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INTRODUCTION

The Camden Climate Change Alliance (CCCA) is a sustainability network and consultancy working in partnership with Camden based organisations to enable them to fulfil their sustainability potential.

CCCA supports businesses, voluntary and community groups and schools. The mission of the CCCA is to assist members to contribute towards a net zero carbon and low waste Camden, whilst improving local air quality.

Established by Camden Council and key businesses in 2008, to date it has involved over 400 members from across Camden.

The network spans a variety of sectors from professional services to entertainment with businesses ranging from micro, small and medium-sized (SMEs) to very large.

Shops, offices, schools, universities, hospitals, and the Council are major contributors to carbon emissions in the borough, with around 65% of direct carbon emissions arising from their buildings alone, and their environmental impact increases when accounting for the carbon emissions associated with the goods they buy or use.

Whilst the Council must lead by example, the CCCA plays a key part in engaging and collaborating with organisations to help tackle the climate crisis and collectively work towards Camden's net zero carbon ambition.

The CCCA has contributed to a 45% reduction in commercial and industrial CO2 emissions across the borough since 2008. In 2020 76% of members reporting their energy consumption reduced their carbon footprint year on year. 46 members were awarded a Carbon Credential and a further 6 members, the Team Green Award.

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About what the CCCA does

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CAMDEN CLIMATE PLEDGE

The CCCA formally launched the Camden Climate Pledge in 2021 to encourage organisations to take action across different focus areas or 'themes' where they can make the most impact. Becoming a signatory of the pledge means that an organisation commits to doing what it can to work towards a net zero borough by 2030.

The pledge has specifically been designed to align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) so that organisations can demonstrate links with the globally recognised framework.



Signatories can choose a minimum of three pledge themes from the list:

 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Create a framework which helps your business/organisation achieve its goals through review, evaluation and improvement of environmental performance
 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES	Reduce your operation's carbon emissions through improved energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.
 WASTE PRODUCTION	Manage waste generated from your operations according to the principles of reduce, re-use and recycle. businesses ranging from micro, small and medium-sized (SMEs) to very large.
 SUPPLY CHAIN AND DELIVERIES	Strive to incorporate environmental and social considerations into your business/ organisations procurement processes and reduce the carbon emissions resulting from your deliveries
 BUSINESS TRAVEL AND COMMUTING	Make every effort to reduce carbon emissions resulting from business travel and staff commuting within your business/organisation
 STAFF ENGAGEMENT	Undertake to educate and motivate employees to operate in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, and to conserve resources wherever practicable
 ENCOURAGING BIODIVERSITY	Work to protect and promote biodiversity in Camden
 PARTNERSHIP	Commit to working in partnership with local schools/community groups on projects aimed at improving sustainability and encouraging biodiversity.

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to take the Camden
Climate Pledge

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES 26 (COP26)

The UK in partnership with Italy, hosted the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) from 31 October – 12 November 2021. It was arguably the most important summit since COP21 which had resulted in the Paris Agreement.

The Paris Agreement saw 196 Parties enter into a legally binding agreement on climate change in 2015. For the first time every country agreed to work together to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees, with 1.5 degrees the more ambitious and preferred target, to limit the impacts of climate change.

COP26 provided all parties with the opportunity to present an updated plan on their most ambitious yet achievable ambitions to tackle the climate crisis.

The discussions from the COP26 summit were framed around 4 common goals:

- Mitigation: secure global net zero and keep 1.5 degrees in reach
- Adaptation: urgently adapt to protect communities and natural habitats
- Finance: mobilise finance
- Collaboration: work together to deliver



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COP26 Regional Roadshows

To accompany the discussions taking place in Glasgow, the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) provided funding and support via five regional energy hubs for local authorities to host COP26 Regional Roadshows.

The Regional Roadshows were a key part of the COP26 domestic campaign with the principle aim to gather local narratives around projects that have been delivered, and their impacts, as well as showcasing what individuals and organisations can do to support the UK Government's net zero ambitions.

Located in the Greater South East Energy Hub area, Camden Council and CCCA successfully bid and received funding from BEIS to host two events.

The events took place on Wednesday 3 November, the day 'finance' discussions took place at COP26 in Glasgow.

