

LEEDS WATERFRONT CHARTER



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PUTTING THE WATERFRONT AT THE HEART OF THE CITY

The aim of the Leeds Waterfront Charter is to set out the city's commitment and intent to create a world class waterfront for Leeds. The charter sets out roles and responsibilities and aims to encourage partners (the Council, Chamber, Civic Trust, BID & stakeholders) to work together to find solutions to challenges in an open and collaborative way.

The Waterfront, one of the city's primary natural assets, must recapture its role as a focus of activity, with quality public space and new attractions.

For the Leeds Waterfront to reach its full potential there should be focus on three key attributes:

- Accessibility, improving movement across, around and along the Waterfront.
- Attraction, addressing and improving environmental, public safety and cleanliness issues.
- Activity which animates both the waterfront and waterway, and makes it a place where people want to be.

We (Council, Chamber, Civic Trust, BID & stakeholders) are committed to supporting and promoting development proposals and activities which have at their core the following principles:

- Achieve the policies and principles contained in the Leeds City Council planning documents - South Bank SPD, Aire Valley Area Action Plan, Site Allocation Plan and Core Strategy
- Create exemplary places for sustainable living, working and leisure
- Create destinations that provide clean, welcoming, accessible and well maintained public spaces
- Connect the waterside environment to the rest of the city allowing good public access along, across or around the waterfront

- Create inviting and attractive places and spaces for everyone
- Create a safe and secure environment at all times of the day and night
- Mitigate for future flood events through sustainable urban drainage

We will encourage land owners, property owners, occupiers and stakeholders to:

- Take responsibility for, and invest in, the quality and maintenance of the immediate environment in which they are based
- Provide safe and appropriate public access within their sites to, and along, the waterfront
- Acknowledge their riparian responsibility and contribute to the creation of a river stewardship programme
- Initiate and support activities which animate the Waterfront
- Actively engage in the creation of an owner / occupier residents' group
- Take bold, innovative approaches to design and animation of the public realm
- Make use of sites for meanwhile/ temporary activities which align with the spirit of this Waterfront Charter and bring activity, attraction and animation to the Waterfront.



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LEEDS WATERFRONT ENHANCEMENT FUND



Scheme funded by
Leeds City Council

- Fund opens Tuesday 2nd October 2018
- £100K capital grant pot available
- Capital grants of between £1,000 and £10,000, which are to be equally matched by the applicant
- Anyone can apply
- The geographic area is the Leeds city centre waterfront (canal and river), from Wellington Bridge Street/City Island in the West to the Yarn Street development in the East as defined by the 'Waterfront Enhancement Fund Area Map'
- The scheme will deliver two waves of funding: one in Autumn 2018 and another in Spring 2019.
- Deadlines for applications are:
 - Thursday 6th December 2018 at 12 noon
 - Thursday 21st March 2019 at 12 noon

FUND OBJECTIVES:

- To enhance the accessibility, attraction and activity of the Leeds City Centre Waterfront.
- Projects should contribute to the delivery aims and objectives of the new Leeds Culture Strategy 2017-2030, the Leeds Waterfront Charter and/or the South bank Leeds Regeneration Framework SPD.
- We welcome applications that will encourage people to spend time at, and experience, the Leeds City Centre Waterfront, including:
 - Improvements to public spaces
 - Events and activities (capital costs only)
 - Provision of public art
 - Creative arts projects
 - Health and wellbeing activities

For further detail on how to apply visit www.leeds.gov.uk/wef or email wef@leeds.gov.uk