Welcome to Cross River Partnership’s monthly e-bulletin

Act Now to Keep in Touch!

In 2018 we’ve got some fantastic projects, events and opportunities we want to share with you, like our upcoming Clean Air Together exhibition at New London Architecture.

Due to the new GDPR policy being introduced on 25th May, we need you to opt in to keep receiving our news and opportunities. Simply click the link below to confirm we can keep in touch.

Without your consent you will no longer receive our news after 25th May.

Click here to confirm you want to stay in touch

#CleanAirTogether

Our Clean Air Together event at 6:30pm Thursday 21 June (National Clean Air Day) will celebrate and inspire action to clean London’s Air, by individuals, by businesses and by government, together. There’s still time to register!
Please join the CRP team for an evening of celebration and inspiration, led by Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for the Environment and Energy, over drinks and canapes.

Hosted by New London Architecture (NLA), at the Building Centre, Fitzrovia, the event will be surrounded by Cross River Partnership’s Summer Clean Air Together exhibition and the NLA’s London Model.

This event is brought to you by Cross River Partnership, in association with the Mayor of London, The Northbank BID, The Crown Estate and New London Architecture.

More information and RSVP at www.cleanairtogether.eventbrite.co.uk.

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**Clean Air Villages – Do Get Involved**

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CRP is very happy to start the [Clean Air Villages](#) project funded by Defra’s latest Clean Air Grant. CRP will be delivering the project for lead partner London Borough of Lambeth as well as the four partner boroughs Hammersmith and Fulham, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, and Lewisham. Each partner borough has identified two air pollution hotspots in which the Clean Air Villages project will work with businesses, Business Improvement Districts and communities to make deliveries and servicing more efficient.

As a first step, CRP aims to consult with local organisations to fully understand their specific needs and demand for co-ordinated and tailored solutions. If you are a local business and/or community in one of the ten Clean Air Villages above and would like to get involved, please contact CRP’s Programme Manager, Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer.
Electric Freight Vehicles in Central London: Local Grid Capacity

CRP has produced, on behalf of the Central London Sub Regional Transport Partnership, a report on the issue of local electricity supply in the transition to Electric Freight Vehicles (EFVs). This report is based on CRP’s extensive project delivery experience in this area, as well as background enquiry and discussions with stakeholders involved in energy, regulation, policy and industry.

Currently, freight operators wishing to incorporate electric vehicles into their fleet face the prospect of needing to upgrade the local electricity grid connection where there is insufficient spare capacity for the charging requirements of freight vehicles. This can be costly, legally complex and disruptive, and act as a deterrent to the uptake of EFVs, as well as jeopardise any positive business case. If the benefits of the projected growth in EFVs are to be realised in terms of reduced transport based emissions, this is one of the issues which needs to be addressed, but which is currently not well understood.

The report finds that the market is starting to develop models which can address this, but at all levels better understanding of the issue is necessary, along with the range of solutions available. The report is available to download from the CRP website. CRP has been invited to sit on the Mayor of London’s new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure task force to help tackle these issues.

For further information please contact CRP’s Tom Linton-Smith.
Delivery & Servicing Plans in the Victoria Business Improvement District

Victoria Business Improvement District (BID) is working with its businesses to address the local air quality as part of its Public Realm Vision. Cross River Partnership is pleased to help these businesses make a difference by helping them better manage the flow of goods and services to and from their premises. We do this by supporting businesses to monitor their deliveries over a prescribed period, then analyse the recorded information. Once we identify areas for improvement, we work with them to formulate a suitable deliveries and servicing plan (DSP). The DSP contains actions that, when implemented, lead to a measurable reduction in emissions.

So far, CRP is working with properties managed by Land Securities and Grosvenor, with more businesses looking to employ our services. We look forward to working with more businesses in the Victoria BID area.

For more information, please contact CRP’s Business Engagement Officer, Sefinat Otanu.

Green Sky Thinking 2018 Launch
On 10th and 11th May, Cross River Partnership went to the launch of Green Sky Thinking 2018.

The launch showcased some fantastic urban design projects, all led by a ‘People First’ approach. Co-design allows the community groups that are essentially the consumers or end users of projects to input at the earliest stage of the process, creating spaces that many people are proud of. Projects included the Coal Line, developing a green line through Peckham that has been designed by local people for activities that they are interested in; a Hackathon in Brent Cross to identify ways to develop and improve the area; and Open Water helping to reconnect people with places in London for wild swimming.

For more information visit https://open-city.org.uk/professional/green-sky-thinking/green-sky-thinking-2018/.