The events were:

- Camden Schools Climate Summit
- Celebrating Climate Action in Camden

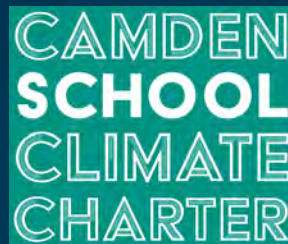
The events were hosted by SamsungKX, a state-of-the-art experience space, located in the popular shopping and dining district of Coal Drops Yard, Kings Cross, London which was formerly derelict heritage buildings.

COP26 REGIONAL ROADSHOW – SCHOOLS CLIMATE SUMMIT

The Camden Schools Climate Summit saw over 60 attendees from more than 30 different schools. The attendees ranged from teaching assistants, to senior management and headteachers. The event provided the opportunity to share how schools are responding to the climate crisis and the support required to make further progress – with collaboration between schools and the Council being key.

As well as school representatives, organisations that work closely with schools attended the summit to talk about how they can make changes to improve the environment including food service provider Caterlink and waste management service Veolia.

Parliament Hill, Torriano Primary School and University College School spoke about successful climate action initiatives carried out at their schools including banning plastics, promoting active travel to and from school, growing their own fruit and vegetables and planting more trees on site.



The Camden School Climate Charter, a local framework to empower schools to play their part in making Camden a zero-carbon borough by 2030, was also launched during the event.

By signing the charter, schools declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency and commit to taking action to protect the planet. The charter framework also gives schools the opportunity to network and find new ways of collaborating and supporting each other in their climate ambitions. More information about the charter can be found on **page 8**.



James Firth, Foundation Environmental Impact Coordinator at University College School (UCS) Hampstead

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The Camden Council's Schools Climate Summit provided an excellent platform to launch the School Climate Charter. It showed how committed the Council is to ensuring they are supporting schools in reducing their environmental impact and embedding sustainability into the education sector of the borough. I certainly came away from the event with a notebook full of actions, ideas and ways to overcome some of the obstacles that I had faced prior to attending.

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Access



The livestream recording here



COP26 REGIONAL ROADSHOW – SCHOOLS CLIMATE SUMMIT

The charter consists of ten commitments covering a wide range of sustainability topics relevant to schools. Signatories are encouraged to set targets as they work through the charter. In year one, signatories are expected to address at least three of the ten commitments.

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about the Camden School Climate Charter



Councillor Angela Mason, Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families

“ Our schools are doing some great work to become greener and are working hard to teach the future generations about the importance of protecting our planet. However, there is clearly more we need to do to make a lasting difference and I’m asking all schools in Camden to lend their support to the Camden School Climate Charter which is a key part of reaching our goal of making Camden a zero-carbon borough by 2030 - we can only achieve this by working together. ”

School Climate Charter Commitments:

	Sustainability and the curriculum – embed sustainability across the curriculum to ensure all students are well informed and actively helping tackle the climate crisis
	Single-use plastics – reduce use and aim to become a single-use plastic free school
	Waste – think about how your school could: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle
	Food – offer plant-based options and educate students on the journey of food before it arrives on their plate
	Transport – promote active ways of travelling to school including walking, cycling and public transport
	Energy – raise awareness about different sources of energy, the associated carbon emissions, and how we can all contribute to reducing our energy consumption
	Procurement and circular economy – favour sustainable and ethical products and services e.g. stations, energy, cleaning
	Re-wilding/biodiversity – rewild outdoor spaces to help biodiversity, clean air and student well-being
	Make climate action fun and engaging – ensure projects involve the whole school community and are presented in a positive and fun way
	Climate justice – explore how the climate crisis is affecting people in other parts of the world

COP26 REGIONAL ROADSHOW – CELEBRATING CLIMATE ACTION IN CAMDEN



The Celebrating Climate Action in Camden event showcased the very best in climate action from within Camden and across London.

The event brought together almost 100 individuals from businesses and community groups as well as residents. It sought to foster an environment of knowledge sharing and collaboration to inspire more climate action and closer working relationships.

Framed around the four COP26 goals action was specifically considered through the lens of climate justice, an issue not only prevalent in some of the least economically developed countries in the world, but also here in the UK and Camden.

