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Please contact CRP's Development Manager, [Elizabeth Harris](#), for more information.

Thank you very much in advance!

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**Freight TAILS Launches Final Report at  
Final Network Meeting**



As the Freight TAILS project nears its completion, 60 stakeholders met in Split, Croatia 18-19 April, for the final event and launch of the Freight TAILS final report and 33 case studies.

The [Freight TAILS final report](#) is an online document targeted at city authorities and other freight stakeholders who are interested in developing a set of actions that reduce the negative impacts of urban freight transport. The report answers the central question 'How can I make freight transport more effective in my city', based on the experiences of the 10 cities involved in the Freight TAILS project, who asked themselves the exact same question in 2015.

Find out more about specific Freight TAILS partner experiences in surveys, plans for urban consolidation centres - or not, introduction of new regulations covering use of 'clean' vehicles and covering new technologies, cargo-bikes and e-cargo bikes, road charging... and much more. Read 33 case studies from across 10 European cities [here](#).

For more information on Freight TAILS please contact [Charlotte Knell](#) or [Sefinat Otaru](#).

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## SEUL Smart Charging System Successfully Commissioned

# Smart Electric Urban Logistics

## Project Background

Smart Electric Urban Logistics (SEUL) is a 2-year project which commenced in April 2017, designed to support the wider transition to electric vehicles for larger commercial fleets. Smart charging technology integrating energy storage, as well as an innovative tool to assess existing grid capacity, will provide scalable learnings from real-world operation and testing.

The SEUL project is part of the Low Emission Freight and Logistics Trial, funded by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) in partnership with Innovate UK.

## Introduction

Growing city populations paired with an increase in online retail result in more goods being moved around than ever, most of them by road transport. At the same time, cities are already impacted by poor air quality and most find it hard to meet their greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. In London, one of Europe's most polluted cities, the global logistics company UPS is committed to an increasingly clean and environmentally friendly delivery fleet. As part of its 'rolling laboratory' strategy, the company has been testing a wide range of alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. For inner-city delivery routes that are characterised by low mileage and high stop density, battery electric vehicles have proven the most suitable solution.

At project start, UPS had already integrated 52 plug-in electric trucks in its 170-vehicle fleet operating from its central London depot. However, constraints in the existing electrical grid infrastructure restrict the company in its ability to introduce more without another costly and disruptive infrastructure upgrade to the local grid.



"Electric vehicles are a natural fit for urban logistics fleets, but without smart-grid technology the recharging of many of those fleets will remain cost prohibitive. We are delighted to be working with UK Power Networks and Cross River Partnership to make this technology a reality in London in 2018."

Peter Harris, Director of Sustainability, UPS Europe

## Project implementation

### Vehicle deployment

As part of the SEUL project, UPS will convert 20 of its existing diesel vehicles to fully electric trucks. This will bring the number of vehicles at its central London depot above the current maximum of 63 that the charging infrastructure allows for.

UPS will prepare the adapted P80 Mercedes 7.5 tonne vehicles for conversion at its internal workshops, including removing the diesel drive train and auxiliary components. The Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) removed is typically a Euro 5 4.2 litre diesel engine. The vehicle is then transported to a specialist supplier in Germany



to retrofit the vehicles with an electric drive train and batteries. The converted vehicle has a payload of 3 tonnes and a range of approximately 100km, comfortably exceeding their average daily urban usage.



FACT SHEET 1

Halfway through CRP's [Smart Electric Urban Logistics](#) (SEUL) project, the smart charging system has now been successfully commissioned and the first set of fully electric delivery vans has been deployed at UPS's Camden depot. For an overview of the project and the various elements that are being implemented throughout the 2-year project lifetime, please see the first of five project factsheets that is now available [online](#) as well as in print version.

The successful commissioning of the smart charging system means that the amount of power going to the electric vans at the UPS depot can now be controlled depending on other demand on the local network. It might sound simple but this work is highly innovative and key to enable the widespread uptake of electric freight vehicles in London!

For more information, please register your interest on the [project website](#) or contact CRP's Programme Manager Electric Freight, [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

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## FREVUE Leading by Example



CRP's Freight Electric Vehicles in Urban Europe ([FREVUE](#)) project will be presented at the [2018 Trans-European Transport Network \(TEN-T\) Days](#) in Ljubljana, Slovenia. European Commissioner for Transport, Violeta Bulc, has invited Ministers, Members of the European Parliament and key stakeholders to discuss how to contribute to smart, sustainable and safe mobility, relying on the trans-European transport network and investments in transport connectivity.

The FREVUE project will be presented on 25 April as part of an [Electromobility Forum](#) with a focus on the successful implementation of the project and how this could be replicated elsewhere.

For more information, please contact CRP's Programme Manager Electric Freight [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

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## Better Business, Better Bankside



Over the past year CRP's deliverBEST online tool provided 35 Better [Bankside BID](#) member organisations with recommendations to make deliveries to their Bankside locations more efficient.

