

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP

Delivering London's Future Together

Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update



CRP's LiveShare Sessions: Keep Informed

We are now over three quarters of the way through our programme of 16 LiveShares, and we would like to thank all of those who have attended, contributed and presented so far! We have been joined by experts from across the industries of transport, business and environment, discussing a range of topics to help facilitate knowledge sharing and lessons of best practice.

We are continuing to bring industry experts together and CRP's next LiveShare will be no exception. Make sure you tune in on **Thursday 12th November, 2pm**. This session will look at how London has changed since the pandemic, assessing the contribution of its green and accessible spaces. We will be joined by the [London Borough of Lambeth](#), [The Association of Directors of Public Health \(UK\)](#), [Wheels for Wellbeing](#) and our very own [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme.

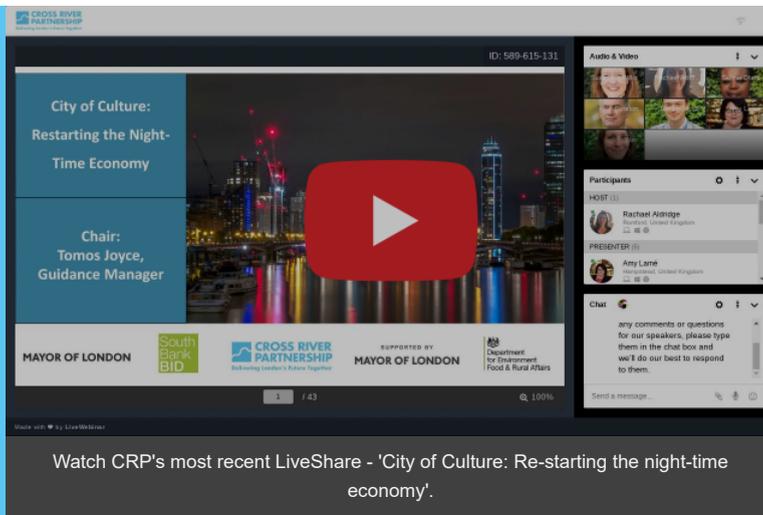
During the session, CRP will launch its Mobility Guidance Document, helping London work towards becoming an accessible city for all.

Sign up [here](#) to reserve a space!

If you are not able to make a session, don't worry! All of our LiveShares are posted on our [YouTube](#) channel for you to view and share whenever you like. Remember to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to receive all our LiveShare updates and upcoming sessions. We hope to see you very soon!

For more information, please contact CRP Guidance Manager [Tomos Joyce](#).

[Register here](#)



Watch CRP's most recent LiveShare - 'City of Culture: Re-starting the night-time economy'.



Watch our CAV3 Introductory Videos!

With everything now being virtual, CRP wanted to bridge our people and projects by putting together short videos for CRP's [Clean Air Villages \(CAV\)](#) programme. The CAV videos are aimed at locals within each of CAV's 16 villages, where they can hear from CRP's Project Officers about potential Air Quality solutions being explored. What's most special about the videos is that they feature a range of local community stakeholders such as Ward Councillors, local council representatives and BID managers who call out to businesses and community members on the importance and long-term benefits of a sustainable and green recovery from COVID-19.

Villages videos have been created with [Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea](#), [London Borough of Richmond upon Thames](#), [King's College Hospital \(Lambeth\)](#), [South Bank BID](#) and [The Fitzrovia Partnership](#) (see **Chief Operation Officer [Lee Lyons](#)** above).

Each village is diverse in terms of the CAV objectives, ranging from hospitals, communities and businesses thus, showcasing the variety within CAV villages and our work. **Please watch the videos on our [YouTube channel](#).**

For more information, please contact CRP Project Officer [Anusha Rajamani](#).



Take a look at CRP's Clean Air Villages video with King's College Hospital. There was a real desire from the hospital community to gain more information on local air quality - this inspired the local solution of a Citizen Science Air Quality Monitoring Project.



CRP's Spotlight On: Better Bankside

This week, we are showcasing the work of CRP BID partner [Better Bankside](#), who are working on active travel initiatives in the vibrant, creative area spanning between London Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge, south of the river. Hear what [Kate Poulter](#) has to say about Better Bankside's most recent work:

Better Bankside has further ramped up its cycling offer to encourage Banksiders who are keen to adopt a new way of commuting to choose a bike. For the last few months, [Bankside Bike Trains](#) have given first time or nervous cyclists the opportunity to practise their commute into the area by joining rides led by qualified instructors. The Bike Trains pick up from various London stations and make return trips to and from Bankside, boosting the confidence of those who may not have been certain enough to cycle alone.