Camden Council Leader Councillor Georgia Gould opened the event addressing the audience via video link from COP26 in Glasgow.

Councillor Adam Harrison, Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden spoke on some of the progress made so far in Camden with the delivery of the Climate Action Plan and the launch of the Camden Climate Pledge.

Ebony Holland, Nature and Policy Lead for the International Institute for Environment and Developed joined by video link from COP26, setting the context of climate justice and reporting on negotiations that had taken place so far.

The Camden Climate Citizen Panel also addressed the audience through a video with their calls to action of other residents.

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the livestream recording here

“ The biggest influence you can have as an individual, is to join up with other people ”

Anna, Camden Climate Citizen Panel Member

“ Let’s all think about where we might contribute, whether it’s using our time or expertise, or donating our skills, where can you make a difference? ”

Shana, Camden Climate Citizen Panel Member



Watch the video [here](#)

COP26 REGIONAL ROADSHOW – CELEBRATING CLIMATE ACTION IN CAMDEN



An insightful panel debate was facilitated by Chandrima Padmanabhan from the Centre for Public Impact. The panelists considered the opportunities and barriers to organisations and communities working more effectively to tackle the climate crisis.

Panellists included:

- Benaifer Bhandari, CEO, Hopscotch Women's Centre
- Aliza Ayaz, UN Goodwill Ambassador,
- Paul King, Managing Director Sustainability and Social Impact, Lendlease
- Ryan Jude, Programme Director, Green Finance Institute.

The debate included a powerful discussion around social and climate injustice. In particular how some basic human needs aren't being met in Camden with respect to those unable to afford food and with nowhere to live.

Emphasis was placed on the need for collaboration between business, community and third sector to mobilise and finance the scale of action required. Closer working with local charities who are already working with and know how to reach some of the most vulnerable people in Camden is needed.

The event closed with networking and a digital showcase of climate action with a focus on collaboration between community and businesses, where social impact was also delivered as a co-benefit of climate work.

The case studies featured in the showcase can be found in this brochure.



Councillor Adam Harrison, Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden

“ It's no secret that we're facing a climate emergency which is affecting us fast, so it's more important than ever we work together to tackle this growing threat. Camden is a leading local authority on the climate agenda, but we know much more needs to be done to make a real difference. ”

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COP26 Celebration Showcase

Case studies:

Climate Research in Action

Camden Recycling Awards

Refugee Community Kitchen

Energy Garden

Google x Camden Work Experience

Clarkson Row Planter Scheme

The Generator Project

Somers Town Energy

Returnable Packaging for takeaway

Feast with US x Mind in Camden

Great Ormond Street
Community Parklet

Alara Wholefood Ltd

Kings Cross Green Roofs Strategy

Somers Town Environment and Climate
Exhibition

Think and Do

Waste-free, Circular Loop Camden

Camden Clean Air Initiative

Park the Plastic

Fashion with Integrity – Be Net Zero

Clean, Green, Community Energy

Wellbeing Walk

The Sustainers

Sustainable Development Plan

Dig a Little Deeper

Repowering London

The Story Garden

Little Village Camden

About the organisation/project

Springer Nature is one of the world's leading publishers of climate research, responsible for more than 40,000 articles or book chapters in this area since 2015.

By publishing trusted research, and sharing it widely, they connect ideas and solutions to the people that need them to address global challenges like the climate crisis.

Ahead of COP26, Springer Nature launched *Climate Research in Action*, a microsite dedicated to highlighting the important role of research in finding and driving climate solutions.

It brings together content from across the internationally renowned Nature journal portfolio and features **The Ozone Story**: a case study of the most successful environmental policy of our time, the Montreal Protocol, which begins with a startling research finding published in Nature.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Highlighting the important connection between good research and successful environmental policy making.
- Inspiring those travelling to and attending COP26 to act on the evidence that is available today.
- Providing free access to all the research as power is knowledge.
- Springer worked closely with local business partners to highlight key research as international delegates come through their local area on the way to COP26.
- Carbon neutral offices and a thriving green office network of employees working towards Net Zero ambitions.

On supporting the community

- Providing free access to all the research on this as they believe in the power of knowledge.
- Worked closely with local business partners to highlight the research as international delegations come through their local area on the way to COP26.

