Parks for London

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Healthy Streets Everyday

Find out about initiatives across London to deliver healthier streets everyday, through this new CRP project.

Meet our new team members

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team.

Ed is a business development, fundraising and project management professional. He joins us from Habitats & Heritage where he delivered parks projects and capacity building initiatives with Friends of Parks Groups. Prior to this he worked at the Institute of Fundraising supporting the sustainability and resilience of charities nationwide. As Development Officer Ed will help us develop relationships across the green space sector, will be working with our existing supporters, as well as helping us to extend our supporter base to build a more sustainable organisation.



Ed Stannard
Development Officer



Hamida Diriye
Young Persons Health Officer

Hamida joins us from the Midaye, where her role as project officer focused on reducing the barriers faced by women and young people in accessing health services. She has over three years experience in advocacy and community engagement, with a special interest in amplifying the voices of young people. As Young Persons Health Officer she will be exploring how green space can support the mental wellbeing of young people.

We are really excited to have our full team in place and working together to provide greater support to London's landowners and managers.

Good Parks for London 2021—parks and climate change

This years report is going into production and we are looking forward to the forthcoming **virtual report launch on 18th November 2021, 1.15pm to 2pm**. The event is being kindly hosted by the Cross River Partnership as part of their lunchtime launch series. The focus of the report will be parks and climate change, it will include plenty of case studies exploring how we are using our parks and green spaces to mitigate climate change and we hope this will be a valuable resource for land managers. Judy Ling Wong, CBE, well known environmental activist and Honorary president of the Black Environment Network, has written the report foreword and will be this years keynote speaker. We look forward to seeing you at the event, invitations have been sent out for you to register a place or you can contact Nina Obhrai for details .

New resources—visit our website for new resources:

Climate Effects: The benefits of greening. This session hosted by the Cross River Partnership, as part of their lunchtime launch series, showcased their recent report *Greening out the Grey—the value of green infrastructure for people and places,* and explored climate adaptation and its effects. You can watch the event and also download the presentations here.

Urban Greening for Biodiversity Net Gain: A Design Guide. The London Plan requires new developments to make urban greening a fundamental element of their site and building design, to deliver net gains for biodiversity. This guide, produced by the Greater London Authority and the London Wildlife Trust, shows how this can be achieved through design approaches, in addition to creating engaging, healthy and resilient places for people. You can download the guide here.

We have added new **events**, that we think will be of interest to you, please visit our events page.

Urban Greening Factor—Consultation

The London Plan requires all major developments to include urban greening in their site and building designs, to help make London greener. The G5 policy, in the plan introduces the use of an Urban Greening Factor to evaluate the quantity and quality of urban greening provided by a development proposal. The Greater London Authority have developed draft Urban Greening Factor guidance to support boroughs and applicants in meeting the requirements of the London Plan . The GLA would like your feedback on the guidance, by 20th December 2021, you can do this by survey or by attending a consultation event. Find out more here.

Parks for London Action Groups

We will be facilitating a new action group, **Parks Capital Projects**, to look at common issues such as tendering and best value. If you would like to join group please contact Nina Obhrai .

Litter and Waste Management, we are keeping our litter and waste management survey open until 7th Jan 22, so there is still a chance to take part. Results so far suggest a staggering £16m per annum is spent on litter collection and waste management across London's parks and green spaces, alone. The group will be analysing results to explore solutions to the most common issues raised, such as cost reduction and how the results can help support messaging for a litter campaign in 2022.

Website—Quick links

⇒ Funding Opportunities

⇒ Events

⇒ Covid-19 Guidance

⇒ Health Parks Toolkit

⇒ Integrated Weed Management

⇒ Green Space Quality Manual

The next Heads of Parks Services Meeting is Tuesday 18th January 2022, 10am to 12 noon, via Teams. We look forward to seeing you all then.

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