



Who can join us

Groups

In addition to our programmes for KS 1 & 2 school groups we offer educational experiences for nurseries, youth groups and community-learning groups.

Groups can tailor their sessions – activities can include facilitated litter picks, mudlarking, river cruises and wildlife watching. Cubs', Brownies', and Woodcraft Folk badges can be achieved through the activities we offer.

Volunteers

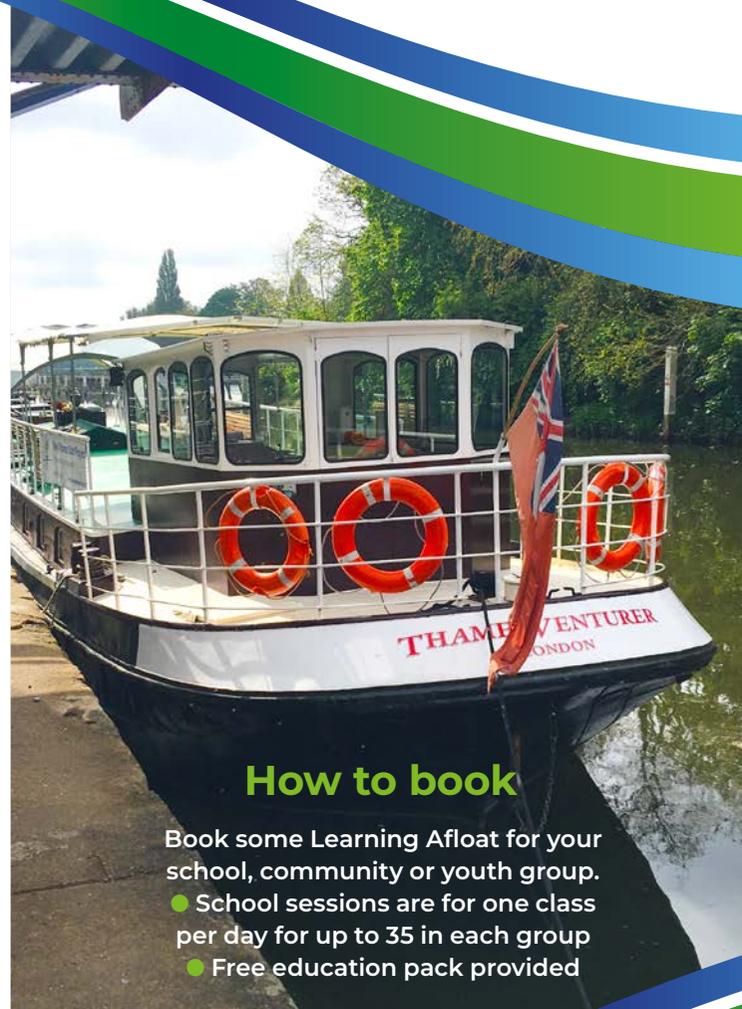
Education days are largely delivered by volunteers who share their knowledge through interactive experiences. We have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of the impact our volunteers have in local communities.

We are always looking to welcome new volunteers, so if you have some spare time and a passion for outdoor learning contact us at:
info@thamesboatproject.org
No qualifications or experience are needed, we provide full training.



"It would take a month of learning in the classroom to achieve what the children have learnt in one day on 'School on the River'."

Primary School teacher



How to book

Book some Learning Afloat for your school, community or youth group.

- School sessions are for one class per day for up to 35 in each group
- Free education pack provided

For further information on our education days and cruises, or for information about becoming a volunteer please contact us:

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LEARNING AFLOAT

Making the Thames accessible



Learning with River Thames Boat Project



River Thames Boat Project is a Southwest London charity, which owns and operates two community boats used for cruises and education. *Thames Venturer* is a converted Dutch Barge, built in 1908, which has been used since 2000 for our education programmes in Kingston and Teddington.

We are passionate about bringing learning outdoors and enabling learners to forge meaningful and long-lasting connections with the Thames.



Learners onboard *Thames Venturer* discover the following:

- The principles of tides and how they affect the Thames
- The health of the river and its wildlife
- The inter-connectivity of ecosystems
- How plastic pollution is borne from rivers to oceans, and how to prevent it
- The story of climate change
- The history of the Thames
- How a lock and weir system work
- The formation of rivers and the geology of the Thames catchment area

We have taken enormous care to convert *Thames Venturer* whilst maintaining historical features. We work continually to improve our environmental impact and are proud of the eco-friendly credentials and carbon-neutral status of our boats.

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School on the River

Learning Science and Geography afloat

'School on the River' is a curriculum linked KS2 science and geography programme. Assess how clean the river water is and consider how different rocks and soils shaped the Thames. Explore scientific methods and run a fair test during practical experiments. Strengthen maths and scientific understanding whilst developing interpersonal skills in novel teaching environments.

On-site experiences provide a real WOW moment. Learn about the lock and weir at Teddington. Search for pieces of history on the Thames foreshore and review the impact of plastic pollution on the environment in our 'Drastic Plastic' module.



"It was challenging, engaging, superbly paced and very real – just what children need in the world of screens."

Primary School teacher



Eco Venturers

Sustainability days afloat

Eco Venturers empowers KS1 & 2 learners to address the resource challenges of our time and develop their understanding of sustainability. Critical thinking is encouraged to assess our energy and water use. Learners think creatively to address over-consumption.

Waste from packed lunches is weighed whilst considering the impact of litter. The day focuses on practical solutions and by the end learners will be more informed, more confident, and more motivated to tackle these modern-day issues.

We also operate our Eco Venturers education days from Hermitage Community Moorings in Wapping for East London schools.



Our boats are wheelchair accessible

