Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

CRP Board Feedback

Cross River Partnership’s Board was hosted by The Fitzrovia Partnership on 14th October 2015. Attendees received an update on the GLA Research on BIDs that CRP is supporting, and asked us to put together a joint response on the Central Activity Zone supplementary planning guidance consultation on their behalf. Updates were given on CRP’s wide portfolio of current projects, and agreed on key elements of CRP’s future, including funding opportunities, strengthening our relationship with landowners, our coverage, and our future governance arrangements. Thank you to our many partners that attended, and for your enthusiastic input into the discussion.
Funding success for Recruit London

Our Recruit London initiative has been successful in securing Flexible Support Funding from the South London Jobcentre Plus. This will enable us to support Lambeth residents into retail vacancies in the West End and Covent Garden. Click here for more information...

Cross River Partnership welcomes new recruits

CRP is thrilled that we have three new starters who will deliver our Recruit London project: Benjamin Laryea, Thomas Wagaine and Sylvia Kankasa.
The team are pictured, from left to right: Isabelle Benard – NWEC Workplace Coordinator, Thomas Wagaine – Crown Estate Workplace Coordinator, Nikoletta Gjergji – Project Support Assistant, Sylvia Kankasa – Specialist Workplace Coordinator, Claire James (CJ) – Recruit London Delivery Manager, Benjamin Laryea – Capco Workplace Coordinator. Click here to find out more information...

FREVUE presented at the Milan EXPO

The FREVUE six-monthly partner meeting was held in Milan on 1-2 October 2015 and concluded with a press conference at the EXPO 2015 “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”. Click here for more information...

Supporting Local Talent Event
There is a large pool of talented candidates within Westminster who have disabilities or health conditions, and often employers are missing out on recruiting the best person for their vacancies because they are not accessing them.

Come along to our upcoming event, Supporting Local Talent, to learn how to diversify and strengthen your workforce.

- Date: Thursday 19th November 2015
- Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm – refreshments available
- Place: Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street
- RSVP: Sylvia Kankasa skankasa@westminster.gov.uk

Click here for more information...
CRP attended a programme kick off meeting for our new Freight TAILS project from 29th September to 2nd October in Paris. This meeting was run by the URBACT Secretariat for all 21 successful URBACT III Action Planning Network Lead Partners and Lead Experts. Click here for more information...

Charlotte Knell, cknell1@westminster.gov.uk

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**European Funding Call Opening**

The INTERREG VB North West Europe programme 2nd call is now open, and will close at midday 30th November (CET). CRP will be applying. The programme is focused on delivering measurable results through working together across three themes:
1. Innovation
2. Low Carbon
3. Resource and materials efficiency

More details on this funding opportunity can be found at [www.nweurope.eu/5b](http://www.nweurope.eu/5b).

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**CRP and Lambeth Council welcome Urban Design London to Brixton**

Local authority and TfL planners, regeneration and conservation officers were welcomed to Brixton last week as part of Urban Design For London's programme of training, advice, networking and design surgery events. [Click here for more information...](http://www.nweurope.eu/5b)

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**Mayor welcomes planning changes that will protect London's key business districts**
The Mayor of London has welcomed the Government’s decision to reconsider planning proposals that would have potentially seen valuable office space in the capital turned into homes. Click here for more information...

CRP are on the move!
CRP's Westminster Office is moving to the 15th floor of Westminster City Hall on Monday 2nd November. The move provides the opportunity for co-location with the Policy Team within the Policy, Performance & Communications Directorate as well as slightly more desk space. We would like to thank our accountable body Westminster City Council for their continued support.

Our new address will be:
15th Floor | Westminster City Hall | 64 Victoria Street | London | SW1E 6QP

**Small Business Saturday 5 million small businesses, 1 big day**

Small Business Saturday is on 5th December 2015.

The event is for all kinds of small businesses to get involved, so know that whether you are a family business, local shop, online business, wholesaler, business service or small manufacturer, Small Business Saturday is supporting you!

There are events taking place across the UK, so to get involved, pledge, find out about events or see if there is a small business bus tour running near you [Click here...](#)

**Get your entries in for the AJ Small Project Award 2016**

The annual search has begun for the best small-scale gem built for less than £250,000.

All of the projects entered into the awards will be featured in the AJ Buildings Library with the 24 shortlisted projects published in the AJ and shown off in an exhibition. Closing date: Project must have been completed between 1st January 2014 and 4th December 2015.

For more information on how to enter and the conditions [Click here...](#)