To overcome concerns about where to safely store a bike, Better Bankside also launched the a new [Secure Cycle Park](#) with increased capacity and a digital, contact free entry system which allows access 24/7. Almost 100 local employees are already registered. More regular [Dr Bike sessions](#) have been taking place in outdoor spaces to offer free basic bike checks to Banksiders and we've partnered a local repair shop to offer free bike maintenance vouchers to local employees.

[Read more](#)

New Restrictions: What You Need To Know

New national restrictions have been set out since 5th November to prevent the spread of COVID-19. New measures include:

Stay at home - you must not leave/be outside your home expect for specific purposes, including essential activity, work, medical reasons, education and childcare. In general, you must not meet with another person socially, however you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your [support bubble](#), or with one other person. Public outdoor places include

neighbourhood streets, parks, benches, public gardens and grounds, allotments and outdoor playgrounds.

In order to reduce social contact, the regulations require some businesses to close to impose restrictions on how some businesses provide goods and services. These include non-essential retail, however these venues can continue to be able to operate click-and-collect and delivery services.

Financially, flexibility of the current [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) (CJRS) will be retained to allow employees to continue to work where they can. The [Job Support Scheme](#) will not be introduced until after the CJRS ends. The Government has also published [guidance for local authorities](#) on paying grants to support businesses during the November to December 2020 national lockdown and periods of local restrictions. This includes the [Local Restrictions Support Grants](#) (LRSG) and [Additional Restrictions Grant](#) (ARG). You can read a summary of all the financial support available [here](#).

In terms of business loans, the Government's three Coronavirus business interruption loan schemes – the [Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#) (CBILS), the [Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#) (CLBILS) and the [Bounce Back Loan Scheme](#) (BBLs) – will be extended to 31 January 2021. The [Future Fund](#) will also be extended. [Find out more here](#).

[Read full Government guidance here](#)



Mayor's London Business Hub

If you haven't done so already, do take a look at the [Mayor of London's](#) re-vamped [London Business Hub](#) website. There's all sorts of information, advice and guidance available to support your business through the pandemic, Lockdown No.2, and beyond that the transition out of the EU. The information is presented in really digestible formats, including videos, podcasts, case studies etc. Let's get through this together!

[Take a look at the London Business Hub](#)



What are Smart Local Energy Systems and why do we need them?

Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES) are difficult to define, with each aspect – ‘smart’, ‘local’, and even ‘energy system’ – open to various interpretations. The scale, approach, technologies and stakeholders can therefore vary from one system to the next. Common ground can be found, however, in the benefits SLES aim to achieve, and the barriers they must overcome.

CRP's [EV Fleet-centred Local Energy System \(EFLES\)](#) project is providing a business case for commercial fleets to integrate EVs within a Smart Local Energy System. EFLES aims to unlock new revenue streams and reduce operational costs for EV fleet operators. The project is being delivered alongside [UPS](#), [UK Power Networks Services](#) and [Moixa](#) as part of Innovate UK's [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund](#).

For more information, please contact CRP Air Quality Analysis Officer [Abby McDougall](#).

[Read more](#)

WHICH ELECTRIC VEHICLE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

We have FREE telematic dongles to help measure your current vehicle's use and match you with the perfect electric vehicle to switch to!

If your business is in one of our 16 Clean Air Villages across London, or you are a supplier to these areas, we'd love to hear from you.

To register your interest, please email laurajacklin@crossriverpartnership.org



How does it work?

1. Tell us your vehicle type
2. A dongle is posted to you
3. You install the dongle and drive normally
4. We handle all the rest!



Final call for FREE telematics dongles for business vehicles & new exemptions to the ULEZ

The [Ultra-Low Emission Zone](#) will expand on **25th October 2021**. If your vehicle is not eligible, then perhaps it is time to consider switching to an electric vehicle.

CRP's Defra-funded [Clean Air Villages 3 project](#) is able to offer you a free device that you attach to your vehicle. It monitors your usage and you will receive analysis of this information to ascertain whether there is a suitable electric vehicle model on the market for your business needs.

This is **FREE**, but the deadline for interest is **Friday 13th November 2020**. Do get in touch before it's too late.

Minibuses used by not-for-profits will have a grace period of two years, from the expansion date of 25th October 2021, exempting them from the ULEZ daily charge. Further information can be found on the [discounts and exemptions page](#) of TfL's website.

For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

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CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

London Climate Action Week

[London Climate Action Week \(LCAW\)](#), 14th - 20th November, is an annual event that puts a world-leading assemblage of climate professionals and communities to come together with solutions to climate change, focusing on transition to an equitable net-zero carbon world. CRP continues to work with partners engaged in climate action - London Boroughs of [Islington](#), [Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea](#), [Richmond-Upon-Thames](#), [Westminster](#), [Camden](#), [Lambeth](#), [Hammersmith & Fulham](#), [Merton](#) and [Wandsworth](#) are examples of partners declaring a climate emergency. You can see the full list of boroughs declaring a climate emergency [here](#).

