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Fortnightly newsletter

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New Lunchtime Launch Events for 2021!



CRP is very excited to announce a new series of monthly Lunchtime Launch events! These will be interactive, online discussions showcasing the innovative projects that CRP is delivering to drive positive change for London's residents, businesses and visitors.

Our first Lunchtime Launch is **Developing the Future of Freight Logistics in London**, which will be taking place on **Thursday 28th January, 1:15pm - 2pm**.

Sign up [here](#).

For this event, CRP will be launching its new research report, [The Potential for Urban Logistics Hubs in Central London](#), which was commissioned on behalf of the [Central London Sub Regional Transport Partnership \(CLSRTP\)](#), funded by [Transport for London](#). This report identifies the market demand and locations for sustainable last mile freight delivery hubs, in collaboration with Local Authorities, landowners, Business Improvement Districts and freight operators.

We'll be joined by expert speakers:

- **Barry Smith** - Head of Policy and Strategy (West End Partnership) at [Westminster City Council](#), who will be discussing the importance of this study for future logistics in Central London, and specifically the initiatives currently taking place in the City of Westminster.
- **Julie Bowerman** - Director at [Steer](#), who will be presenting on the findings of the Potential for Urban Logistics Hubs in Central London study.
- **Laura Jacklin** - Senior Project Officer at Cross River Partnership, who will be speaking about how urban logistics hubs have an important role to play in promoting clean and efficient freight activity across the capital.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

[Sign up to CRP's Lunchtime Launch](#)

CRP's Positive Outlook for 2021



Along with all our partner organisations, the CRP team is starting off 2021 virtually, with the aim of getting back to our wonderful [Westminster City Council](#) offices as soon as it is safer for everyone. A huge thank you for [Councillor Rachael Robathan](#)'s amazing Leadership and support to all Westminster's staff, businesses, residents and services at this time.

CRP has big plans for 2021 and has already begun work on its 2021-22 Business Plan, more information in due course. We hope you like CRP's brand new look and feel E-Newsletter style for 2021 – thank you very much to CRP's [Rachael Aldridge](#) for the design work!

CRP's [Clean Air Villages 3](#) project continues to deliver at pace, including supporting various local community organisations with emergency food deliveries via cargo bikes to vulnerable people.

CRP has planned out a series of virtual monthly [Lunchtime Launches](#) to share its latest knowledge, resources, reports and best practice as widely as possible. The first of these is at 13.15-14.00 on Thursday 28th January, on the hot topic of Freight and the potential provision of new distribution hubs in central London. **Please see [here](#) to register.**

CRP is eagerly awaiting the outcome of its most recent collaborative funding bid to [Defra](#) - please keep your finger's crossed for us! We are also in active discussions with extra potential CRP partners, as well as delivering a bespoke consultancy-style contract.

If you would like to find out anything further to do with CRP, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

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CRP's Spotlight On: Team London Bridge



This week, we are showcasing the work of CRP BID partner [Team London Bridge](#) and their new five year plan for the area.

[Team London Bridge](#) launched their five-year business plan for 2021-26 last week. The organisation has been managing the Business Improvement District (BID) for the London Bridge area since 2006 and will be asking their BID members to [vote between 25 January and 25 February](#) as to whether they will continue funding the additional services outlined, in the ["Our London Bridge" proposal](#). The signs are positive, even in this extraordinary time, as Team London Bridge has [strong local support](#) and a [track record of delivering projects](#) that make a tangible difference to the business community.

The vision for the area over the coming five years is to make London Bridge one of the

most sustainable, culturally innovative and compelling places for business and tourism in the world. No small task, but to achieve this Team London Bridge is giving the community six commitments:

- Provide added resilience to future social and economic shocks
- Make London Bridge part of a Carbon Zero Southwark by 2030
- Make London Bridge a 'front stage' for London culture
- Make London Bridge the most enjoyable, safe, and convenient place to work in London
- Make a green and healthy street environment that puts walking and cycling first, providing an exemplar for London
- Make London Bridge the premier location for responsible businesses and ethically conscious employees

Of course, we still have a long way to go to emerge from the chaos caused by the pandemic, but many are seeing BIDs as a key mechanism for local areas to respond and build robust plans to adjust to the continually changing economic environment. With the help of members and partners, Team London Bridge is confident that their sustainable, socially responsible project delivery will galvanise the area over coming months and provide a catalyst for businesses to return to central London with enthusiasm and confidence.



