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Delivering Regeneration Together

Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

CRP supporting homeless candidates into work with The Crown Estate



Cross River Partnership has been appointed by The Crown Estate to deliver a new project to support candidates who face homelessness into work, including those in hostels and temporary accommodation. We will work with The Crown Estate's occupiers to secure work placements and other opportunities to help candidates to develop their skills, confidence and experience. Candidates will also receive training to prepare them for the jobs available and the practical support they need in order to return to work. They will then be brokered into work into opportunities that meet their needs. We are really pleased to be able to build on the work we have been doing with The Crown Estate since 2009 to broker local residents into work.

For more information contact [Elizabeth Harris](#)

Specialist Workplace Coordinator Delivering Results



Ana (pictured above) and Sylvia (Specialist Workplace Coordinator) agreed she should seek part time employment and a childcare course. Sylvia helped Ana choose the right course for her, and she is now studying as an Early Years Educator.

Sylvia also helped supported Ana to access a placement at a Montessori Nursery School. Ana also works as a part-time nanny alongside her placement and course.

“At last I feel some normality returning to my life. Sylvia also gave me advice on dealing with my debt with Barclays. Barclays eventually cancelled the debt due to her intervention. I am grateful for all the help I have received and I hope to give back in my own way.”

For more information contact Specialist Workplace Co-coordinator [Sylvia Kankasa](#)

NWEC Air Quality Roundtable



On Wednesday 6th April Cross River Partnership supported New West End Company at their Air Quality Roundtable to gain business input into the New West End Company Air Quality Strategy 2016-2020.

It was attended by businesses and landowners that are leading action against air pollution; Councillor Heather Acton of Westminster City Council; Greater London Authority; and Transport for London. New West End Company will be supporting their members and local businesses in tackling air quality issues by providing useful information; setting up the West End Buyers Club supplier consolidation; developing a business assessment tool and communicating best practice.

The strategy will have its grand launch at the New West End Air Quality Summit on 28th June 2016. At this event businesses will be asked to take action to reduce volume of freight; encourage staff and visitors to cycle and walk; tackle emissions from buildings and increase green infrastructure. The event will also see the launch of the West End Air Quality Awards, supported by the Mayor of London. This exciting project is demonstrating that business is taking air quality seriously, and is working collaboratively to make the West End a cleaner place for visitors and residents alike.

For more information New West End Company will be communicating on the strategy using #westendair or contact CRP Project Manager [Vicky Keeble](#)

The Fitzrovia Partnership launches Air Purification Unit



The [Fitzrovia Partnership](#) is the first Business Improvement District in the UK to install Air Purification Units into the public realm. Air quality in Fitzrovia is some of the worst in the UK, with Tottenham Court Road being one of the top ten most polluted roads in London. As a direct response to air quality issues and as part of The Partnership's commitment to improving and maintaining the local public realm, the BID has partnered with local stakeholders to bring a healthy and beautiful burst of green to The Avenue on Tottenham Court Road, Camden.

The installation is supported with match funding through Cross River Partnership's Mayor's Air Quality Fund programme [Clean Air Better Businesses](#). It is the first of many micro greening sites to be delivered by The Fitzrovia Partnership in an effort to breathe clean air back into London's streets.

The Fitzrovia Partnership BID Manager Lee Lyons said:

"We are very excited to be the first Business Improvement District in the country to pilot such innovative technology to support the Mayor's agenda for cleaner air in London."

Air purification units - or APUs for short - are vertical garden spaces which integrate technology with

plants to capitalise on the natural process of phytoremediation - a process that breaks down pollutants. Current research being conducted by Staffordshire University will soon be published to reveal just how efficient the system is in combatting particulate matter (PM) levels and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) emissions.

For further information contact: [Graham Philpot](#)

End of Financial Year



CRP would like to thank all of its partners and delivery bodies for following our extremely exacting financial process requirements so swiftly, leading up to the end of the public sector financial year on 31st March 2016. We are now working very closely with our accountable body Westminster City Council to finalise all of our figures for the completed financial year 2015/16, and these will be published in CRP's Annual Report and Business Plan as usual next month. CRP has certainly had a very busy year, levering in an extra £1.45 million in addition to the £4.5 million it had already confirmed before the year began. We look forward to continuing to work with all of our partners throughout 2016/17 and beyond.

