Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

CRP's Public Sector Co-Chair

At its 27th September 2016 meeting, the CRP Board formally ratified the City of London Corporation Councillor Wendy Hyde taking on the CRP Board Public Sector Co-Chair role from her predecessor Councillor George Gillon. A big welcome to Wendy!
Wendy also currently serves on the City of London Corporation Policy and Resources, Finance, Port Health and Environment, Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committees, as well as the Board of the Social Investment Fund. Wendy replaces George after five years of him ably fulfilling the CRP Board Public Sector Co-Chair role. George sat on the CRP Board for 10 years before that. CRP is extremely grateful for everything that George has done for the partnership, and wishes him all the very best for his many other ongoing commitments.

New Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy

CRP welcomes London’s new Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, who started in the role earlier this month.

The new Deputy Mayor is leading the Mayor’s programme for ‘a greener, cleaner London’ and has responsibility for air quality and greening – two areas which CRP and our partners are very active in.

We look forward to continuing to support the Mayor and Deputy Mayor’s work to improve air quality and the environment, alongside our partners.

The Illuminated River
With the release of the Illuminated River concept designs due on 9th November 2016, the shortlisted teams are busy working on their concepts in time for the unveiling.

The six finalist teams are:

• **Adjaye Associates** with Chris Ofili, Thukral & Tagra, Doug Aitken, AKTII, HPF (Hurley Palmer Flatt), Four Communications, DP9, Plan A and DHA Designs
• **AL_A** with Asif Kapadia, Simon Stephens, SEAM Design and GROSS.MAX
• **Diller Scofidio + Renfro** with L’Observatoire International, Arup, Transsolar, Jennifer Tipton and Oliver Beer
• **Les Éclairagistes Associés** with ecqi, ewo, Federico Pietrella, and GVA Lighting Europe
• **Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands** with FuturePace, Leo Villareal, Pentagram, Price & Myers, Atelier Ten, Beckett Rankine and Core Five
• **Sam Jacob Studio** and Simon Heijdens with Electrolight, Daisy Froud and Elliott Wood

Concept designs will be displayed in an open public exhibition from 9th - 29th November 2016 at the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank, with the winners announced on 7th December 2016. Good luck everyone!

[Click here](http://example.com) for further information.

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**Five new Thames River crossings**
Sadiq Khan has given the green light to five new river crossings in East London, including: Silvertown Tunnel, an extension of the DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead, and a pedestrian / cycling bridge linking Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. The majority of funding will come from developer contributions and existing community infrastructure levies.

Mr Khan said: "As we continue to unlock the massive economic potential of East London, we must secure the very best transport infrastructure that improves the quality of life for everyone living and working in the area."

Air Quality and Personal Deliveries
As part of CRP's work to tackle the issue of air pollution in central London, we are partnering with the New West End Company to improve air quality in the West End. This week will see the launch of our personal deliveries campaign.

Did you know that a staggering 40% of deliveries to workplaces are staff personal deliveries? We are working with businesses to help redirect these deliveries to collection points which have the benefits of reducing congestion in central London, saving businesses staff time and improving air quality.

Find out how you can redirect your deliveries. For more information on how we are combatting the issue of air pollution take a look at the New West End Company's Air Quality Hub.

Please contact Charlotte Healy for more information.
CRP is providing project management services to The Fitzrovia Partnership BID to deliver its ambitious sustainability objectives.

Jane Overington, CRP’s resident Transport Project Officer, is working in-house with The Fitzrovia Partnership to continue the delivery of their freight consolidation, and commercial waste and recycling schemes. Jane is championing a cleaner, greener Fitzrovia with high quality public realm additionally addressing air quality issues.

This initiative continues CRP’s cross-functional and multi-agency agenda; supporting Business Improvement Districts, Boroughs, the Greater London Authority and Transport for London to make London a great place to live, work and do business.
CRP’s Greening the BIDs video produced with design agency Hudson Fuggle has won a Silver Award in the EVCOM 2016 Clarion Awards. Well done to all partners and funders involved, including the GLA, Drain London, TfL and Natural England!

This is great news for the Greening the BIDs project, following so soon after being shortlisted for an Estates Gazette ‘Collaborators Award’ in September.

Click here to view the prize-winning video, which includes showcase projects at CRP partners Better Bankside, Team London Bridge and Vauxhall One.

The Royal Opera House
The Royal Opera House (ROH) have partnered with CRP’s Specialist Workplace Coordinator, part of Recruit London, to assist in their aim to diversify their workforce.

We were invited to help with recruiting their Front of House staff. These roles are highly sought after and the recruitment process is extremely competitive; applications are capped at 500 for 25 positions.

We devised a lesson plan around the ROH competences to increase the chances of success for our client group. Although the assessments were extremely competitive, our candidate John (pictured) achieved a job outcome!

John had encountered some health issues that had resulted in some time spent recuperating. He had been unemployed since November 2015. Congratulations to John!

