



## River of Hope



River of Hope artwork created by schools in 2022

### Free Creative and Geography Opportunity for KS2

We would like to offer your school the opportunity to take part in **River of Hope**: a free creative project for Key Stage 2 teachers and pupils.

River of Hope is an art and geography-based project designed to inspire through creativity while meeting National Curriculum objectives in Geography at KS2. It has local and international 'water' and 'river' themes and involves a whole year group of pupils – you can decide which year group it applies to best in your school.

The project seeks to benefit teachers by giving skills and confidence to apply art-based learning to their practice. We ask schools to commit to the project for two years with the same teachers in order to provide maximum benefit and legacy.

#### We provide River of Hope schools with:

- A host of online resources which help link the project to multiple curriculum areas for example, English, Art, Music and Science as well as Geography. The resources include:
  - Educational films on environmental and climate change themes
  - Inspirational resources which link to the KS2 curriculum in Geography and many other curriculum areas
  - Films which help to bring different art forms into the classroom: Visual Arts, Music and Spoken Word, including a step-by-step guide to producing a digital artwork
- Opportunity to take part in a hands-on river visit with a local environmental organization.
- Teacher CPD session in project application and art techniques. The session will link to the KS2 curriculum and be based around *Water and Rivers*. It will be led by a professional artist who will guide teachers through new art techniques which can be used to create a wonderful River of Hope school display.
- In-school artist led workshops
- Teacher-to-teacher networking opportunities
- Term-end exhibitions of the work created by pupils
- Opportunity for digital artwork to be shown at city-wide event and in an online gallery

- Independent evaluation
- Advice and guidance throughout involvement in the project.

### What we ask of schools:

- To adopt River of Hope as a half term scheme of work.
- To nominate a year group to be involved in the project
- To commit to the project for two academic years 2025/26 & 2026/27 with the same teachers involved

### **Project timeline**

Oct 2025	<b>Project briefing.</b> This will involve a Zoom session where you will meet the artist who will be working in your school, meet the other schools involved in the project and find out more about the programme.
Oct 2025	<b>Access to online resources.</b> You will receive log in info and a page on our website where you will be able to access all the newly created project resources.
Jan 2026	<b>CPD.</b> Afternoon session for teachers to learn more about the programme and to work with the visual artist on new techniques for application in the classroom
Feb – July 26	<b>Artist led workshops and Implementation of River of Hope topic in school</b> – the teachers leading the project in school will be responsible for delivering the scheme of work, with support from the team and artists along the way.
Sept 2026	<b>Installation as part of Totally Thames Festival</b> – the digital artwork produced by your school will be transferred onto a flag and will form part of an installation. All of the artwork created will also be exhibited as part of an online project gallery

### **How to get involved:**

**We have a limited number of places for schools.** If you would like to take part please get in touch by Friday **28 March 2025**

For more information [www.riverofhope.co.uk](http://www.riverofhope.co.uk)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Yours sincerely,

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