

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP

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Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update



Celebrating Car Free Day 2020

Car Free Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd of September 2020 globally and on Sunday 20th September 2020 in London. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the plans for a number of Car Free Day events around the world, however, there will still be great opportunities to promote walking and cycling and playing outside through digital events this year.

[Read more](#)



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Healthy Streets Everyday's School Streets Hotline is busier than ever!

As September quickly approaches and children start preparing to return to school, many local authorities across London have been busy implementing School Streets. As a result, the Hackney School Streets Hotline provided by CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) (HSE) project, has been busier than ever!

[Read more here](#)



Vehicle idling action



New LiveShare - 'Keeping Our Air Clean: It's Everyone's Responsibility'

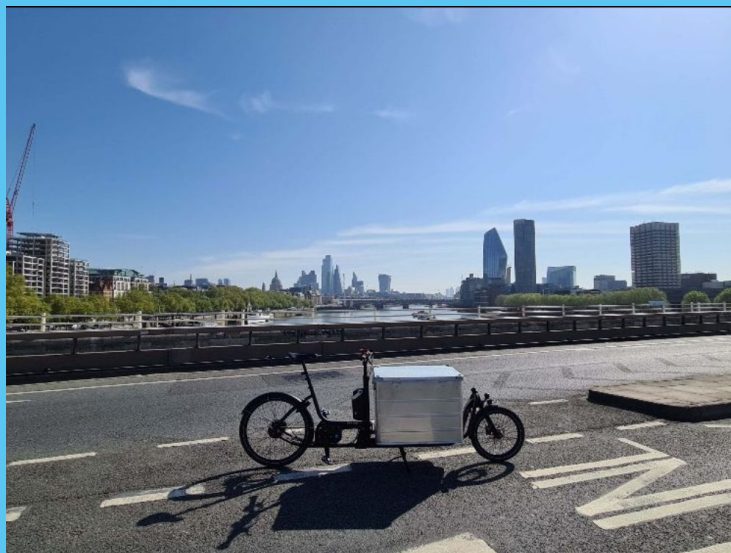
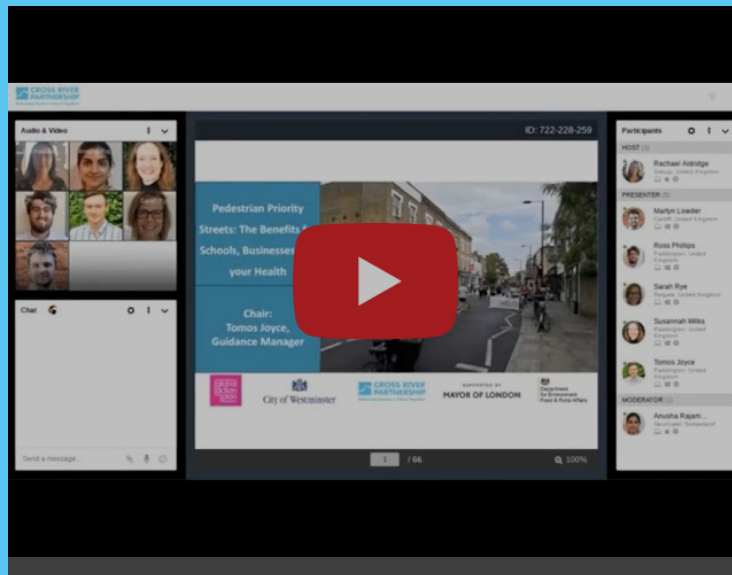
Join us for CRP's next online, interactive LiveShare session THIS THURSDAY at 2pm! We will be joined by the London wide [Idling Action](#) campaign to discuss the steps you can take as an individual or business to help improve air pollution in your local area. We will also hear from [CleanCar](#) who will be sharing their innovative tool informing users of sustainable alternatives to combustion engine vehicles, promoting behaviour change through data collection. Finally, we will cover Cross River Partnership's [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages](#) programme, highlighting the pioneering trials being rolled out across London to help businesses and local authorities operate more sustainably through the use of eco-friendly delivery options.

Be quick, spaces are limited!

[Register Here](#)

Missed our latest LiveShare on Pedestrian Priority Streets: Benefits for Schools, Businesses and your Health? Watch the whole event below, and read our dedicated [Pedestrian Priority Streets tool kit](#) for more information and resources.

You can see our full library of LiveShare events on our [Videos page](#).



The Clean Air Villages project pedals forwards

[Clean Air Walking Routes](#) are being developed for each of the village areas. These routes will offer alternative A to B walking journeys that result in reduced exposure to pollutants and some will direct people past places of interest and / or shops.

CRP's [CAV](#) team are speaking with businesses and organisations local to the villages in order to find out how operations have changed since lockdown was imposed in March. The team are also offering advice and guidance on how businesses can save time and money whilst improving local air quality.

In some of the village locations, traffic monitoring devices are being installed which will provide partners with valuable information that can be used by CRP to calculate vehicle emissions. The devices will also monitor pedestrian movements which can provide project partners with valuable information about social distancing.

