

London 21 Newsletter – Issue 77 – June 2009

Welcome to London 21's June E-NewsLetter.

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1. London 21 News

Notice

Owing to circumstances, we regret to announce that London 21 shall shortly be obliged to relinquish the lease on the well-appointed Office in the Kensington Charity Centre, Charles House. This will probably take place in mid-July, soon after the conclusion of Love London, Love your Planet 2009.

In any case, Charles House is earmarked for demolition and redevelopment in the near future, so we are simply moving prematurely. *It is fortunate that a neighbouring Charity in the Centre needs another room for expansion, so London 21 should not be due for any penalty for dishonouring its lease contract.*

Please refer periodically to the London 21 Home Page for important information on our future location and contact details etc.

• 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...

Green Travel Plan at the Royal School

The relatively high number of schools in Camden Borough caused chaos and pollution, as Parents drove their Children to School.

The need for a plan was first recognised in 1995 when the Royal School applied for planning permission to expand. Camden Council said it would have to reduce traffic from Students by 30 per cent. The school called in the Symonds Group Travel Consultants to see where reductions could be made and how to separate families from dependence on cars.

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](#).

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...](#)

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

The *Love London* 2009 Festival got off to a great start [last Thursday](#) at WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes. Zac Goldsmith and the then Minister for London, Tony McNulty, attended the launch, which took place in conjunction with the launch of the [Recycled Sculpture Show](#). This was followed by a packed weekend of events including The Wandle Valley Festival, Queensbury Eco-Cultural Festival and Be-ReCreative.

On Monday 8th June Mayor Boris Johnson was among the first to welcome the 2009 Revolve Brighton to London Eco-Vehicle Rally at City Hall.

The Rally, which included a gas powered Lotus, a Tesla electric Sports Car and a number of hybrid Vehicles, parked up on Potters Fields for inspection. Celebrities such as Quentin Wilson, Robert Llewelyn, Paul Zenon and Zac Goldsmith took part. The Mayor, who drives a Tesla himself, toured the parade with one of the show's organisers, learning about the different modes of propulsion. They were accompanied by a media scrum and fascinated members of the public.

Mayor Johnson also stopped to look at the *Love London*-branded Toyota Prius, from sponsors Zipcar.

The Festival continues with another packed weekend (13th and 14th June,) including Insider London's Cutting Edge Green Tour, Butterflies, Bees and Beetles, Blackheath Bike and Kite Festival, the World Naked Bike Ride, Greenfest West London and many, many more which can be found at www.lovelondon.org.uk .

The Love London Festival continues until 28th June.

A finale event will be held at the London Living Room in City Hall on the evening of 1st July 6.00-8.30pm, with a debate among the London Leaders, networking, drinks and a discussion on the future of Love London. This event is by invite only but, if you are interested in attending, please email Joanne Skilbeck, office@london21.org and cc Christopher Harris.

New Look Website Launches

The new look *Love London* [WebSite](#) has been launched for this year's Event. Take a look and [let us know](#) what you think!

'Blogging Facility...

We are [tweeting away](#) on Twitter. Follow our exchanges with celebrity Tweeters.

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 Regenerisis, 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 .

Images of the 2008 Festival

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.)

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.

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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.*

- Green Guage – Every Action Counts: No.29, [Final Issue](#)
- Grown up Green [NewsLetter](#)
- Big Green Switch [Updates](#)
- London Civic Forum [E-Bulletin](#)
- Chiswick House Kitchen Garden [Update](#)

- Alana Ecology Newsletter [No.10](#)
- London Remade [News](#)
- UK Aware '09 [Roundup](#)
- Sustainable Haringey [News Update](#)
- LCRN Resource Listing [E-News](#) May
- LCRN Resource Listing [E-News](#) 2 to 11 June
- 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](#)
- Urban Agriculture April [Roundup](#)
- Community Food NewsLetter – Download the first edition of The Gherkin: the Newsletter for London's Community Food Projects as a 250kb PDF [here](#) .
- NuClear News [No.7](#)

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 .

Capital Clean-up Conclusion

The Capital Clean-Up Campaign, now completing its second consecutive year, ran from 27 April – 5 June 2009. The [Campaign](#) was launched in London's Trafalgar Square, with a 5-tonne litter pile representing 1% of litter dropped in London every day. A total of 220 clean-up events were coordinated, involving 29 London Borough local authorities, religious groups, community groups, residents associations, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and corporate organisations.

Clean-up Events included litter removal, community engagement and education, graffiti removal, habitat restoration, enforcement, land restoration and prevention of dog fouling. The scope of Capital Clean-up Events proved a valuable contribution to London's environment and local communities.

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:

Energise Tooting Team is ready with Pledge Cards: click [here](#).

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

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

Meet your eco-friendly match...!

Try this green online [Dating Site](#) for people who want to make a better world.

4. Sustainability News

Focusing on unsustainable Food Production

Food stores are currently under pressure to follow the lead of a high-street sandwich chain and ban the sale of endangered Bluefin Tuna, following the release of [The End of the Line](#), a film about dwindling fish stocks.

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

Sustainability Weekend – 13th and 14th June, WWT London Wetland Centre SW13 9WT. Help us celebrate Love London, Love Your Planet Festival 2009 with [our weekend](#) full of green tips, hints and lots of handy information.

GREENFEST West London – Sunday 14th June, Furnivall Gardens, by the River in Hammersmith W6 9DJ. There will be over 50 environment and community groups for you to meet. Make this [environmental festival](#) the best FREE party of the year.

The Climate Road Show – 18th-27th June, BASH Studios, 65 - 71 Scrutton Street, London, EC2A 4PJ. The Climate [Roadshow](#) explores Future Scenarios in the context of Climate Change. Three bodies of work show various futures as predicted through three lenses: science, permaculture and economics.

Eco-Design Summer Fair – EAST – 26-28th June, Dray Walk Gallery, The Old Truman Brewery, Brick Lane E1. Fair featuring contemporary Designer/makers focussing on [sustainable design](#) processes, and offering products that are ethically produced.

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

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**

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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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