Parks for London

SUPPORTER UPDATE

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Meet our new Communications Officer



We are pleased to welcome Jeanice Aw to Parks for London, who joins the team this August. She is an experienced Communications Professional from Singapore's only natural history museum and is passionate about raising awareness on environmental issues. She also brings experience in managing and activating parks and green spaces in Singapore.

As Parks for London develops into a Centre for Excellence, Jeanice will bring her wealth of experience to help us shape and develop new approaches to championing green space and to build on our existing work. We are looking forward to working her.

New Funding Opportunities

We have added details to our website about two new Mayor of London funding streams:

The Grow Back Green Fund supports community projects across the capital that will improve access to green space and adaptation to climate change. The fund is open to constituted community groups, charities and LA's working with community groups, among others. The closing date for applications is 13th September 2021.

Green and Resilient Spaces Fund will seek to support large-scale, innovative enhancements to green and blue spaces and the wider public realm, that will strengthen climate resilience, increase biodiversity, improve accessibility, build green skills and help reduce health inequalities. Grants will be between £250,000 and £750,000. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2021. You can find out more about the fund at the GLA's forthcoming *Information Webinar*, on Thursday 2nd September, 2.00pm - 3.30pm, to attend you can register via Eventbrite here.

New case studies—parks and climate change mitigation

The World Urban Parks' Climate Change and Resilience Committee want to map case studies of resilient public parks, which will soon be available on-line and will be a valuable resource for park managers. If you would like to upload a case study you can do so **here**.

New reports

We have recently added two new reports to our resources hub:

Greening out the Grey—The value of Green Infrastructure for People and Places, by the Cross River Partnership, published August 2021. This useful report looks at the contribution of green infrastructure in tackling issues relating to climate change, within the context of the pandemic and public health concerns.

Big Boys Don't Litter, research report by Hubbub, published 2021. Looking at what motivates young men to litter and how to better communication with this group to effect behavioural change.

Good Parks for London 2021

Preparations for this years report are underway and we would like to thank our supporters for their continued participation which makes the report possible. This year the report will put the spotlight on green spaces and climate change and we hope to host the launch event to coincide with COP 26 in November. Please note we have extended the deadline for part one data submissions to 3rd September 2021, contact Nina Obhrai if you need more information.

The next Heads of Parks Services Meeting is Tuesday 12th October 2021, 10am to 12 noon, via Teams. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Website—Quick links

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⇒ Events

⇒ Covid-19 Guidance

⇒ Health Parks Toolkit

⇒ Integrated Weed Management

⇒ Green Space Quality Manual

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