



## INNOVATIVE LEARNING TOOLKIT

### **PROJECT TITLE: CLEAN DRAINS, RIVER GAINS**

**Tags; stormwater, education**

#### **Overview:**

Clean Drains River Gains aims to get people thinking about the link between drains and local rivers and waterways. It uses a variety of communication methods to raise awareness of the link between stormwater drains throughout a community, and the natural waterways in the area, and educate people as to how they can contribute to the reduction of stormwater pollution.

The simplest and perhaps most effective of these is the drain stenciling programme, which involves stenciling the message "clean drains river gains" on drains around the city.

The drain stencilling kit is available for community groups and other organisations, including businesses, to use in their area to increase pollution awareness.

The project also uses more conventional communication methods such as pamphlets etc, and relies on community involvement in committee and grass roots work such as stenciling drains, letter box drop offs etc.

#### **Why is it relevant to PTS?**

Raises awareness of the link between people's lifestyles and the water quality in local waterways

Raises awareness of the existence of local waterways and where they are

Involves the community in stencilling drains etc

#### **Ideas and tips for PTS:**

Could be a good way to reconnect people to their local waterway, and further raise awareness

#### **Contact:**

Go to [SERCUL](#) (South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare), Western Australia.