Partners involved

- Eurostar
- Avanti
- Urban Partners

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“ Collaborating with other local organisations and partners is spreading the important message about the vital role of research with wider audiences. ”

Maeve Dunne, Springer Nature

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CAMDEN RECYCLING REWARDS

Organisation name: Jump

About the organisation/project

Jump are engagement specialists helping organisations reach their sustainability and wellness targets

Camden Recycling Rewards is a digital engagement programme which rewards residents for reducing the amount they waste, reusing what they can and recycling more.

Residents take part in a number of actions and earn 'Green Points' for each action they complete, as well as receiving an informative digital newsletter each month.

Residents can also take part in a Food Waste Challenge within the programme in which they make a pledge on how they're going to reduce their food waste, earning Green Points for each week they stick to this pledge and competing on leader boards.

Each month, the top points earning resident from each of Camden's five communities wins a £30 voucher.

In addition, every year £3,000 is donated to local charities and community groups on behalf of the communities that earn the most Green Points per person.

On tackling the climate crisis

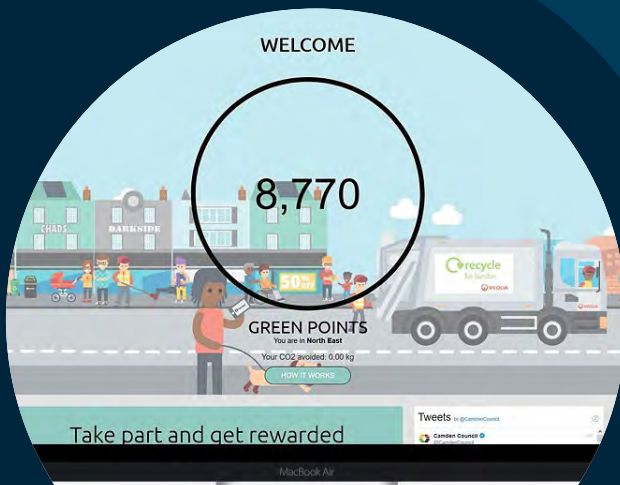
- 16,142 Camden households have signed up to be part of the scheme.
- 307,936 positive, sustainable behaviours have been recorded.
- 280 monthly vouchers, worth a total of £8,400, have been awarded to residents.
- Estimations show that, based on residents reporting what they have recycled, they have avoided 149,263kg carbon emissions since June 2019

On supporting the community

- Each year the programme provides local charities with donations on behalf of winning communities.
- To date £33,000 has been donated.
- Recipients include Camden Mind, NW5 Community Play Project, Age UK Camden, Kentish Town City Farm plus many more.
- 113 local businesses are listed on the rewards website and app.

Partners involved

- Camden Council
- Veolia



“Giving residents ownership and involvement in the shape of the programme has fostered a real sense of community. For example, charities are nominated by residents for inclusion in the platform.”

Bethany Fruen, Jump

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REFUGEE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Organisation name: Refugee Community Kitchen

About the organisation/project

Refugee community kitchen was set up in response to the refugee crisis in Northern France in 2015 and they are still there today serving 2000 meals. They have now served over 3.5 million meals all prepared by amazing teams of volunteers. It fast became evident that food being donated to Calais was not always suitable for the journey and with their skills and volunteers in November 2016 they set up their first outreach services in Camden and now have 8 services in London and Edinburgh.

They try to make their services as autonomous as possible, local volunteers, serving locally sourced food to local people, with the intention of building stronger communities.

When first starting outreach services in the UK it was thought that they were aiming to reach street sleepers, but it has become so much more. They serve homeless, rough sleepers, people in food poverty, people with mental health issues, drug issues and people who just need connection.

They serve food made with love and without judgement.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Focus on the environmental aspects of their service.
- Use biodegradable products.
- They use surplus food for the majority of their services.
- From January 2021, they have repurposed 37 tonnes of surplus food
- Use locally sourced food.

On supporting the community

- The service is for the community, providing hot nourishing meals served without judgement.
- Have held pop ups in areas highlighted as being in food poverty.
- Supporting events run by other organisations such as Think & Do, The Zen project and Mind in Camden.
- Created a safe space for people to be able to commune, eat and share.
- The safe space also allows other services to access people including Nurses Without Borders and Hep C Society, Street Vets.

