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Imaginative design, improved habitats and better space for recreation are essential elements of revitalised and restored London rivers. These were the key messages of RESTORE's network event held at New London Architecture this month, attended by over 200 people.

Antonia Scarr (Environment Agency) outlined the pressures on London's rivers due to population growth, development, and drainage and waste issues. She said that lessons could also be learned from practices abroad, such as in Munich, where measures introduced to sections of the Isar river have resulted in a 'summer playground' for the city.

Principal Engineer Mike Vaughan from Atkins also spoke at the event about his work on the River Lee which has revitalised the area around the Olympic Park.

For further information see:

<http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org/news.php>

Workshop: Improving Morphology and fish passage in high energy rivers

A RESTORE workshop focusing on high energy rivers was held on the 25th September in Birnam, Scotland with visits to a number of nearby sites on the 26th including the River Tummel.

The aim of the workshop was to discuss current thinking about best practice fish passage; the impact of barriers to sediment, fish and flow; and how to improve morphology. The key findings will be reported in a workshop report which will be available from the River Restoration Centre shortly. [RRC](#)

Calling all planners!

Help wanted with our handbook

The RESTORE team is busily writing a handbook about river restoration for spatial planners and developers who do not have a background in this subject. It will be a practical summary of our approach and will explain what we want to achieve, why it is important and how to get the best results.

If you are a planner, or in a related profession, we would love to have your help in shaping this handbook so we produce the information you really need.

If you'd like to get involved please contact us on: restore@environment-agency.gov.uk

Royal Society of Arts and Environment Agency student design competition

The Royal Society of Arts, in conjunction with the Environment Agency, is asking students to design or update a method of tackling water pollution. The aim is to reduce the impact of man-made structures, restore natural features to water environments, and to reduce the impact of water pollution.

Two awards are available for this brief, including a paid internship at the Environment Agency or an RSA Fellows Award of £1250.

Submission requirements for the competition can be found on the RSA's website: [Download this brief \(PDF\)](#)

Upcoming RESTORE workshop:

River Restoration in the River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) in Europe – Bolzano, ITALY, 5th November 2012

As part of the 2nd Italian Conference on River Restoration a RESTORE workshop is being held to discuss WFD objectives and the barriers limiting the adoption of river restoration measures in the RBMPs. For further information click [here](http://www.cirf.org) www.cirf.org

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