

Fishing – student river pictures go on show



Paul Reynolds stops the water underneath an aquaduct on The Avon, one of the exhibits in the touring exhibition

A touring photography exhibition puts the focus on the Rivers Almond and Avon and West Lothian College has teamed up with the River Forth Fisheries Trust to display the work of the NC Photography Students as part of the RiverLife: Almond & Avon Project.

The students have used the rivers and tributaries to create their Higher portfolio and the photographs will initially be on display at Almondell & Calderwood Country Park visitor from June 6 to August 13.

Then they will be shown at various locations across West Lothian and Edinburgh for the rest of the year.

The images highlight the natural, industrial and cultural heritage of the two rivers.

Jamie Ormiston, community engagement officer for the River Forth Fisheries Trust, said: ‘We hope this display of the students’ work will inspire people to get down to the rivers and use them in their own creative way.

“For as long as people have created art, rivers have been an inspiration to get the creative juices flowing and our local rivers, streams or burns can still provide that even in a busy 21st century.

“I was surprised at the range of work produced by the students and the quality of their pieces shows the variety found in our

river habitats.!

Allan McGregor, lecturer at West Lothian College said: 'The full-time students were charged with the task of producing and submitting one image that serves to epitomise their personal perspective of the river.

"The result is a diverse series of images that demonstrate compositional and technical understanding in addition to highlighting aesthetic approach."