For more information please contact CRP's Operations Manager [Carol Quamina](#)

FREVUE logistics models



Eight consolidation and distribution centres across five of the FREVUE cities were either set up as part of the project or an electric freight vehicle was integrated in their pre-existing operations. These centres can play an important role in the deployment of electric freight vehicles in city logistics as they can significantly decrease the range required by the vehicles and bring down their cost of ownership.

The logistics models covered in the project range from well-established ones to those that have just become operational and they handle different types of goods (including construction goods, food, pharmaceuticals, packages and waste) in very different locations. Nevertheless, there are certain issues that are reoccurring despite these fundamental differences:

- The difficulties in finding affordable and suitable sites close to city centres
- The time required to establish a consolidation scheme and to gain acceptance amongst key stakeholders
- The importance of close cooperation with all stakeholders, also once a scheme has been implemented
- The need for financial or in-kind support, at least until the scheme is well established
- The difficulties in measuring the effectiveness and impact of such schemes

Detailed analysis of the FREVUE logistics models and their role in the deployment of electric freight vehicles in city logistics will be presented in reports to be published in summer 2017.

The FREVUE (Freight Electric Vehicles in Urban Europe) project is an urban e-mobility project supported by the European Commission.

[Click here](#) for more information or contact [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#)

A day in the life of a CRP Apprentice



Every day as a CRP Apprentice is a different, exciting challenge! As an apprentice, the opportunity to work with energetic, helpful and extremely intelligent individuals in a diversely skilled team is one that isn't taken for granted. There is so much to learn and there are always opportunities to support staff and learn information. Usually the day begins with looking at the most urgent requests for the day. A quick priority list will be made at the very start to give a rough plan of tasks to carry out throughout the day.

There is always support available on hand when needed and I am fortunate enough to have the support of a great line manager, CRP Operations Manager Carol Quamina. The opportunities given to me to carry out work that interests me, means that I can develop skills that I'd like to acquire for the future of my career. Being at CRP has furthered my team skills and has allowed me to collaborate with others to carry out tasks that all fit together to create the wider vision of a project.

I enjoy working at Cross River Partnership and as an Apprentice I feel privileged to be in such a varied

and stimulating environment.

If there is anything I can do to help or advise you, please do not hesitate to contact me, Branavan Sivarajah, by clicking [here](#)

London Borough of Southwark



CRP partner London Borough of Southwark has been nominated for Local Authority of the year award. We wish them the very best of luck!

For more information [click here](#)

London Rivers Week

Date: Monday 27th June – Sunday 3rd July 2016

In 2008, the London Plan set out the challenge of restoring 15 kilometres of river across London by 2015. The reporting for 2015 has shown that more than 17 kilometres of river has been restored across all the catchments in London.

Green Sky Thinking (The Low Line)

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2016

Venue: Hosted by Team London Bridge at Tanner Warehouse, Tanner & Co., Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3UD.

Agenda:

6pm - Guests arrive / registration / drinks

To celebrate this achievement, the London Rivers Restoration Group has established London Rivers Week.

The dates of London Rivers Week this year are Monday 27th June 2016 to Sunday 3rd July 2016.

The objective will be to promote the multiple benefits of river restoration in the capital. We would like the support of partners, boroughs and other interested parties in delivering a series of great events during the week to involve the general public, including walks and talks at river restoration sites. Please let us know your ideas.

We will promote London Rivers Week and the walks and talks that are taking place in everybody's catchments, so that people can sign up – increasing both local and Pan London interest and awareness of our local rivers, the challenges they face, and some of the fantastic work being delivered.

The final deadline for event ideas is 16 May

[For more information click here...](#)

6:30pm - Presentations / discussion

9pm Finish

[Click here](#) to register.

LoCity Annual Conference

TfL's LoCity Programme First Annual Conference

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2016

[Click](#) here for more information

Considerate Cyclists' Concours d'Elegance

Venue: London Nocturne, City of London

Date: Saturday 4 June 2016

Time: 18.30-19.00

Organised by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects,
as part of the London Festival of Architecture 2016, promoted by Cheapside Business Alliance.

For more information [click here](#)

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