Eight businesses were supported by the deliverBEST team to measure their deliveries and to take specific actions including changing procurement practices and redirecting staff online shopping deliveries. By reducing the frequency of milk deliveries to their office, the BID itself reduced their emissions by 69 kilograms of carbon dioxide a year!

Contact CRP's Air Quality Project Manager, [Brendon Harper](#), for more information on deliverBEST and how it could be useful to you.

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## DSPs in Victoria BID



CRP is working with the [Victoria Business Improvement District](#) (BID) businesses to improve local air quality by better managing the deliveries of goods and services to its businesses. By helping businesses monitor what goods and services come to their premises over a set period and analysing the captured

data, we identify specific areas for improvement, and work with the businesses to formulate a useful deliveries and servicing plan (DSP). The DSP includes actions that, once carried out, lead to a measurable reduction in noxious emissions.

Over the past six months, CRP has worked with properties managed by Land Securities and Grosvenor. More businesses in Victoria BID have expressed an interest in participating. We look forward to continuing to work with Victoria BID and its members.

For further information please contact CRP's [Brendon Harper](#) or [Sefinat Otaru](#).

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## Autonomous Freight Vehicle study



CRP has commissioned on behalf of the Central London Sub Regional Transport Partnership a study to provide analysis of the impact of autonomous freight vehicles (AVs) on central London boroughs, with recommendations of future actions.

This study is novel as the focus lies on AVs for deliveries and servicing and how the deployment of these vehicles will impact upon wider transport and public space in London.

Technical experts [Transport Research Laboratory](#) (TRL) conducted the study, which involved in depth interviews with a range of stakeholder groups for input; Central Government, Local Authorities, Logistics Operators, OEMS and the Automotive Industry, Academics, Insurers and London-based business improvement districts.

The report is now publicly available to download from the CRP [website](#).

Continuing with the theme of innovation, we have an upcoming study looking at the role of art in public urban spaces. The focus is on how to utilise art to create healthier spaces across central London.

For further information, contact CRP's [Uto Patrick](#).

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## Walk to Work Day



The CRP team are pretty keen on sustainable and active transport modes all the time, but we do make a special effort at times such as Walk to Work Day (6th April).

These days provide a fantastic opportunity to reach new groups in promoting different ways of moving, and help motivate longer term behaviour change.

CRP also supported World Car Free Day back in 2017, working with Westminster City Council and Transport for London to deliver a [Community Green Street](#) for the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood. This temporary street closure provided an opportunity for people to ride bikes, plant seeds and envision a different way to use and experience our streets.

CRP can support BIDs, estates, community groups and boroughs implement their very own Green and Play Open Streets. To find out more contact [Vicky Keeble](#).

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## Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood looks to the year ahead



The Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) programme was established in 2016 after a successful bid by [Westminster City Council](#) to the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#).

Over the next twelve months CRP will oversee the delivery of LEN interventions to improve air quality in the Marylebone area, as well as innovative mobile air quality monitoring and continued rollout of electric taxi and vehicle charging facilities, deliveries and servicing advice for businesses, a schools engagement programme and diesel surcharge scheme.

The LEN also has two dedicated Air Quality Marshals patrolling the streets of Marylebone for the next year, reminding drivers of the harm of unnecessary engine idling and asking drivers to switch off when they can. The marshals are able to issue fines of up to £80 to drivers refusing to switch off when asked. CRP produced a short [video](#) for the Marylebone LEN busting some of the myths about engine idling, and we are able to provide resources and advice to local businesses operating vehicle fleets, alongside free support to look at deliveries and servicing using the [deliverBEST](#) online tool and the [West End Buyers Club](#).

To find out more about the Marylebone LEN, visit the [website](#) or contact CRP's [Tom Linton-Smith](#).

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## Tree Planting Grants for Communities



Applications are now open for the second round of the Greater London Authority's Community Tree Planting Grants, part of the Mayor's £9 million [Greener City Fund](#).

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available to boroughs, charities, community groups and schools to plant trees, increase canopy cover and help connect children to nature. This year, there is also a new category of grant to support large scale tree planting events this December, as part of a focused weekend coordinated by City Hall that will involve thousands of Londoners planting trees across the city.

The application deadline is 18 June 2018, for projects that will take place between September 2018 and March 2019. For all the details of how to apply, including the Grants Guide, please visit [www.london.gov.uk/greener-city](http://www.london.gov.uk/greener-city).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any application ideas, please get in touch with the Greener City Team at [greencity@london.gov.uk](mailto:greencity@london.gov.uk).

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## Drinking Fountain Fund



The Mayor of London, ZSL's [#Oneless](#) campaign and MIW Water Cooler Experts are ramping up London's refill revolution. Together, they are offering up to 20 fountains to be installed this summer. They are looking to work with landowners and/or other organisations that are in a position to secure all the necessary permissions, consents and licences to install a fountain.