For more information contact CRP Specialist Workplace Co-coordinator Sylvia Kankasa.

CamdenAbility Network
The CamdenAbility Network welcomes it's 10th member!

This month saw the CamdenAbility project welcome Kier and University College London to its ever expanding network of Camden based organisations, working with CRP to develop diverse workforces and conditions where people with disabilities can flourish and thrive.

Confirmed network members are:

- John Lewis Partnership
- Mott MacDonald
- Wellcome Trust
- Focus Carelink
- Camden Council
- Unison
- Willis Towers Watson
- University College London
- Camden and Islington NHS Trust
- Kier

CRP's Camden Specialist Workplace Coordinator Parma Sira is working closely with these organisations, designing innovative employment strategies and establishing inclusive recruitment methods to increase the jobs market for disabled residents.

The project is delivered in partnership with the Business Disability Forum, who have over 25 years of experience supporting their 300+ members become disability-smart. It is funded by Camden Council and the Department for Work and Pensions.
The Living Wage Week is being held 31st October to 5th November 2016. During this week, the new London Living Wage for the year ahead will be announced by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, who has said “paying the London Living Wage should be a badge of honour for employers – and it makes good business sense too. As well as making a real difference to their employees’ quality of life, businesses experience significant benefits through increased productivity and reduced staff turnover.”

The wage is currently £9.40 per hour, enabling those working and living in London to pay for the essentials they need to live, and cope with unforeseen circumstances. Employers can sign up to become a Living Wage Employer to demonstrate their commitment to supporting their workforce.

CRP encourages employers to pay the London Living Wage, as we know through our Recruit London project that paying this helps businesses attract and retain the best staff, makes people feel valued for the work they are doing and means work is a genuine route out of poverty.

Click here to find out more about The Living Wage.

Click here to find out more about Recruit London.

CRP present to US EU Study Tour on Urban Freight
Cross River Partnership presented our two European funded urban freight projects to a small US delegation of local, state and federal representatives during late September.

This Urban Freight Study Tour, organised in conjunction with EC, started with two days in London hearing from various EU funded projects, including CRP’s FREVUE and Freight TAILS projects, before moving on to Brussels to meet with representatives of the EC DG for Mobility and Transport and seeing more projects in action.

The delegation discussed urban freight management problems such as traffic congestion, levels of awareness, concerns around safety, how to maintain economic competitiveness whilst minimising greenhouse gas emissions and negative impacts on air quality, lack of data; and urban freight management solutions such as consolidation centres, electric freight vehicles, working together, use of technology, off-hours deliveries, integrated urban freight to all areas of urban planning.

These discussions are very familiar to us here in London, and we hope that continued liaison and joint working with stakeholders beyond Europe will lead to more robust and effective solutions being developed and deployed.

Please contact Charlotte Knell or Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer for more information.
CRP is recruiting!

Due to extra funded delivery contracts secured, CRP is recruiting for an additional Deliver London Project Officer.

Please circulate via your networks, or to anyone you think may be interested in applying.

Click here for link to the vacancy.

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London Culture Forum

LONDON CULTURE FORUM CONFERENCE 2016

The Golden Thread – The role of culture in successful place-making


Hosted by Somerset House Trust

On 1 November 2016 the London Culture Forum will be hosting its first conference at Somerset House. This one-day event will bring together inspiring speakers and professionals from across the local government sector around the theme “The Golden Thread: Culture for Local Authorities”

Date: 1st November 2016
Time: 10am – 5.30pm (registration from 9.30am)
Registration will close on 26 October 2016.

Download the full programme here

Click here for more information about speakers, ticket prices and cancellations

The Illuminated River Exhibition

It’s finally here! On the 9th - 29th November 2016 at the Royal Festival Hall, the concept designs for the Illuminated River Competition will be unveiled. There is no admission charge and it will be open to the public.

The details are as follows:

Date: 9th - 29th November 2016
Time: 10am - 10pm
Location: Royal Festival Hall (level 3 Blue Side Promenade), Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XX

Click here for more information

FREVUE and ZeEUS

5th EU Electromobility Stakeholder Forum

Thon Hotel City Center, 22 – 23 March 2017
 Brussels, Belgium

The 5th EU Electromobility Stakeholder Forum will take place at the Thon Hotel City Center in Brussels on 22 and 23 March 2017.

Join FREVUE and ZeEUS for this free, 2-day long event that will bring together high level
representatives from industry, research organisations, policy makers and experts to discuss the future of electromobility. The event will also provide an opportunity to hear from a number of projects around electromobility and their achievements, results and lessons learnt.

An invitation to register will follow. For now, please SAVE THE DATE!

**Venue Information**
Thon Hotel City Center
17, avenue du Boulevard
1210 Brussels
Belgium

**Hotel room pre-booking:**
Hotel rooms have been pre-booked at the reduced rate of 130€/per night including breakfast.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please download the booking form and send it back to: reservations@thonhotels.be before the 21.02.2017.


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