Welcome to Cross River Partnership's December Update

Cross River Partnership team members were delighted to donate food, clothes and toiletries to the Trussell Trust foodbank last week. The foodbank put together emergency 3 day packs for Westminster residents who are experiencing financial hardship. They work with front-line care professionals who identify people in crisis and give them a voucher which can be exchanged for a pack.

CRP’s Transport and Sustainability Manager Tom kindly cycled the donations via cargo bike to the drop-off point at Westminster Chapel. If you would like to read more about how you can support the foodbank, visit the website here.
CRP attended a lively TfL Freight Forum earlier this week, hosted by the City of London Corporation, focusing on the Mayor’s Vision Zero and TfL’s soon to be launched Freight Action Plan. Read more.

In November CRP’s specialist workplace co-ordinator Michaela Jackson has secured 4 potential job starts, registered 16 unemployed Westminster residents and confirmed 1 into a job. Read more.

On behalf of the Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership, CRP have commissioned a study to establish a baseline of current best practice in the use of cargo cycles and light electric vehicles for city centre freight, transport and logistics applications. This will be particularly important with the introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone in London, and the new strategic aims announced in the Mayor’s Transport Strategy. The low carbon consultancy Element Energy are due to provide their final report by March 2019. Read more.

CRP have now submitted a strategic response to the Transport for London (TfL) consultation on the proposed changes to bus routes in central London in collaboration with CRP partner boroughs and BIDs. Read more.

All 20 of the Clean Air Villages project seminars have now been completed. Local businesses came together to discuss how to save time and money, and improve local air quality through delivery and servicing. Read more.

Specialist Workplace Coordinator Nikoletta Gjergji has provided ongoing support to Westminster resident Meera since April 2018.
After a period of ill health and unemployment, Nikki helped Meera secure a Ceremonies Usher role at Old Marylebone Town Hall.

"Meera is an eager, enthusiastic young woman. She is great at communicating face to face... [and] I can see every time I work with her she is growing in confidence" - Rocky Akbar, Senior Usher. Read more.

In 2018 the Smart Electric Urban Logistics (SEUL) project has demonstrated the technical capabilities of the smart charging system which has been deployed at global logistics company UPS’s Kentish Town depot. There has been substantial interest in this project, with UPS welcoming the London Deputy Mayor for Environment Shirley Rodrigues to its depot this year. Read more.
Entries for the **Great British Market Awards** 2019 close on 31 December! NAMBA want to celebrate and promote the excellent markets that can be found in our communities, particularly London. [Read more.](#)

Capital Arches Group Ltd have continued to support [Recruit London](#) by offering employment opportunities to many Westminster residents, including those with disabilities, across all of their McDonald’s Restaurants. [Read more.](#)

In 2018 CRP have been delivering an air quality business engagement project for the [London Borough of Haringey](#). We have engaged with local businesses in Crouch End to discuss how the business community can help reduce air pollution.

59 businesses have completed an air quality survey and 24 have had a further one-to-one discussion with CRP regarding their practices. [Read more.](#)

[CamdenAbility](#) held an extremely popular employer network meeting at the [Alan Turing Institute](#) this month. Guest speakers from [Leonard Cheshire](#) and [Mind](#) spoke about their innovative projects for disabled job seekers.

To end the year, CamdenAbility will hold a site tour, network meeting and ‘meet the candidate’ event on 18 December. [Read more.](#)
In November, RecruitLondon have achieved 82 candidate registrations, 38 of who were unemployed for 12+ months, and 31 job starts. On average, we help save the employer £3000 in recruitment fees. Read more.

CRP welcomes Laura Jacklin, our new Business Engagement Officer who will be working with the Deliver London team on the Clean Air Villages project. Read more.

CRP is very pleased to have won all of these awards with and for our partners during 2018, in recognition of the innovative projects that we are delivering together in London.

We look forward to continuing to design and deliver exciting partnership projects together with our public, private and community partners throughout 2019 and beyond.

CRP wishes all its partners, colleagues and customers a joyful Christmas! Our office will be closing for the Christmas break on Friday 21st of December 2018, and we will be re-opening on Wednesday 2nd of January 2019. If you have any urgent queries over that period, please do not hesitate to contact Susannah Wilks.

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