

Capital Clean-up 2015

Case Study



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This summer the Mayor of London supported over 70 enthusiastic Community Groups, Charities, Residents Associations and Schools (amongst others) who were committed to make the capital a cleaner, greener and more pleasant place to live, work and visit.

PROJECT KUSU RIVER CLEAN-UP

GROUP UNION OF KINGSTON STUDENTS (FORMERLY KINGSTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION)

GRANT/KIT KIT

Student body removed debris from Thames riverbed.

The Union of Kingston Students used the kit they received from Capital Clean-up to remove 3.8 tonnes of rubbish (including 44 shopping trollies!) from a 10 metre stretch of the River Thames in Kingston.

This project incorporated numerous elements of the Kingston-Upon-Thames community. There were volunteers from the Union of Kingston Students' Volunteering Office, the Mountaineering Club, the Sub-Aqua Club and the Kayaking Club. Thames 21, Aquanauts and RNLI were also involved. The event consisted of: a bankside clean-up; cleaning and clearing paths; and an underwater clean-up involving scuba divers and kayakers pulling up waste.

This year, due to the success of previous events, a planning committee was created to enable students to expand the impact of the project. Educational sheets on river life and the impact of rubbish were prepared for passers-by to read and take home. The group hopes to provide such information at future cleans.

These sessions help to create a cleaner and safer Thames for humans and wildlife using the river or living on, around or in it. By highlighting amount of rubbish beneath the surface of the Thames the project aims to deter dumping into the river. The project brings parts of the Kingston-Upon-Thames community together to learn about this issue and bond over a fun activity.

Sarah Dutton, Volunteering Project Design and Development Coordinator at Union of Kingston Students, has said:

"This year saw the fourth clean take place, and it was exciting to have Capital Clean-up on board, helping to support us in becoming independently sustainable, which will allow for the project to grow and continue."

No of Volunteers	41
No of events	1
Volunteer hours contributed	440
Rubbish Removed	3.8 tonnes
Area	130m ²

During



After



Capital Clean-up is a partnership campaign led by the Mayor to help Londoners work together to spruce up their city. It is supported by McDonald's and is part of the Mayor's wider Team London volunteering programme.