For further information, please contact CRP's Kate Fenton: katefenton@crossriverpartnership.org



Totally Thames 2020

The Totally Thames 2020 programme is [now live!](#)

From 1-30th September 2020 the festival is celebrating the River Thames with arts events, active adventures, environmental initiatives, heritage and education programmes. Get involved!

[Rivers of the World](#) is teaming up schools and artists from around the world to bring children together, creating art about the rivers they love and at the same time learning about cleaning up our planet.

CRP is proud to have been involved with the festival right from its beginning!

CRP's latest Thames project, [Clean Air Thames](#), is working to clean up harmful emissions along the river, working with vessel operators, the [Port of London Authority](#), the [City of London Corporation](#) and the [Mayor of London](#).

(Image credit: [The Ship of Tolerance](#) by Ilya and Emilia Kabakov. Produced by the [Kabakov Foundation](#) and [Art, Action Change](#) in association with [Thames Festival Trust](#))

[See the full programme here](#)



It is OK not to be OK

We all need to prioritise looking after our own health and wellbeing first so that we are then able to look after loved ones, friends and colleagues.

CRP's accountable body, [Westminster City Council](#), recognises the value of ensuring that the emotional wellbeing of staff is of utmost importance and have implemented departmental Wellbeing Pioneers as part of the commitment to

the Healthy Workplace Charter. The Wellbeing Pioneers are a group of staff who are passionate about health and wellbeing. They are from all areas and levels across the council and champion health and wellbeing in their business areas, helping to plan initiatives, support and deliver activities and signpost colleagues.

The Pioneers have developed dedicated pages on the Council's intranet providing staff with a wealth of tips, information and support, along with information on [Five Ways to Wellbeing](#). Some of the activities undertaken virtually to date have included bingo, yoga sessions, mindfulness, knitting and craft sessions and staff choir.

For further information please contact CRP's [Carol Quamina](#)



Grow Back Greener – the Mayor of London's new fund NOW OPEN!

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are [now open](#) to civil society organisations and local authorities to deliver projects across London that will improve and create green spaces, green the built environment, and help adapt to climate change.

Examples could include improving parks, creating community gardens, cleaning up nature reserves and waterways, installing sustainable drainage, planting trees or greening streets! The fund is prioritising projects located in areas of the city with poor access to open space and nature.

DEADLINE for applications is 5pm on Monday 5 October.

[Find out more and apply](#)

More Funding Opportunities



Stronger Communities Fund

The final round of Stronger Communities funding will support sport and physical activity projects tackling levels of loneliness and social isolation that have increased due to the COVID-19 lockdown and social distancing measures. [Read more and apply.](#)



Back to Business Fund

The Mayor of London's £1m Back to Business Fund offers up to £5,000 in match funding to small and independent businesses through the Pay It Forward London crowdfunding platform. [Read more and apply.](#)



London Growth Hub's 'Grants for SMEs to Access Specialist Support'

The ERDF Grant for SMEs to Access Support will launch in September 2020. Register your interest on the London Growth Hub's website [here](#).



Tesco's 'Bags of Help Covid-19 Communities Fund'

The programme will provide a single payment award of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups, as part of their emergency response in supporting local communities. [Read more and apply](#).



Culture at Risk - Business Support Fund

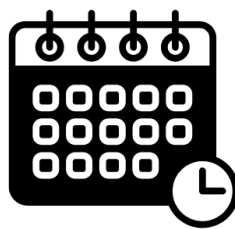
The [Mayor of London](#) launched an emergency £2.3m fund to help some of London's most at risk creative and night time businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak. The targeted fund is designed to help grassroots music and LGBTQ+ venues, creative workspaces and independent cinemas. [Read more and apply](#).



Small Business Grants Fund, the Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grants Fund and the Discretionary Grants Fund

The Government is closing the above funds on **Friday 28th August**. [See more information here](#) and contact your local council if you think you are eligible.

Dates for your Diary:



- 26th August, 10:30am - Safer Business Network - Understanding Covid 19 safety measures and your responsibilities. [Register here](#).
- 26th August, 11am - Funding opportunities at your fingertips - Introduction to Grantfinder. City of Westminster Libraries & Archives. [Register here](#).
- 26th August, 8pm - Mums For Lungs: School Streets webinar. [Register here](#).
- 27th August, 2pm - CRP LiveShare - Keeping Our Air Clean: It's Everyone's Responsibility. [Register here](#).
- 31st August, 5pm - London Growth Hub's Business Accelerator Programme **APPLICATION DEADLINE**. [Register here](#).

- 3rd September, 10am - Pitch to Perfection: Win with Investors - COVID-19 Business Help Series. London Growth Hub. [Register here](#).
- 1st - 30th September - Totally Thames Festival. [Register for events here](#).
- 3rd September, 4pm - Resilience First - Helping Small Businesses Recover webinar. [Register here](#).
- 7th September - International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. [Read more](#).
- 10th September, 10am - Public Relations for Small Businesses - COVID-19 Business Help Series. London Growth Hub. [Register here](#).



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