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London 21 Newsletter – Issue 76 – May 2009

Welcome to London 21's May E-NewsLetter.

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1. [London 21 News](#)

WHAT SHOULD YOUR COUNCIL BE DOING?

A new initiative from London 21

A new initiative was agreed at last month's AGM. London 21 is launching work to improve policies for Sustainability across Greater London – but we need your help. We are working to identify 10 Policies on Sustainability Issues that every London Council ought to have. Once these are agreed, we will map out which Council has which Policy and, with your help, encourage other Councils to adopt these Policies.

We're now looking for the Policies to select. So: are you aware of any good example of a Council Policy on a key issue relating to the Environment and/or Sustainable Development that should be picked up by other Boroughs? Would you like to help us develop this work?

Read on [here...](#)

Mapping for Change

Further to the announcement in Issue 75, Mapping For Change (MfC) will be holding its Official Launch next month at University College, London.

MfC is a new Social Enterprise, comprising a partnership between London 21 and University College London. It is the first spin-out from London 21's work on mapping carried out over the past five years, and forms the legacy of the Mapping Change for Sustainable Communities project.

If you would like to come to the launch, or are interested in finding out more about what we do, send us an email: info@mappingforchange.org.uk . The WebSite is undergoing adjustments, and shall be available soon.

• FEATURED PROJECTS ON LONDON 21 WEBSITE

We like to highlight a different Project every month on the London 21 WebSite Home Page. This is a way of helping to promote Projects that are particularly topical, or undergoing interesting developments. If you know of a Project that you feel deserves to be celebrated, please let us know! E-mail news@london21.org with your suggestions!

Featured Project this Month...Residents tackle Neighbourhood Noise

People living in the Pepys Estate in Lewisham and in the Royal Docks area in Newham have led the way with a new means of tackling noise. The Pepys Estate suffered noise pollution from a Scrapyard – near the centre of the Estate, and very close to both a Primary and Nursery Schools – while Royal Docks area suffers noise problems resulting from flights in and out of London City Airport (LCA), where a major expansion is threatened.

Read [more...](#)

Thanks to all Subscribers who have sent suggestions for Featured Projects on our WebSite so far. Please note that all eligible Projects should first be entered on our WebSite [Projects in Action](#) section and, preferably, also listed in our [Directory of Organisations](#).

Happy Event

London 21 Supporters and Participants in the [Environmental Inequalities](#) Programme shall be delighted to learn that Colleen Whitaker (having recently returned from her travels in Africa) is soon to become a Mom – as they say in her native America. We are sure all would join with us in wishing Colleen and her Husband a happy and successful future on setting up their new life in her home State of Arizona.

The London 21 Office has spare Desk-Space to rent.

The Office is light and airy, serviced, and has Internet provision – with access to fully-equipped shared Kitchens & meeting Rooms. It is centrally-located on [Kensington High Street](#). *Views of the Office interior are available [here](#).*

Rent would be in the region of £500 per quarter. Please contact Christopher Harris, London 21 Director: 020 7471 6796 (w) or 07949 592512 (m), Christopher@LoveLondon.org.uk .

Similarly, our Colleagues at **Women's Environmental Network** have Desk-Space available:–

Women's Environmental Network (WEN) has half an Office with five Desks for £975 per month [negotiable] including service charges. It's a friendly Office, ten minutes from Tower Hill or Aldgate East Tube. We are looking for an NGO or environmentally-aware People to join us. For more details or to view > Caroline Fernandez: tel. 020 7481 9004, e-mail: carofood@gmail.com . More details on WEN: www.wen.org.uk .

2. Love London, Love Your Planet: News

Contents:

- Diary Dates
- New Look Goes Live
- Booklets Ready
- Funding Opportunity
- Design Competition
- New Team Members
- Help for your event

Diary Dates

4th June 2009 11.30am-13.30pm Love London Launch

WWT London Wetland Centre, Barnes

RSVP to Joanne, office@london21.org

1st July 2009 6.00-8.30pm Love London Finale

The London Living Room, City Hall

RSVP to Joanne, office@london21.org

Cancellation

We were very disappointed to announce last week the cancellation of our 5th May Networking Event. This was as a result of a low sign-up rate from event organisers. We did our best to get the word out – but many, many apologies to the few we didn't reach who turned up on the day.

New Look Website Launches

The new look *Love London* [WebSite](#) launched last week. Take a look and [let us know](#) what you think!

Coming soon:

The Love London [site](#) will soon be a hot spot for debating environmental news stories, with the launch of our new 'blogging facility. Check out the News + 'Blog page over the next couple of weeks to join the conversation.

