

## About Fishing for Schools

Fishing for Schools is a programme for 10–16-year-olds that uses fishing as a platform to engage and inspire an enjoyment of learning and nature. Over 4,000 disadvantaged young people at over 150 schools have benefitted from Fishing for Schools over the last 17 years.

Founded by world renowned fly fisherman, Charles Jardine, Fishing for Schools connects with hundreds of young people annually. Using a blend of outdoor learning and classroom-based activities we use fishing as a platform to develop a wide range of life skills, including communication, teamwork, problem solving and resilience.

Fishing for Schools is offered at no cost to schools or the young people taking part. We have supported young people across 30 counties in England and seven in Wales.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

# 150

Fishing for Schools  
sessions delivered in  
2024.

# 350

Total number of  
children and young  
people supported.

# 31

Schools benefitted  
during 2024



# We made a difference



## 80%

of school leads strongly agreed our programme resulted in improved engagement.

## 92%

of school leads strongly agreed our sessions helped increase confidence.

## 73%

school leads strongly agreed our programme resulted in improved wellbeing

## 96%

school leads strongly agreed our programme helped develop new skills.

\*\* based on feedback received from 26 schools taking part in 2024

## Our beneficiary schools

- Our schools came from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- We delivered to five primary schools, nine secondary schools, three alternative provisions and twelve special schools.
- Nine schools took part for the first time during 2024.
- A quarter of schools were from the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in England.



### Improved wellbeing

"To have a classroom without walls, surrounded by nature supports them to focus and relax, leading to reduced anxiety and increased resilience and attendance." - Teacher, Kent school

### Building confidence

"The young people have gained greater belief in themselves and increased their self esteem and confidence." - Teacher, South East school

### Broadening horizons

"Fishing for Schools has empowered our pupils. They have been given a lifelong experience and also an opportunity to develop their experiences of different hobbies and interests" - Teacher, SEN school

### Transferrable skills

"Each child has come away from this experience with many skills including teamwork, perseverance, confidence, managing behaviour, communication skills and friendships. These skills are now being used in the classroom and it is lovely to see them flourish." - Teacher, primary school



# What our teachers tell us

Fishing is ideal for our students who all have SEMH needs. To be able to work in such a supportive environment and be able to transfer these skills back into school is fantastic.

– Kent school, July 2024



The children presented to Governors last week and are talking about the programme to their peers and staff. So many children have asked about going fishing and being involved.

– South Wales school, April 2024

The students absolutely loved it, and it was awesome to see them work so hard and be so focused. It was also brilliant to be outdoors! The students showed me their amazing fishing skills, supported by your team, and the sense of achievement by the end of the day was massive.

– East of England school, July 2024

## Student voices

“I feel more confident in school”

“It has helped me relax and it felt like I was in my comfort zone”

“Fishing has made me happy and for once I was patient”

“I liked being part of a team”

