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Delivering Regeneration Together

Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

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## Happy New Year!



The CRP team would like to wish all of CRP's partners, funders and delivery colleagues a very happy, productive and rewarding 2016! We look forward to working with you throughout what will undoubtedly be another year of change. Best wishes, The CRP Team.

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## Capco and Recruit London

# COVENT GARDEN

## capco

Covent Garden landowner Capco (Capital and Counties) is hosting an informal breakfast at The Ivy Market Grill on 28th January 2016 to promote the Recruit London initiative to their employers and celebrate what has been achieved so far. Councillor Daniel Astaire of Westminster City Council will speak at the event. Capco joined Cross River Partnership's Recruit London programme in Autumn 2015 and host CRP Workplace Coordinator Benjamin Laryea, who has already supported employers including Paperchase and Miller Harris. Capco employers receive a free recruitment service in order to help Westminster jobseekers back to work. For more information, contact Benjamin Laryea at [blaryea@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:blaryea@westminster.gov.uk)

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**"Into Work" Programme Success**



Michael was unemployed for five years and claiming Employment and Support Allowance. After support from Groundwork he is now working as an Estate Reuse Assistant in Hackney. Michael was supported as part of the "Into Work" central London sub-regional employment programme, which is managed by Cross River Partnership on behalf of funder The City Bridge Trust. Michael explains 'I am absolutely ecstatic that I am working again - it has changed my whole life basically. My son was on at me, get a job, get a job, and he's over the moon. Even he has noticed the change in things like, there's always food in the house and he gets what he wants! I am much happier. I was depressed sitting in doors; it was driving me mad it was. Now I look forward to getting up in the morning!'

For more information, contact CRP Employability Co-ordinator Elizabeth Harris on [eharris@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:eharris@westminster.gov.uk)

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## Recruit London Success



Danya, a 19 years old Westminster resident from the Harrow Road ward, was supported into work with retailer New Look through the Recruit London project in November 2015. Danya is partially deaf and was claiming Employment and Support Allowance for over 2 years prior to our support. She shared her story with us.

For more information please contact Workplace Coordinator [Isabelle Benard](#)

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## Business Engagement at CRP



Vicky Keeble is working at CRP as a Business Engagement Project Manager. Vicky is equipped with post-graduate level Environmental Management qualifications, and extensive experience gained supporting businesses in a technical capacity at The Fire Industry Association, as well as at an international private sector transport consultancy practice.

At CRP Vicky will be overseeing delivery on a wide range of business-facing externally-funded projects, including Freight Servicing Activities and Family Friendly Practices. To get in touch please email Vicky on [ykeeble@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:ykeeble@westminster.gov.uk)

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## Family Friendly Employment Research



Cross River Partnership is working with businesses to increase employment opportunities for parents and carers in Westminster. We need your help to understand what employers are currently doing to make the most of this talent pool. Please take ten minutes to complete our [online survey](#) and tell us what your organisation is currently offering. We'd like to hear from all employers in Westminster of any size, sector, and any level of family friendly job offerings. To access the survey please [click here](#) and thanks very much for your help in improving workplaces in Westminster!

For more information, contact CRP's Business Engagement Project Manager Vicky Keeble on [vkeeble@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:vkeeble@westminster.gov.uk)

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## CABB Delivery Servicing Plans



CRP's [Clean Air Better Business](#) programme continues to offer free advice and tools for organisations looking at Delivery and Servicing Plan options to reduce the negative impacts of freight in Central London, supported by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund Round 1.

For more information please contact CRP's Air Quality Champion Uto Patrick on [upatrick@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:upatrick@lambeth.gov.uk) or [click here to read more...](#)

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## CABB Clean Air Action Days



Following on from the successfully piloted behaviour change intervention by the City of London

Corporation, CRP's Clean Air Better Business has commissioned Global Action Plan to develop a business focussed intervention to reduce emissions from traffic idling, build capacity amongst our BID/Local Authority partners to take action, and create the links for drivers between their behaviour and air pollution.

***Opportunity:***

This will be a larger scale intervention creating a greater impact amongst CRP partners to encourage them to take action on idling in identified hot-spots within their areas. We aim to train up to 100 change-makers across Central London who will then participate in 2 coordinated 'Clean Air Action Days'. Businesses within each participating BID can get involved.

***Key Dates:***

- Webinar to brief and train up BID/Local Authority leads – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016
- Training of 100 Change makers – week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- 2 Clean Air Action Days – week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The CABB Clean Air Action Days, will be supported with key messages, re-usable branding, templates, materials e.g. high vis jackets for the change-makers to increase visibility, press releases and social media support.