Partners involved

- Felix Project
- Think and Do
- Mind in Camden
- The Zen project



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“ Everything is impossible
until you do it. ”

Janie Mac,
Refugee Community Kitchen



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About the organisation/project

Energy Garden is a Community Benefit Society that supports communities to install and maintain gardens on railway stations across London. Community-owned renewable energy generates revenue to fund the gardens and education programmes.

Since 2015, Energy Garden has secured funding to negotiate legal permissions and raise finance for installations; to pay staff to oversee 34 (now 28) gardens on railway stations; to run school and youth training programs; and to buy materials and equipment to transform schools, estates, and stations into green, health-giving spaces.

Aims

- To raise awareness of environmental issues such as climate change, fossil fuel dependency and renewable energy solutions.
- To create community infrastructure that brings inspiration, cohesion, and concrete examples of what solutions can look like.
- To support communities to cultivate resilience, cohesion, innovation and hope.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Supporting local communities to install green walls, grow food, plant hedges as air quality buffers, and establish wildlife habitats that increase urban biodiversity.
- Supporting local communities to install off-grid solar systems and power station amenities like water pumps, fairy lights and phone chargers.
- First installation is underway for a 231kWp solar array on a transport depot in Streatham.

On supporting the community

- The 28 gardens in the network connect with 365,000 London commuters per day
- Supported 140 community groups in over 14 local authorities
- Held 740 public consultations & gardening events
- Run family fun days for over 4,000 people
- Put on 89 sessions in 44 schools with 2,400 children
- Provided AQA-accreditation for 56 young Londoners in renewable energy and horticulture

Partners involved

- Local community groups
- Station users
- Charitable foundations
- Corporate partners
- Local councils
- Transport providers



“ We are strongest together. We invite you to get involved at a garden or in our energy cooperative and join the conversation today. ”

Kyle Baldock, Energy Garden

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About the organisation/project

In June 2021, Google UK partnered with Camden Council and Speakers for Schools to host 82 local students in its second 'virtual' work experience supporting under-represented groups who had missed out on vital work placements due to COVID-19.

The programme featured a variety of different experiences including a real-world challenge, tailored masterclasses, a digital skill offering from Google Digital Garage plus career insights and mentoring from a range of Google mentors.

Every student received a graduation pack with a certificate of completion detailing the skills they had acquired to add to their CV, and a list of additional resources to help them take their next step in career planning.

The programme is a sign of Google's commitment to be a helpful neighbour to the communities within Camden.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Challenged students to design a retail space that would become a useful, sustainable, and valued part of their community.
- Encouraged students to learn and get creative around what a sustainable shop could be, the materials it should use, what it might sell and how it could be helpful to the local area.
- Encouraged students to develop a range of highly imaginative ideas for how retail could be based on local need and long-term sustainability.

On supporting the community

- Gave students a taste of the workplace.
- Enabled them to develop insights and skills that will equip them in their future career plans.
- Boosted confidence and created a sense of possibility for young people.
- Created a safe space for students to come together, ask questions, work in small groups, get creative.
- Strengthened Google's relationships with local partners.

Partners involved

- Camden Council
- Speakers for Schools
- Think & Do
- Doc Martens
- The Roundhouse
- Koko Foundation
- 7 Camden schools & 1 Further Education college



“ We were conscious of aiming to meet students in their comfort zone whilst inviting them to engage verbally during the week long online experience programme. ”

Anna Simpson, Google

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About the organisation/project

Simon Lepper set up the Clarkson and Mornington Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) in 2018 with the goal of fostering familiarity between the neighbours to create a strong community, so should someone need anything they are able to ask for help.

Camden Giving was able to provide funding to Clarkson and Mornington TRA through the HS2 Fund and the group also received support from Camden Council's Tenant Participation team. This enabled residents to create a series of planters on their street; that brought nature, colour, a mitigation from air pollution and a reason to socialise as neighbours to their community.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Helped the residents to lower pollution from the train line plan, through the plants absorbing harmful airborne gasses.
- Encouraged biodiversity in the area.

On supporting the community

- Provided a reason for neighbours to get to meet and know each other, with the watering and pruning of the street planters a shared responsibility of the neighbours.
- Created a nicer place to walk for commuters and passers-by, meaning it doesn't just benefit residents but anybody who uses the road.

