

**Supporting Outdoor Recreation- The Changing Funding Environment**  
**14 January 2009**  
**The Centre in the Park, Sheffield**



## **Supporting Outdoor Recreation The Changing Funding Environment**

### **Target Audience**

The seminar is aimed at government agency and local authority staff and practitioners involved in securing funding for outdoor recreation and countryside management and development.

There are 50 places available on this seminar

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## Background:

Outdoor recreation organisations and resource managers often rely on funding support from external sources to supplement their core work programmes. The external funding environment is constantly changing, with new schemes and programmes introduced, as others end.

Overall however the amount of money available from many sources is reducing. For example, for the period 2007-2013, there has been a lower allocation of EU funds to the UK, while funding from the National Lottery has also fallen, as money has been diverted to support the 2012 Olympics. Also there is no doubt that the funding environment is becoming more competitive as organisations gain a greater understanding of what needs to be done to access funds and become more proficient at successful delivery of project outputs and outcomes.

Outdoor recreation practitioners need to understand what opportunities are out there and become more attuned to the priorities of funders and more stringent in appraising and evaluating projects.

## Aims of the event:

This Seminar aims to address these issues by giving practitioners an understanding of:-

- What funding is available for outdoor recreation and how funding sources / programmes are changing;
- The requirements of key funding programmes and sources;
- Issues that need to be addressed to successfully secure funding;
- What needs to be done to appraise, monitor and evaluate projects.

## Chair:

Glenn Millar - British Waterways, CRN

9.30 Registration and refreshments

10.00 Introduction & welcome from Chair

### THE FUNDERS PERSPECTIVE

10.05 Peak District National Park - Speaker TBC

10.25 Access to Nature- Sarah Preston- Natural England

10.45 Rural Development Programme England - Chris Franklin - Yorkshire Forward

11.05 Panel Q&A session

11.25 Refreshments

11.45 Heritage Lottery Fund - Tony Crosby - HLF

12.05 Groundwork Community Spaces Programme - TBC

12.25 Panel Q&A session

12.40 Lunch

### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES OF FUNDING RECIPIENTS

*Sessions to cover, as relevant:-*

- Partnership working
- Community engagement
- Monitoring and evaluation considerations
- Challenges in securing and managing funding
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13.20 British Waterways - Andrew Stumpf- British Waterways

13.40 Forestry Commission - Speaker TBC

14.10 Local Authority Representative - Rebecca Penn- LGA

14.30 Panel Q&A Session

14.50 Refreshments

### APPRAISAL AND EVALUATION

15.05 Overview of Appraisals- Pr Simon Shibli - SIRC- Sheffield Hallam University

15.25 Monitoring and Evaluation -Gareth Maeer- HLF

15.45 Panel Q&A Session

16.00 Summing up and close