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Recruit London Update

Recruit London have successfully secured five administration work placements for their candidates with the Residential Management Group (RMG). Pictured above is Specialist Workplace Coordinator, Nikoleta Gjergji (far left), and three of the candidates on the first day of their placements.
“I am really grateful to Nikki for finding me this opportunity; I know this one month work placement will equip me with the relevant skills and experience to secure paid work. Thank you Nikki.”

“I am loving my work placement at RMG, I’ve learnt so much already and I’ve been given the chance to practice my customer service skills over the phone which is ideal for me. I feel I still have so much more to absorb in order to make the most of this opportunity given. Thank you Nikoletta for your support.”

For more information or to refer clients to our vacancies at Recruit London, please contact Specialist Workplace Coordinator, Nikoletta Gjergji.

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**Recruit London Case Study**

Pasang, a local unemployed resident of Westminster, was referred to the Recruit London project by the Marylebone Job Centre. Pasang found it difficult being out of work but also knew that he did not want to work in a kitchen which was where his experience lay. Pasang was excited to be put forward for an outdoor cleaning role with Incentive FM for Capital & Counties Properties PLC (Capco) and received support from a Recruit London Workplace Coordinator ahead of his job interview. Pasang has settled into his new role well and is really happy to be working outside as a Cleaning Operative.

For further information please contact CRP’s Kate Fenton.

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**Cross River Partnership’s Team Away Day!**
CRP recently had an Away Day. For the first half of the day the CRP team shadowed their fellow colleagues in the many projects CRP delivers. This was done in pairs to ensure full interaction and clearly understand each other’s roles.

The CRP team then made their way to the Duchy Arms pub (based in Kennington) where they had a working lunch led by Westminster City Council’s Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, Julia Corkey. Discussions centred on CRP and its unique selling points. This was an excellent opportunity to take a team photograph seeing as the CRP members are usually based in different offices.

After lunch, CRP made their way to The Foundry, Oval, a short walk away. We all participated in learning activities as well as discussed CRP successes and how to do even better. Many new ideas were generated throughout the day which will now be implemented!

The team ended the day by feeling very appreciated for the hard work they contribute to CRP and its partners, and individuals were given a sense of pride and belonging within the team.

For further information please contact CRP’s Specialist Workplace Coordinator, Nikoletta Gjergji.

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**New CRP Team Member**
Shalini has recently joined CRP’s Recruit London Team as a Specialist Workplace Coordinator where she will be working alongside our other coordinators to support Westminster residents into employment. Shalini will focus on working closely with Westminster residents who are long-term unemployed, or have long-term health conditions, into employment opportunities.

‘I am really excited to be starting at CRP and Recruit London. There are some fantastic opportunities for residents here and I’m looking forward to supporting our Westminster candidates into these exciting roles.’

For more information, please contact Shalini Sawhney.

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**Illuminated River Project Update**
The Illuminated River Foundation has submitted 30 planning applications and 18 applications for listed building consent across seven riverside authorities for its major public art installation Illuminated River that will bring light and colour to the heart of London. This demonstrates the complexity and scope of this ambitious project.

The plans are focusing on Spring 2019 to launch the first phase of the illuminations. The first sites scheduled to be illuminated will be London, Millennium, Southwark and Cannon Street Bridge. The project is due to be completed in 2022.

The public consultation events generated a lot of support for the project with the main appeal for people being the concept of public art. This project will hopefully act as a catalyst for further improvements in the urban realm.

The project will deliver multiple benefits for Londoners’ visitors and the environment. Cross River Partnership appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively with the project partners to help bring this ambitious project to fruition.

For further information, contact CRP’s Uto Patrick.

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Draft London Plan – What’s Next?
Roisin Barrett, William Fieldhouse and David Smith have been appointed to conduct an examination in public (EIP) of the draft London Plan. All three are Planning Inspectors and independent of the Mayor and Greater London Authority (GLA).

The GLA will propose early changes to the Plan, which the inspectors will publish this summer.

Draft matters for consideration will be published in August with a list of organisations that may take part in the EIP.

Organisations that provided feedback on the Draft London Plan can comment on issues raised, write to the Planning Inspectors and, in September, write short statements in support of their stance on issues.

The EIP will be held from November 2018 to March 2019.

Cross River Partnership will provide updates as they are made available. For more information, please contact Susannah Wilks.

Second Round of The Good Growth Fund Begins June 2018
The next round of the Mayor’s Good Growth Fund opens for applications next month. At £70 million, the fund is the Greater London Authority’s (GLA) largest regeneration programme. Working with the London Economic Action Partnership, the fund supports projects that empower Londoners, enhance the city’s places and boost local economies.

The first funding round has supported 27 projects led by public, private and third-sector organisations. There is £20 million available for the second round. The GLA is encouraging collaborative proposals that bring together a variety of partners to focus resources and reap multiple benefits in a local area.

Learn more at one of the three area-based workshops running next month.