They are doing this to help reduce the amount of single use plastic bottles being used by improving drinking water access that allows everyone to refill their bottles. The average Londoner gets through 175 bottles of water each year – that's over a billion on a city level. Only around 25% of plastics are recycled in London, the rest are thrown away, can potentially end up as litter and in the River Thames and from there may flow out to the ocean where they damage the environment.

If you are interested please follow this [link](#) to find out more.

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## Recruit London – Year End Figures



The Recruit London Programme is managed and delivered by CRP in partnership with organisations including Westminster Council, The Crown Estate, Capital & Counties CG Ltd and The Heart of London Business Alliance.

Recruit London is happy to report that at the end of the financial year 2017/2018, we engaged with over 570 people, moved 238 people into employment, of which 27 have a physical disability or mental ill health, 13 have learning difficulties and 23 people with homeless issues. Over the year, Recruit London has worked with over 50 new businesses.

In addition to the vacancies that we broker through our host organisations, we are working closely with the Westminster Council Economy Team Job Broker. This is contributing to our new way of working as with more leverage, we can negotiate for interim measures such as placements, work trials, and increased employer involvement such as jobs fairs, and employer led mock interviews and training.

For further information on CRP's Recruit London service, please do not hesitate to contact CRP's [Sylvia Kankasa](#).

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## Crime & Early Intervention



This year, CRP's Recruit London Workplace Coordinator, Ilona Wilk, based at The Heart of London Business Alliance, began work with the Westminster Integrated Gangs Unit and Westminster Young Foundation to tackle gang violence and support young people into employment.

Research over the last two decades conducted by the [Catch22 Dawes Unit](#) highlights the complex relationship and strong links that exist between employment and 'desistance' from offending. The individual has to want to make a change, while the job opportunity works best if it is secure, stable and long-term. When these conditions are in place, employment is widely recognised as the 'single most effective factor' in reducing rates of reoffending.

Recruit London actively engages with young people who are both at risk of gang involvement and not in education, employment or training (NEET). We have been delivering bespoke careers advice and guidance, and work with employers to create progression routes that show how a job can become a career. We work with community groups to ensure that we are catching young people early to support them in making well informed career and life choices and to reach their full potential through sustainable employment.

To date, Ilona has placed 9 NEET young people into employment and aims to support 11 more NEET young people around career progression and into sustained employment or training.

For more information, please email Ilona Wilk at [ilona.wilk@heartoflondonbid.co.uk](mailto:ilona.wilk@heartoflondonbid.co.uk).

## The Future of Human Capital in London



The [Centre for London](#) has published a report about how accelerating workplace automation, Brexit, wage pressure and other factors could disrupt London's economy in the future, as well as how its workforce could adapt to change.

Although London's economy is relatively resilient compared to the rest of the country, it is important that Londoners are provided with the right skills – cognitive, creative and social – to take advantage of any opportunities that arise during this upcoming period of change.

Read the full report [here](#).

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**CRP is Hiring**



CRP is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Workplace Co-ordinator to join our Recruit London team to support long-term unemployed people into sustainable work;
- Business Engagement Officer to join our Deliver London team to work on our Clean Air Villages, a new DEFRA-funded project.

To find out more about these roles and to apply, please click [Workplace Coordinator](#) or [Business Engagement Officer - Clean Air Villages](#).

Please note that the application deadline is 12 midnight today, Wednesday 25th April 2018.

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## Welcome Back



Nikoletta Gjergji has re-joined CRP's Recruit London project after returning from her maternity leave. She has taken on a new role as the team's Specialist Workplace Coordinator. She will be working closely with harder-to-reach Westminster residents to support them back into employment around the West End.

For more information, please email [nikolettajjergji@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:nikolettajjergji@crossriverpartnership.org).

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## Katie Lindsay Returns to CRP



Long time 'CRP-er' Katie Lindsay is back with us, 15 years after working first working with CRP. Katie joined us full time in 2003, having previously done a two week work placement, and has since worked for local authorities, BIDs and the London Waste and Recycling Board. Katie is supporting CRP on a short-term consultancy basis and has brought with her a wealth of experience in business engagement and sustainability.

Katie said 'I've been delighted to be back at CRP and have a role in the great work that they continue to do to deliver positive regeneration across London.'

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#### **Clean Air Together**

Join CRP for an evening of celebration and inspiration at New London Architecture, led by Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for the Environment and Energy over drinks and canapes.

[RSVP](#) today to secure your place.

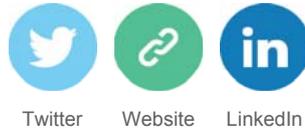
Hosted by New London Architecture (NLA), the event will be held surrounded by Cross River Partnership's month-long Clean Air Together exhibition and the NLA's London Model.

This free event, coinciding with the U.K-wide Clean Air Day, will celebrate and inspire action to clean London's Air, by individuals, by businesses and by government, together.

#CleanAirTogether

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