Booklets

The Love London Booklets have arrived bang on time with a fresh new look. Please let us know if you can distribute any in your local area. Contact Catherine: press@lovelondon.org.uk or 020 7471 6795

CORRECTION NOTE: The Barnet Countryside Environment Fair will take place on **7th June 2009** (not 6th July, as printed in the booklet). *Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by this misprint.*

Dial Up Funds For Your Project

The Love London / Regeneris mobile phone [recycling scheme](#) has now begun. Special Freepost envelopes will go out with Love London festival guidebooks. Old mobile phones can be placed in the envelopes and popped straight in the post box.

With over 15 million handsets replaced in the UK every year and millions more sitting in desk drawers, this scheme is a great way to turn waste into a valuable resource.

Regeneris will clear off all the data to protect identity. They will also test and refurbish handsets before selling them on at affordable prices to people in developing countries who would otherwise be unable to buy a mobile phone. If a phone is too old or broken beyond repair, they will safely recycle it ensuring that nothing goes to landfill.

A percentage of the money raised will come back to Love London to distribute among green and sustainable projects across the city. That could be your project! If you can commit to distributing at least 50 envelopes (small events) or 100 envelopes (big events), we will ensure your project enjoys a share of the proceeds.

Got Designs on an *Ipod Nano*?

The Eco-Design Summer Fair has teamed up with Regeneris, the UK's biggest mobile phone recycling company, to run a [design competition](#) during Love London 2009.

Designers are invited to create an original and innovative product suitable for any sort of domestic use; from a piece of jewellery to an item of furniture, using old mobile handsets as raw material.

PRIZES

Winning entries will be exhibited at The EDSF on 26th-28th June 2009 at Dray Walk Gallery (Brick Lane). The winners will be announced at a multi-media sustainable design networking party on the

evening of Friday 26th June at the same venue. The overall winner will receive an eco goody-bag plus an ipod Nano. Two runners-up will receive eco goodie bags. All winners and their designs will feature on EDF and Love London WebSites.

Helping Hands

We are currently recruiting volunteer stewards to join the Love London events team and Volunteer Photographers to help record the events. If you would like to help out, please get in touch with Allyson Higgins-Halfpenny, Volunteer Co-ordinator volunteers@lovelondon.org.uk .

Main Contact Reminder

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Love London 2008

Film

In case you haven't already seen the Love London 2008 Film, you can view it now by clicking [here](#). [The Video forms a fairly large file, so may take a little time to download.] Alternatively you can view it on [YouTube](#) and give us a rating.

please do let us have your reaction as we are keen to get feedback before going ahead with plans for a 2009 film.

Images

Please click [here](#) to see selected images of the successful 2008 Festival.

Please remember to send us images of your own, or other 2009 LLLYP Events you attend, to news@london21.org . (Around 300-500Kb file size is all that is required.)

3. London 21 Network News

Associated Regular E-NewsLetters

We have continued to reproduce the most recently-available E-NewsLetters of selected fellow Organisations. *We would urge our Subscribers to register for their own issues, if preferred.*

- Every Action Counts [NewsLetter](#)
- Grown up Green [NewsLetter](#)
- Green Gauge [Saving Resources](#)
- Big Green Switch Weekly [NewsLetter](#)
- London Civic Forum [E-Bulletin](#)
- Chiswick House Kitchen Garden [Update](#)
- Alana Ecology [eNews](#)
- London Remade [News](#)
- UK Aware '09 [Roundup](#)

- Sustainable Haringey [News Update](#)
- LCRN Resource Listing [E-News](#)
- Home Composting [NewsLetter](#)
- London Food Link [NewsLetter](#)
- Envirolet [NewsLetter](#)
- London Sustainability Exchange [Bulletin](#).
- Forum for the Future [Green Futures](#)
- London Councils [Bulletin](#)
- EcoBuild 2009 Presentations [Update](#)
- Walking Works [E-Bulletin](#)
- The Young Foundation Quarterly [Update](#)
- **Community Food NewsLetter** – Download the first edition of The Gherkin: the Newsletter for London's Community Food Projects as a 250kb PDF [here](#) .

Please let us know if there are any other E-NewsLetters that you feel should be brought to the attention of all our Subscribers: news@London21.org .

Envision Youth Educators (EYEs)

Envision is looking for people to become "["Envision Youth Educators" \(EYEs\)](#)" starting in September/October 09. This challenging and highly-rewarding role involves supporting teams of young volunteers aged 16-19 to plan, set up and implement their own projects tackling social or environmental problems they identify in their schools and communities.

For more details, click [here](#).

Energise Tooting: Training Schedule Update

Communicating with confidence!

This two night course will help residents in Tooting who want to get the green message across to friends, workmates and people in their community. The Energise Tooting team would like to thank all the participants to the trainings and is looking forward to follow up and support them in their work as Sustainability Champions. For complete article, *click [here](#)*.

