LiveShare Toolkit – Thursday 16th July 2020

Parks and Open Green Spaces: Keeping Our Air Clean in a Post-Covid Era


Cross River Partnership was joined by Parks for London and Global Urban Design for an insightful discussion on the importance of parks and open green spaces in keeping our air clean in a post-Covid era. The session offered insight into the mental and physical health benefits of parks and open green spaces, looking at international, national and city-level examples, and analysed the role of green spaces for placemaking in urban design through green infrastructure, particularly important when creating a green recovery from COVID-19 and the lockdown. This was also an opportunity to launch Cross River Partnership’s latest guidance document, Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience, to support partners with implementing parklets as part of the Healthy Streets Everyday programme. For the full recording of the LiveShare, please see here.

Useful resources for re-opening safely and sustainably:
Please see these useful resources for information and guidance on how to build back better, safely and sustainably through parks and open spaces.

Guidance documents

- Imperial College London’s report on air quality safety: https://bit.ly/3h2i5cG
- Landscape Institute journal – Bringing Nature into the City: https://bit.ly/30upRFN


Hackney Council parklets guidance: [https://hackney.gov.uk/parklets](https://hackney.gov.uk/parklets)

**Cross River Partnership (CRP) project materials and guidance**

- CRP Click Collect Clean Air tool: [https://clickcollect.london/](https://clickcollect.london/)
- CRP Healthy Streets Everyday page: [https://crossriverpartnership.org/projects/healthy-streets-everyday/](https://crossriverpartnership.org/projects/healthy-streets-everyday/)
- CRP’s COVID-19 support page: [https://crossriverpartnership.org/covid19/](https://crossriverpartnership.org/covid19/)
- CRP’s newsletter: [https://crossriverpartnership.org/newsletter/](https://crossriverpartnership.org/newsletter/)
- CRP’s website, LinkedIn and Twitter pages
- CRP Green Capitals video: [https://vimeo.com/188308733](https://vimeo.com/188308733)

**Legislation changes and funding opportunities**

- TfL’s Healthy Streets approach: [https://bit.ly/32mMVZx](https://bit.ly/32mMVZx)
• Healthy Streets: https://healthystreets.com/

• London’s National Park City initiative: https://nationalparkcity.london/

• Future Parks Accelerator Programme: http://www.futureparks.org/toolkit/future-parks-accelerator

Inspiring Case Studies

• Crown Estate’s Wild West End initiative: http://www.wildwestend.london/about

• Greenkeeper tool: http://www.greenkeeperuk.co.uk/

• Health Parks: https://www.healthparks.co.uk/

• Hammersmith BID’s award winning parklets in Hammersmith Grove: https://bit.ly/3ezHo4n

• The CityMaking!Wien tool used in Vienna to encourage parklets: https://citymaking.wien/en/


Local Authority Support


• City of London City Parks and Green Spaces COVID guidance: https://bit.ly/2CFsH2p

• Islington Council Parks page: https://bit.ly/30iRd18

• RBKC Parks and Open Spaces strategy 2016-2025: https://bit.ly/3h4jmQn


• LB Richmond Parks and Open Spaces page: https://bit.ly/3ezl8qb
Useful News Articles and Other Resources

- World Wildlife Federation – Pollution page and impacts on wildlife and biodiversity: [https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/pollution](https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/pollution)
- Perth in Western Australia’s parklet trial success: [https://bit.ly/3fFOs0l](https://bit.ly/3fFOs0l)
- Google Community Mobility Reports: [https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/](https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/)
- High Line: The Inside Story of New York City's Park in the Sky, by Joshua David and Robert Hammond
- Centre for London’s data on the changing travel habits during lockdown: Part 1 and Part 2

Further Information

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