Partners involved

- Camden Giving
- Clarkson and Mornington Tenants and Residents Association



“ This project was one of many funded through the HS2 Fund that focused on greening and better green space as mitigation from disruption from the HS2 development and pollution around Euston. ”

Grace Coffey, Camden Giving

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About the organisation/project

The film industry is growing rapidly, it is very high profile, but it still uses polluting diesel generators to provide power for its sets.

All producers want to be greener and are looking for better ways to make their films. However, they will hire a diesel generator if there is no alternative. This project aims to make sure that there are alternatives.

The resources page of their website tells producers about alternative products. For example, LPG and Hydrogen generators, which have significantly less emissions; HVO fuel, which reduces emissions significantly and can be used in standard generators, and battery technology which can replace small generators and soon will be scaled up to replace large ones.

The quarterly report going out to around 15,000 film industry professionals will tell people about best practice, what productions such as "The Crown" have done to cut their emissions, and what Londoners feel about film production polluting their air.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Long term aim is to eliminate the use of polluting generators in Camden's streets and parks.
- Short term aims to put forward less polluting alternatives such as biofuel, and alternative fuels like Hydrogen and LPG.
- Promoting best practice.
- Publishing the data gathered from the permitting process and from the phone app they have developed.
- Creating systematic measurement processes to monitor progress.

On supporting the community

- Assisting the local community by working towards the reduction of air pollution and bad smells coming from diesel generators on films sets.

Partners involved

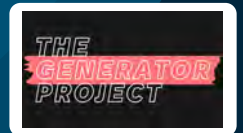
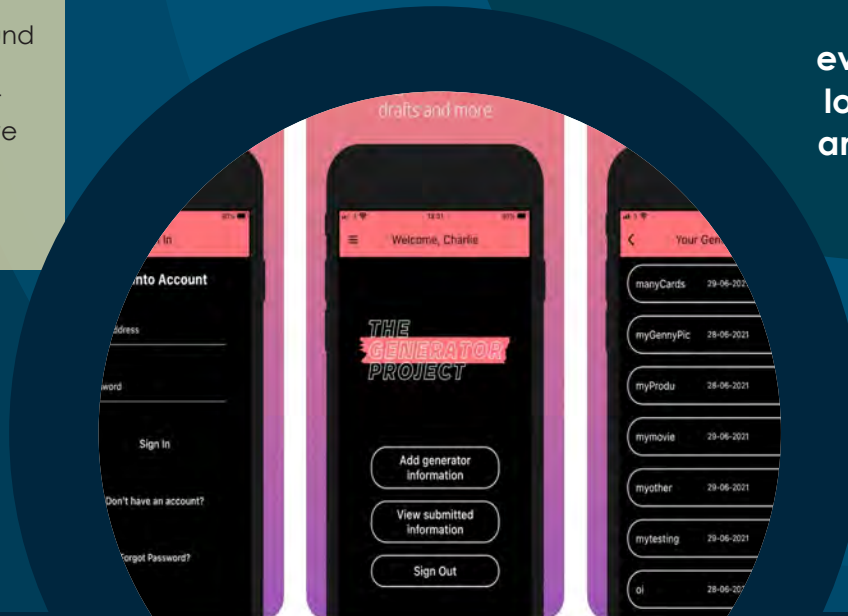
- Camden Film Office
- Camden Events Service
- FilmFixer Ltd
- Sustainable Film
- On Bio
- 25 London boroughs.

“ The Climate Crisis is terrifying.

Our advice is to try find one achievable goal. If everyone does this, then a lot of goals will be scored and we might make some progress.”

Andrew Pavord,
The Generator Project

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About the organisation/project

The Francis Crick Institute is a biomedical research institute working with organisations across academia, medicine, and industry to make discoveries about how life works.

Somers Town Energy (STE) is a district energy network serving over 500 homes, a new school and community facilities in the heart of Somers Town. The heat network has been operational since 2015. In 2019/20, a combined heat and power (CHP) unit was installed to provide low-carbon heating to the connected homes as well as low carbon electricity with capacity for export to the national electricity grid.

