RNLI Information – Yorkshire Water Website

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the charity that saves lives at sea. The charity’s volunteer crew provide a 24-hour search and rescue service in the United Kingdom and Ireland from 238 lifeboat stations. Additionally the RNLI has more than 1,000 lifeguards on over 240 beaches around the UK and operates a specialist flood rescue team, which can respond anywhere across the UK and Ireland when inland flooding puts lives at risk. Community Safety teams explain the risks and share safety knowledge with anyone going out to sea or the coast. International teams work with like-minded organisations to help tackle drowning in communities at risk all around the world.

As a charity the RNLI is separate from, but works alongside, government-controlled and funded coastguard services. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved at least 140,000 lives. Volunteers make up 95% of the charity, including 4,600 volunteer lifeboat crew members and 3,000 volunteer shore crew. Additionally, tens of thousands of other dedicated volunteers raise funds and awareness, give safety advice, and help in our museums, shops and offices.

Youth Education
The RNLI is here to help you with everything you need to teach the children in your classroom or youth group how to stay safe in, on and around the water.

Water safety education is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core element of prevention work within a community. The more young people we can reach with key safety messages, the more lives we can save now and in the future.

As a teacher, youth leader or someone who wants to increase their knowledge, you really can make a lifesaving difference.

For further information on water safety for young people, please contact Simon Bristow at simon_bristow@rnli.org.uk.

Community Safety – Respect the Water
Respect the Water is at the heart of the RNLI’s prevention work, which is aimed at promoting safety advice to all who visit the coast. You should enjoy the water, but you should also recognise its dangers and never underestimate its power.

The campaign aims to show those most at risk the potential dangers of water, to encourage them to reconsider their actions and adopt safer behaviour.

Respect the Water focuses on simple skills that could save a life:

1. If you find yourself unexpectedly in the water, remain calm and float on your back for up to 90 seconds to increase your chances of survival.
2. If you see someone else in trouble in the water encourage them to float on their back, call 999 or 112 and ask for relevant emergency service, throw the casualty something that floats and NEVER ENTER THE WATER TO HELP THEM.

If your company, group or organisation would like to receive further information or a presentation on Respect the Water, please contact Nick Ayers – Nick_Ayers@RNLI.org.uk

Further information on water safety can be found on the RNLI website.
For further information on the RNLI, how they can support you and how you can get involved, please contact Anna Foley at anna_foley@rnli.org.uk.