

'A thriving natural environment providing for a healthier and wealthier North East'

Our environment has worked hard for hundreds of years, enabled economic success and is central to our North East identity. It is the most valuable asset we have; thousands of local jobs are linked to the environment and it is vitally important for our health and wellbeing.

The NELNP endeavours to develop and enhance our

natural heritage for the benefit of future generations.

Local Nature Partnerships were created through the UK government White Paper, 'The Natural Choice'. Where the nation is directed to place the value of nature at the centre of the choices we must make to enhance our:



Environment



Economic growth



Personal wellbeing



Working strategically with partners

We take a strategic overview of the natural environment and look for ways that will manage, enhance and promote it through partnerships and produce outcomes that integrate with the needs of people, nature and the economy across local boundaries.



NELEP, neca, health and wellbeing boards, NEECC and more...

Invest in the future, 2017+

Becoming the North East of England Nature Partnership

A fixed sum **one off investment** from local authorities and partners will allow the NELNP to become a self funding sustainable organisation and grow to become the North East of England Nature Partnership and establish the **Capability Foundation** and **£100million endowment trust**.

The Capability Foundation

- A large regional endowment fund for the environment, to support long term 'landscape scale enhancement' strategies and projects. We aim to build a **£multi million** fund over the next **10-20 years** to deliver the 50 year vision by providing funding, grants and awards to enhance the environment and leave a positive legacy for future generations.



Self funding through Investors in the Environment (iE)

The NEENP will be regional managers of the national iE scheme to drive and celebrate best practice and help local organisations to save cash on energy, waste and water and to underpin sustainable business model for Capability Trust while promoting environmental issues.





Economy with Ecology

NELEP – Strategic Economic Plan

SEP refresh

- A) Regional differentiation and competitiveness.
- B) Resilient environment; resilient economy.
- C) Growth through natural assets
 - 1) **North East Forestry Hub** - European funding to Grow our biodiversity and economic potential through well managed forestry supply chains and international academic centre.
 - 2) **Strategic mitigation and planning.**



Healthy Communities

We act as an advocate with Health & wellbeing Boards and local planning teams to build healthy lifestyle choices into our towns and cities. Accessible high quality green spaces allow people to be more active and engaged with their community resulting in fewer chronic illnesses.

Our Workshops and Projects

● Naturally Healthy @ The Centre for Life

– embedding the natural outdoors in health and planning policy to address health priorities and inequalities in the North East.

Nature Based Social Prescribing Guide

In collaboration with Public Health to guide providers in formulating and evidencing proposals, measure health improvements and work with existing commissioning mechanisms.

Health & Wellbeing Boards

Joint Strategic needs Assessments & Join Health and Wellbeing Strategies.

Prevention Agenda

Naturally Healthy by Design Toolkit.

Opportunities not to be missed...

Pipeline of HLF projects

£200k
total investment over...

...7 years
across all councils to support the development of...

...20 HLF
landscape bids will bring...

...£40 million+

into the North East.

The work will ensure the North East has the plans and resources to submit quality landscape scale bids each year and out perform the rest of England.



Landscapes & Nature

Many regeneration projects have originated from the vision and efforts of the environment sector; the cleaning of the River Tyne, resulting in a rejuvenated Quayside and restoring the Durham Heritage Coast following the activities of the extraction industries.

- NELNP successfully developed the **Bright Water** (River Skerne) HLF Landscape Partnership bid. **£2.8million** HLF funding and **£500,000** from partners.
- DCC invested £10,000 in the NELNP and this generated a return of **1:286**.
- Creating Landscape Action Plans for biodiversity priorities.



Learning Naturally

Nature based education days

Working with North East businesses to deliver vitally important outdoor learning opportunities. Using **Corporate and Social Responsibility** budgets to contribute to travel and venue costs.

Project: Green mapping for learning

NE wide mapping project to identify:

- School location and green space
- Opportunity to enhance
- Action plan

Skills Agenda

When access to green space is provided during the school day, there is an improvement in *pupil behaviour and achievement*.