Clean Air Deliveries for Deptford's Charities

As part of Lewisham's selected site for [Clean Air Villages 3](#), CRP, [London Borough of Lewisham](#) and [ecofleet](#) have been working with businesses and community groups in Deptford to offer organisations the chance to trial electrically assisted cargo bikes for their deliveries and pickups within 5 miles.

The cargo bike has been an immense resource for organisations delivering community or charitable functions. For more information, please contact CRP Project Officer [Ross Phillips](#).

See who has been using the Deptford cargo bike



Centre for London and CRP: Town Centre Futures

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a unique opportunity to create a greener, cleaner recovery, and enhance the roles of all of London's Centres moving forward. CRP is very pleased to launch a new research project: Town Centre Futures. This will provide practical recommendations for London's key players, inter-linking transport, economic, environmental, cultural and health aspects of London's future.

To find out more, please visit the Town Centre Futures [project page](#) or contact CRP Project Officer [Rachael Aldridge](#).

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Best Foot Forward!

Two active travel webinars are being delivered by the [Clean Air Villages 3](#) project, targeting the [Angel BID](#) and [South Bank BID](#) areas. CRP is delighted to be partnering with [Groundwork](#) for their delivery.

- The [first webinar](#), **Wednesday 24th February, 2pm - 3pm**, is about air pollution and how to incorporate active travel into your daily life.
- The [second webinar](#), **Monday 1st March, 2pm - 3pm**, covers cycling, including safety, maintenance, costs and inclusivity.

Two more similar webinars will follow, which will be aimed at a wider audience. Watch this space!

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



Clean Air Thames: Round 2 Vessel Retrofit Funding Available

Are you an operator running vessels on the Tidal Thames within Greater London? A second round of funding is available to help retrofit vessels operating on the inland Thames, in order to reduce emissions and improve air quality. CRP will be accepting applications until 12th February 2021.

To apply as part of the [Clean Air Thames](#) project, please see [here](#). For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Sefinat Otaru](#).

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London BIDs Summit 2021 and GLA Recovery Mission

On 11th February at 10am, the [GLA](#) are hosting the London BIDs Summit 2021. This will be an opportunity for BIDs to hear and engage with the Mayor's recovery missions for London and identify ways for BIDs to contribute to an equitable recovery for London.

The [Recovery Mission](#) aims to restore confidence in the city, minimise the impact on London's most vulnerable community and rebuild the city's economy and society. This includes High Streets, Strong Communities, Digital Access for all and A Green New Deal. The missions based approach was inspired by UCL's Professor Mariana Mazzucato. This will bring together the public, private and voluntary sectors.

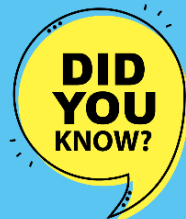
Read more about the programme and the missions in the [GLA's overview paper](#).

CRP's Staff Spotlight On: Carina Mesquita!



I have been working as a Project Officer at CRP since March 2020, supporting the team to deliver the [Clean Air Villages 3](#) programme and leading solutions in [Northbank BID](#) area.

The CRP team is very supportive and friendly. Even though we have been working remotely for the last ten months, everyone is always finding a way to stay together, promoting tea time and wellbeing sessions to support each other to keep a positive attitude during this time.



CRP published the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood report one year ago in collaboration with Westminster City Council?
[Click here to read it!](#)

Dates for your Diary



- 12th January, 10:30am. [COVID-19's Impact on Commercial Spaces: Understanding your Lease, Rent Negotiation & Business Rates](#). London Business Hub.
- 19th January, 10:30am. [Digital Accounting - A Masterclass for SME Owner-Managers](#). City of Westminster Libraries & Archives.
- 20th January, 7pm. [Air quality, health and technology - joining up the dots](#). Clean Air Cheltenham.
- 26th January, 6:30pm. [Change Is Here](#). Croydon Living Streets Group.
- 21st January, 12pm. [Destination Carbon Zero: Energy Use and Buildings](#). Team London Bridge.
- 27th January, 3pm. [ILP London CPD Webinar: Beyond Lighting Controls - Sensors & The Smart City](#). ILP.
- 28th January, 12pm. [Destination Zero Waste: The Circular Economy and Consumption](#). Team London Bridge.
- 28th January, 12pm. [Get Your Business Online - Get Started with Social Media](#). Westminster City Council and Three Social Media.
- 28th January, 1:15pm. [Developing the Future of Freight Logistics in London](#). CRP Lunchtime Launch.
- 9th February, 10:30am. [COVID-19's Impact on Commercial Spaces: Understanding your Lease, Rent Negotiation and Business Rates](#). London Business Hub.

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