Interested parties should contact CRP Air Quality Champion – Uto Patrick for more information – [upatrick@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:upatrick@lambeth.gov.uk)

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## Freight TAILS' brand new logo!



# Freight TAILS

CRP's new URBACT-funded Freight TAILS (Tailored Approaches to Innovative Logistics Solutions) project has been branded! The logo combines the links between the different modes of transport of urban freight with the theme of environment, sustainability and 'greening' the industry.

Cross River Partnership is working with European partners Brussels, Gdynia, La Rochelle, Maastricht, Parma, Split, Sucaeva, Tallinn and Umeå to understand and learn about our cities' freight challenges and how we can overcome them. This week, Vicky Keeble from CRP visited Maastricht in the Netherlands. During the visit Vicky explored their consolidation service centre and learned about how they're working with logistics operators to run electric vans for food deliveries in the pedestrianised centre. This transnational communication and learning is essential to capture and share best practice throughout Europe.

The next big step for the project is a meeting in Paris led by URBACT which will give CRP the tools to be successful in our phase 2 application to get significant funding to develop an integrated action plan for freight in Central London.

For further information please contact CRP Project Managers Vicky Keeble ([vkeeble@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:vkeeble@westminster.gov.uk)) or Charlotte Knell ([cknell1@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cknell1@westminster.gov.uk)).

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## FREVUE in discussion with EMOSS



The FREVUE team has initiated discussions with the manufacturer EMOSS to explore how their expertise in electric mobility could contribute to the project. With 62 electric trucks driving across Europe, including the UK, EMOSS is one of the very few providers of currently available fully electric trucks of up to 65t.

EMOSS is already involved in FREVUE in their role of vehicle supplier of the 18t Heineken trucks in Rotterdam. As this category of large electric freight vehicles of above 7.5t is currently underrepresented in the project, data from additional EMOSS trucks could provide very valuable information.

Contact [Tanja dmuenchmeyer](#) or [click here for more information...](#)

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# Brixton's Electric Avenue - Improvements started



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Lambeth

Supported by £869k from the Mayor's High Street Fund and £380k of Lambeth Council investment, improvement works have started on the iconic and much loved Electric Avenue in Brixton.

Programme managed by CRP Place Making Project Manager, [Owain Jones](#), working for Lambeth's Regeneration Team, the investment will deliver a much improved environment for the street market, shops, shoppers and local residents, boosting trade, making it easier for local people to shop and increasing visitors to the town centre.

The improvements include new granite paving throughout, as well as improved street lighting, signage and drainage. New power supply, water points and hand held electronic payment systems will be provided for market traders.

By moving stalls to the centre of the street, market traders will also enjoy larger pitches and trading areas. Alongside the removal of the bollards and other street clutter, this will help pedestrian flow and should make it easier for elderly, disabled people, and those with young children, to move along the street.

The improvement works will be delivered in two phases to June 2016 to allow the street market to remain open throughout construction. Opening hours are as normal, Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm, except on Wednesday when the market closes early at 2pm.

[Click here for more information...](#)

**Save the date - Friday 13th May 2016  
(09:00 - 15:30)**

Friday 13th May 2016 at the prestigious Livery Hall, City of London, is 'Risky Business'. London's regional Business Continuity promotion event that precedes Business Continuity Awareness Week 2016. Hosted by London Resilience and Business in the Community, in partnership with the Federation of Small Businesses and the Emergency Planning Society, the event will seek to promote a proactive approach towards engaging smaller enterprises in protecting their businesses.

With keynote speakers and panellists confirmed, and expertise from across sectors and disciplines, 'Risky Business' aims to set a standard for London. Representatives from London's Business Improvement Districts are invited to attend free of charge to participate. Spaces are limited so please contact Alex Townsend-Drake via [alex.townsenddrake@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:alex.townsenddrake@london-fire.gov.uk) to register your place.

**TfL Freight and Fleet training sessions**

The TfL Freight & Fleet team will be running a free series of delivery & servicing awareness training sessions with a focus on air quality, safety and congestion.

TfL will be starting with the procurement module on 22 January 2016, and other modules will run all the way up until the end of June 2016. Other early modules are taking place on 28th January 2016 and 5th February 2016.

All modules will be delivered at TfL's Palestra building, nearest tube Southwark station.

Many of these modules will be particularly useful for BIDs and boroughs alike.

To book your free places, please contact: [rajindersharma@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:rajindersharma@tfl.gov.uk)

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