CRP are hosting an online event for London Climate Action Week with [Camden Climate Change Alliance](#), taking place on **19th November, 10:30am**, giving businesses the opportunity to learn more about the support and CRP tools offered in the CAV village of Gray's Inn Road, Camden including how to:

- Access free tailored 1:2:1 advice from CRP for your business
- Receive free use of Camden's consolidation hub to reduce deliveries, congestion and pollution
- Use CRP's [Clean Air Route Finder](#)
- Use CRP's [deliverBEST](#) tool to share practical, proven solutions, making deliveries to businesses more efficient, whilst saving time, money and improving air quality
- Use The [Gray's Inn Road page](#) on the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) to choose suppliers with low air pollution delivery options

To find out more and sign up, please see [here!](#)

[Read more](#)



It's #LivingWageWeek 2020!

The campaign for a real [Living Wage](#) has now delivered more than £1 billion in extra wages to workers since it began in 2001, and the movement has lifted over 240,000 people out of in-work poverty. At Cross River Partnership, we are proud to be a Living Wage accredited organisation in line with our accountable body, [Westminster City Council](#), joining thousands of other businesses across the UK who believe a hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay.

Research since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that 1.3 million key workers (care workers, delivery drivers, supermarket assistants, cleaners,

security staff and many more) have been found to be earning less than a real Living Wage and were in insecure working conditions. Now is the time to raise awareness and recognise our essential workforce with an essential Living Wage.

Become a Living Wage organisation



World Science Day 2020

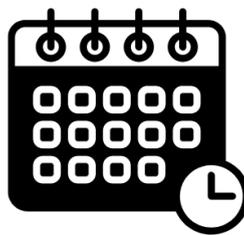
Today is [World Science Day for Peace and Development!](#) This year, the focus is on 'Science for and with Society', strengthening the links between science and society to resolve global challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic. The three pillars of this year's focus are:

1. Promoting international scientific cooperation, fostering the exchange of information between the various scientists, civil groups and the public
2. Improving access to water and sanitation, critical to slowing the spread of the pandemic
3. Supporting ecological reconstruction, considering the links between people and nature

Please visit the [UNESCO website](#) for more information.

#ScienceDay

Dates for your Diary:



- 11th November, 10am. NLA Report Launch: Zero Carbon London. NLA. [Register here.](#)
- 12th November, 10am. Squint/Opera's Immersive Tour of Spaceform, A Virtual Collaboration Platform. NLA. [Register here.](#)
- 12th November, 11am. Reducing Costs and Improving Sustainability. CRP, The Fitzrovia Partnership and First Mile Recycling. [Register here.](#)
- 12th November, 2pm. A Greener and More Accessible London: Achieving Environmental Inclusivity. CRP. [Register here.](#)
- 13th November, 10am. Planning for the Future - London's View. NLA. [Register here.](#)
- 13th November, 3pm. Virtual Tour - Suffragette City. Footprints of London. [Book here.](#)
- 13th November - 15th November, 5pm - 5pm. London Climathon 2020. Imperial College London, Impact Hub, Terra Institute. [Register here.](#)

- 16th November, 3pm. London & The Oxcam Arc - A City Dialogue. NLA. [Register here](#).
- 17th November, 9am. Future of Work: Recruiting Talent and Implications of Remote Working. London & Partners. [Register here](#).
- 19th November, 10:30am. Support for Businesses and Improving Air Quality in Grays Inn Road, Camden. CRP and Camden Climate Chance Alliance. [Register here](#).
- 25th November, 11am. Setting up in London: Business set up and Immigration. London & Partners. [Register here](#).
- 26th November, 11am. Using digital twins to deliver carbon neutral operations. Urbano Speaker Panel. [Register here](#).
- 4th December, 10:30am. Re-London Business Hub Property Advice Service programme. London Business Hub. [More information here](#).
- 8th December, 9am. Accessing London's life sciences opportunities. London & Partners. [Register here](#).



Cross River Partnership is an alliance of Angel London, Better Bankside BID, Brixton BID, Cadogan, Camden Town Unlimited BID, Cheapside Initiative, City of Westminster, City of London Corporation, Euston Town BID, Greater London Authority, Groundwork London, Hammersmith London BID, Hatton Garden BID, London and Partners, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Islington, London Borough of Lambeth, London Borough of Lewisham, London Borough of Southwark, London Borough of Wandsworth, Marble Arch BID, Midtown BID, Network Rail, Paddington BID, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, South Bank BID, Team London Bridge BID, The Fitzrovia Partnership BID, The Northbank BID, Transport for London, Vauxhall One BID, Victoria BID.

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