This project is coordinated by London 21 for and on behalf of London Sustainability Exchange (LSx) under the Energise London programme and is supported by London Councils.

People's Environment Initiative: *Custodians of the World Unite!*

A Networking Site for the environmentally-aware: click [here](#).

4. Sustainability News

Consortium gives London Array Wind Farm the go-ahead.

After months of speculation that it could ditch plans to build the world's largest offshore wind farm, the consortium behind London Array has today confirmed it is to begin work on the first phase of the [project](#).

Eco Library opens

One of the 'greenest' Buildings in Greater London, Elm Park [Library](#), near Hornchurch, is now open to the Public.

UK AWARE 09 – Green and Ethical Lifestyle Show – Impressions

A wind-powered outside light display! An online green TV channel! A children's party company that uses only biodegradable products....this – and everything in-between – was exhibited at the [UK Aware Show](#). However, the image that really sticks in our contributor's mind was the avalanche of new hybrid Cars and Bikes that took up one quarter of the Show.

See [article...](#)

Ecobuild 2009

Impressions by London 21 Staff & Volunteers who attended the [Exhibition](#) this year.

5. Local Events Coming Up

First London Community Food Feast – 19th May. It is going to be a fantastic event at Dragon Hall, Covent Garden, that will celebrate all the inspirational work of community [food projects](#) across Greater London.

Environmental Policy Training – Wednesday 20th May, 1 London Bridge. As part of their Opening New Markets project, SEL and LCRN are running a free [workshop](#) on environmental policy.

A New Model for addressing London's Housing Need – 4th June, Fellows Court Estate, Weymouth Terrace, London. A consultation [event](#) for people in Hackney and Tower Hamlets and the London region, on London's first statutory Housing Strategy.

ECO-RALLY 2009: Brighton-London – Monday, 8th June. The 2009 [Eco-Rally](#) (marking World Environment Day and the Love London Green Festival) will follow the usual Brighton-London route, arriving in central London around 3:30pm, timed to coincide with the conclusion of the LowCVP Conference.

2009 Capital Clean-up Campaign goes for Gold!

The 2nd Annual Capital Clean-up Campaign runs until June 5th

The Capital Clean-up Campaign encourages Communities to take an active role in improving local environmental quality through coordinated clean-up events. The Campaign seeks to raise awareness on issues affecting London's environment through activities ranging from Litter Picks to Habitat Restoration. *The Campaign has proved timely, with a recent [survey](#) showing that London is the dirtiest City in Britain.*

Last year, nearly 300 events were held across the Capital as part of the Campaign, with thousands of Londoners rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in. *For additional information, click [here](#).*

For further items, visit the [London 21 Site News & Events Pages](#) .

6. Information

- **Adding Items to the London 21 WebSite**

Would contributors please help offset our scarce Staff & Volunteer resources by *adding their own News & Events etc.* to the WebSite for subsequent moderation. The Site is designed to facilitate Subscriber participation with the added advantage that contributors' images may be more easily added to entries. *Click for [a few tips on using the Compose Window.](#)*

We seem to have cracked the problem of E-NewsLetters displaying on some services (notably *Yahoo!*) with some of the paragraph spacing missing. If you are still noticing shortcomings of this sort, please let us know: news@london21.org .

- **Local Authority Agenda 21 Officers List**

Please download the Borough Agenda 21 Officers [List](#) if you require it. We would appreciate being informed of any updates to News@London21.org

- **Eco-Living WebSites**

Please see our modest list of [eco-living WebSites](#). While it is not comprehensive, it can be added to as new information becomes available. *Please send any suggested relevant contributions to:* NEWS@LONDON21.ORG .

A MS Word Version is now available as a Table for downloading. A PDF version shall follow in due course. London 21 does not necessarily recommend or endorse any particular WebSite...the sample list is for guidance only.

NB We tried 'eco-living' in a Search Engine and found some 4000 results! So, if you can't find anything suitable here, please try that or a similar entry.

- **Receiving this E-NewsLetter**

This E-NewsLetter is automatically transmitted to well over 2,500 subscribers registered on our WebSite.

If you have received this E-NewsLetter from a third party, but would prefer to be on the direct e-mailing list, please [register](#) on our WebSite. *We would encourage you also to forward the NewsLetter on to your own contacts.*

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We welcome contributions from our subscribers. If you wish to submit material for consideration for inclusion, please e-mail it to: News@London21.org starting the subject box with NWSLTTR: in capital

letters before the title. It would also help to state under which subject heading you would expect the piece to appear.

Editing shall be carried out on relevance, space, decency and legal criteria.

We also welcome comments, criticisms and suggestions to improve the standard of the NewsLetter as part of our service to you. (Likewise, we can accept compliments, if deserved!)

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