointed in partnership with Orleans House Gallery.



The Education and Outreach Programme is designed to connect people with their environment. It provides opportunities for more people from all backgrounds to have greater access to, and better understanding of the river's management, conservation, and dynamics.

The Programme is designed to link with all TLS on-the-ground project goals, and includes the wider agendas of volunteering, interpretation, healthy living, and life long learning.

In 2006 a formal schools programme was launched in partnership with Orleans House Gallery to deliver a range of educational activities targeted at Primary and Secondary school pupils, families (especially those living in deprived wards across the TLS area), young parents, children and young people who are looked after and adults living in emergency accommodation. Highlights have included:

'Our Heritage' – using images of the Thames landscape as a starting point for exploring how the river has changed over time and how it can be looked after for the future.

'Saturday Safari' – a ground breaking family learning collaboration targeting areas of relative deprivation. The project was showcased at the National Family Learning Network conference.

'The SPEAR' photographic project – carried out in partnership with a local organisation supporting homeless people.

'Local Habitats' – Schools outreach programme supporting the Every Child Matters initiative aimed at engaging school pupils and their families in the management of their landscape.

'Culture Vultures' – formed part of the DCMS Cultural Pathfinder project which aimed to provide children and young people with improved access to culture and leisure opportunities.

'Our Richmond' – worked with young people across the London Borough of Richmond in partnership with young people from Richmond Virginia.

'Black History in Arcadia Landscape' – dance commission exploring the issues and themes raised by the bicentenary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

'Reedbed & Local Habitats' – summer events programme rolled out across the TLS area at events and fairs.



Special Activities – taking children from areas of deprivation out onto the river and foreshore.

In addition to the formal learning programme, the TLS carried out a range of activities aimed at increasing understanding and participation in river activity including lectures, talks, participation at events, foreshore discovery days, production of walking leaflets, signs and interpretation panels, and one off education days at a range of locations and has supported the progress of the Twickenham River Centre.

