

# Riverside oxford

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## So you want to bring young people to Riverside....

**Riverside** is a provider of accredited opportunities such as National Governing Body Awards (eg British Canoe Union, British Orienteering Federation), Duke of Edinburgh, AQA and Oxfordshire Young People's Award.

From this year IYSS services wanting to bring a group to Riverside will be able to book high quality youth work through outdoor learning **at cost** (only 1.8fte staff at Riverside are funded through OCC delegated budget) For externally funded work, Riverside full costs can be included in funding bids, further information can be obtained from Roger at the Centre.

This year there will be a voucher scheme for **90 hours FREE provision (3 hours /unit)** available to all IYSS services across the county. There are only 30 vouchers available, so be quick. If you would like the opportunity to take this offer up please contact Diane Long on 712682 or email her on [diane.long@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:diane.long@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

**Riverside** offers youth work through outdoor learning.

**Riverside** offers a universal offer to all young people aged 13-19 yrs and up to 25 with additional needs (with a Junior Sports Club for 9-12 years). Young people can join Riverside as members of the Sports Clubs—the membership fee is £25 per year and £2 per week. The Sports Club are volunteer-led and offer high quality paddle sports coaching at all levels.

**Riverside** will soon be opening an internet youth café to increase open access to the centre by local young

people. Vulnerable young people may access Riverside through Targeted Youth Support programmes such as schools inclusion work and ISSP projects, for example.

This year Riverside will be providing climbing on a mobile climbing wall funded by Aiming High and focusing on including disabled young people with complex needs.

In addition to climbing, Riverside offers water sports such as open canoes, sit on top of kayaks, kayaks and expedition sea kayaks; land based activities such as bush craft, orienteering and team building, and a range of residential opportunities.



## Off site policy and procedure in relation to accessing Riverside Centre for Outdoor Learning (part of IYSS)

- If you are an IYSS service/youth centre or project bringing a group to Riverside this is a Category C visit. However, as Riverside is part of IYSS and has procedures in place you only need to submit a limited amount of paperwork to an EVC at Riverside.
- EVC at Riverside is currently Roger Wiltshire.
- Your risk assessment should include transport, free time and individual and group management. Your staff team will need to work alongside the Riverside staff team to deliver safe and effective youth work. If your activity with Riverside includes a residential or overnight camp, Riverside will seek approval from the Head of Establishment.
- All SJI premiums are paid by Riverside.

### What Forms need completing for taking a group to Riverside?

√ = Yes      ? = Dependent on activity

Form type	Riverside (Non-residential)	Riverside (Residential)
OA1	√	√
OA2	√	√
OA3/4	N/A	N/A
OA5	√	√
OA6	Riverside	Riverside
RA1	√ Inc Transport and Individual & Group Management (exc Outdoor Learning)	√ Inc Free Time/ Individual & Group Management (exc Outdoor Learning)
MA1	Riverside	Riverside
HBI	√	√
TVP/E147	?	?
VDD	?	?
SJI	Riverside	Riverside

## Woods in the Sun

- With a small group of young people and their Youth Worker we set off from the Riverside. The group were all using sit on top kayak with lunch stowed behind their seats. The group helmeted up to shoot the Lasher weir trying to keep their lunch dry. Lunch saved but one wet

Youth Worker later we head under the Donnington Bridge Rd and the bypass. The group then took part in a spot of wild swimming from the banks of the Thames. From their improvised swimming pool all manner of birds could be seen including herons, black

head gulls & geese.

The trip opened the eyes of the entire group to the world on their doorstep; encouraged them to work with the rest of their group and make choices in the outdoors.