# The Rivers of Inishowen

Inishowen is a well defined geographical area with a number of excellent angling and recreational rivers. The whole peninsula makes a natural catchment area within a Trust could operate.



Some of the rivers in Inishowen include:

Crana River
Mill River
Bredagh River
Culdaff River
Glentogher River
Donagh River
Leamacrossan River
Trimatu River
Clonmany River

# What is a Rivers Trust?

A Rivers Trust is a community led initiative started by local people to care for their local rivers. Any group with an interest in a river can get involved and work towards developing and enhancing local rivers for the benefit of all.

A Rivers Trust typically covers a defined catchment area and represents the interests of groups working on the rivers within that area.

#### What is the Trust Roadshow?

The Trust Roadshow will explain the work of a Rivers Trust and showcase some of the work on local Inishowen rivers. The Roadshow is a 3 hour event in each Inishowen library and will be accompanied by two people - one from Celebrate Water, who initiated the project, and a local river representative.

Come along to chat and meet others or to register your interest for a peninsula-wide meeting in October 2014.

## Who can get involved?

#### Everyone!

If you already have an interest in an Inishowen River or would like to learn more about water, biodiversity and your environment, come along to the trust meeting in October 2014.

To learn more please visit:

www.celebratewaterinishowen.com

www.facebook.com/celebratewater



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### What will a Rivers Trust do?

- ■Represent the interests of local groups
- ■Act as a voice for rivers at a national level
- ■Provide opportunities for groups to share ideas and knowledge
- ■Enhance river quality
- ■Provide recreational spaces
- ■Offer education & training opportunities
- ■Network with statutory agencies
- ■Keep community groups up-to-date

## Why form a Rivers Trust?

A Rivers Trust supports the work carried out by groups on their local rivers. A trust empowers a community and helps re-establish our connection with the natural world.

# Rivers Trust Roadshow

Discover how a Rivers Trust could benefit Inishowen

Visit the exhibition roadshow in Inishowen Libraries



Wed Aug 6th 2014 - Moville

Thurs Aug 7th - Carndonagh

Fri Aug 8th - Buncrana

1.30pm - 4.30pm each day

Case Study: Bredagh River, Moville

The Bredagh River runs through the town of Moville along a delightful wooded corridor. In 2013 a project to restore a neglected walkway began and many community activities and biodiversity events have taken place on the banks of the river. The project has engaged individuals of all ages from across the community and it is hoped in the future to extend the pathway and enhance wildlife watching opportunities.



Case Study: Mill River, Buncrana

The Mill River rises north of Buncrana at the base of GraInne's Gap. It then flows in a south-easterly direction through the hills of Inishowen for 7 miles before entering Lough Swilly at Buncrana. This river is spate; spring fed summer and has excellent hatches of flyifle with new fish passes will in in recent years. These have enabled salmon and trout to gain access to the upper stretches of the river. The river is controlled by the Mill Anglers Association and holds stocks of salmon, sea trout, and wild brown trout.



Case Study: Culdaff River, Culdaff

The river of Culdaff attracts fishermen all year round and is famous for the fresh catches of salmon and white trout. The river is fished by many, from the grassy banks in Culdaff town all the way to the golden sand-banks of the beach. The river is managed by the Culdaff Anglers Association who work with the relevant agencies to enhance and maintain the river and water quality.