

THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR: PROTECTING AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



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[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP) hosted a Human Rights Day LiveShare special to recognise the role of air pollution as a threat to basic human rights. The role of air quality in furthering deprivation has come under more scrutiny during the Covid-19 pandemic as cities need to systematically improve living conditions to reduce exposure in as many ways possible.

This LiveShare, expert speakers included Matt Towner from [Guy's and St. Thomas' Trust Charity](#) to discuss the disparities in air quality that marginalises vulnerable groups by increasing their exposure to air pollution and experiencing its' adverse health effects.

[Tranquil City](#)'s Grant Waters and Ben Warren also joined the discussion to explain their ongoing work with CRP's [Clean Air Villages](#) project, which included monitoring air pollution along popular walkways across London to inform new cleaner routes than those proposed by the generic online maps. Their research has shown that these new alternative routes can reduce exposure to pollutants by up to 23%!

For the full recording of the LiveShare, please see [here](#).

For slides from the LiveShare, please see [here](#).

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"Air pollution is a driver of health inequalities and a social justice issue. Those most impacted by air pollution are least likely to contribute to it and are less likely to be engaged or heard in decisions to address air pollution."

Matt Towner, Guy's & St. Thomas' Trust Charity

USEFUL RESOURCES ON OUR RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR AND HOW WE CAN GET INVOLVED

Please see these useful resources for information and guidance on the impacts of air pollution on vulnerable groups, ways you can reduce your exposure and how you can get involved in campaigns to tackle air pollution.

RESOURCES FROM SPEAKERS

[Guy's & St. Thomas' Trust Charity \(GSTT\): Programme on Health effects of air pollution](#)

[Global Action Plan and GSTT Charity's brief on improving air pollution as part of COVID-19 recovery](#)

Global Action Plan's [Build Back Cleaner Air' report](#)

How health care centres can use GAP's [Clean Air Hospital Framework](#) and develop a clean air action plan

Tranquil City's [manifesto](#) and [current projects](#)

[Go Jauntly and Traquil City's cleaner urban walks of London](#)

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT MATERIALS AND GUIDANCE

[CRP's Clean Air Villages 3](#)

[CRP's Healthy Streets Everyday](#)

[CRP's Clean Air Route Finder](#)

[Clean Air Better Business](#)

[deliverBEST Tool](#)

[CRP Walkable London best practise guide](#)

GUIDANCE AND GOVERNANCE ON TACKLING AIR POLLUTION

[The Human Right to Breathe Clean Air](#)

[Global Action Plan Clean Air Hub](#)

[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\) guidelines for indoor air quality at home](#)

[London's Low Emission Zone and its impact on children's respiratory health](#)

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[England's Clean Air Zones Framework](#)

[Economic costs of outdoor air pollution](#) and what policies need to be implemented in halting severe health and environmental impacts

[How air pollution affects every organ in our body](#)

[C40 Cities toolkit for a Walkable city](#)

[Government action to improving air quality](#)

[6 actions cities can do to improve their air quality](#)

[Business essentials for clean air recovery](#)

[Watch UN Human Right's video on air pollution](#)



HELPFUL TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR EXPOSURE AND FOOTPRINT

[CRP's Clean Air Route Finder tool](#)

[Collect your parcels from a collection hub and reduce congestion in your area](#)

[TfL Go: a travel app to get London moving safely and sustainably](#)

[CleanSpace app: air quality monitoring, local stats and your clean journeys](#)

[Buy from businesses that use zero emission delivery methods](#)

[Small steps you can take to reduce your air pollution footprint](#)

Go on a car free walk and [explore the future of a pedestrianised City of London](#), see the route [here](#)

[Tranquil City's clean route mapping:](#)



USEFUL PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

[Socioeconomic disparities of air pollution exposure](#)

[Inequalities in air pollution exposure, the disparities faced by ethnic minority communities](#)

[Over a quarter of London's parks and playground breach air pollution safety limits](#)

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[Study shows average city resident spends £900 a year in sick days and healthcare](#)

[How bike lanes reduce exposure to toxic air, The Guardian](#)

The role of tech in good investment to help better air quality: [part 1](#), [part 2](#) and [part 3](#)

[Dedicated bike roads have improved air quality compared to input of bike lanes, study finds](#)

[5 year review of London's Low Emission Zone has helped reduce particulate matter by 2.46 to 3.07%](#)

[Siemens reduced their carbon emissions by 54% in 6 years and their road map to neutrality by 2030](#)

[Examples of the Dutch 'shared street' concept that have improved air quality and road safety](#)

[The students innovation in reducing tyre pollution](#)

[Cities in Europe that have exceeded air quality limits due to traffic](#)

[Global impact of climate strikes and the urgency for action](#)

[Exercising outdoors and air pollution: what you need to know](#)

[European governments and their action to wards controlling air pollution, The Guardian](#)

CHARITIES AND ORGNISATIONS TACKLING INEQUALITIES IN AIR POLLUTION EXPOSURE

[Mums for Lungs](#)

[Clean Air Parents' Network](#)

[Global Action Plan](#)

[Living Streets](#)

[London Sustainability Exchange](#)

[Breathe London](#)

[British Lung Foundation](#)

[Healthy Air](#)

[ClientEarth](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

This toolkit was created by Cross River Partnership - a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation that has been delivering positive change for London's residents, businesses and visitors for over 25 years.



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