The CHP's power supply will soon be redirected through private wire to Europe's largest biomedical research institute under one roof, the Francis Crick Institute, which is located within Somers Town. The project demonstrates how partnership working with strategic partners can help to facilitate carbon savings in Camden.

On tackling the climate crisis

- The Combined Heat and Power unit efficiently generates electricity for export to the Francis Crick Institute.
- The heat network infrastructure allows for the waste heat generated by this process to be recovered to provide heating for the sites connected to the Somers Town Energy district heating network.
- The process allows heat and electricity to be produced with a low carbon intensity and significantly reduces Camden's emissions.

On supporting the community

- The project was funded through multiple organisations, including a significant contribution from the Francis Crick Institute.
- This resulted in zero costs being incurred by housing tenants living in the social housing connected to the network.
- Replacing old communal boilers within individual estates and retrofitting district heating solutions has helped to improve the efficiency of heating systems and reduce local air pollutants.

Partners involved

- Camden Council
- Vital Energy



“ The project required years of planning to ensure that when the Francis Crick Institute was built, the infrastructure for connection of the electrical cabling to the Camden energy centre was planned. The project required partnership working by key stakeholders throughout project planning and delivery. ”

Rajnika Hirani, Francis Crick Institute

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About the organisation/project

CLUBZERO is a returnable packaging system designed to hold both hot and cold food and beverage. CLUBZERO offers a convenient and cost neutral alternative to disposable packaging.

Not only does CLUBZERO make it easy to do the right thing, but the product itself is a level up from disposable packaging. Designed to be user-friendly, CLUBZERO cups and containers keep their contents hotter/cooler for longer. In addition, every part of the process is ecologically mindful.

All of CLUBZERO's products produce at least half the carbon footprint of single-use disposable packaging over a typical lifecycle. Every time used units are collected, a drop-off of fresh packaging is scheduled at the same time – each trip is coordinated to be as eco-friendly as possible. Even the process of washing the packaging is optimised to ensure the minimum amount of water is used to clean the maximum number of units.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Saved over 1 million single use plastic items so far.
- Completed 530,000 orders
- Saved 15.9 tonnes of CO2

On supporting the community

- Raising awareness of the value of reusable packaging vs single-use.
- Demonstrating how impactful sustainable practices are to our environment.

Partners involved

- Just Eat
- First Mile
- King's Cross
- Camden Council



“ We're giving customers the right to choose an alternative to single-use packaging. In the same way as we've seen choices for consumers beyond meat and beyond dairy, we're giving consumers the option beyond landfill packaging. ”

Safia Qureshi, CLUBZERO

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About the organisation/project

FEAST With Us provides regular access to freshly cooked and nutritious meals for people experiencing food poverty through community cooking sessions. Their three pillars are:

- Malnutrition Prevention
- Minimising food waste
- Community cohesion

At FEAST cooking sessions, chefs, volunteers and adults at risk come together to cook using surplus food. Food is at the heart of community and wellbeing, and thus a FEAST brings people together to share experiences, recipes and spend time together.

The goal is for people to come away empowered to support their own nutrition, with a better understanding of eating healthily and sustainably and with increased occupational opportunities.

Mind in Camden provides a range of services to support people who face challenging circumstances that affects their mental health. They work with a large number of local partners to deliver the services.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Reducing food waste by turning food destined for landfills into nutritious meals.
- Reducing food waste related to project through composting.
- Created resources such as zero food waste cooking and recipe guides.
- Produced learning materials to support people to reduce household food waste and grow their own food.
- Running campaigns to raise awareness around food waste and how to tackle it.
- Conducting Tupperware donation drives to recycle and use for food delivery.

On supporting the community

- Providing access to freshly cooked and nutritious food.
- Bringing people together to create and eat meals.
- Improving cooking and occupational skills.
- Creating a sense of community.
- Offering advice on food shopping and healthy eating on a budget.
- Providing nutritious meals to those in the community with mobility issues.
- Tackling social isolation.

Partners involved

- Single Homeless Project
- Mind in Camden
- LB of Camden
- Age UK
- Felix Project and City Harvest
- Sainsbury's, LIDL and Gail's
- BioPak, Vegaware and Ambican
- Young Camden Foundation
- Castlehaven Community Centre
- Kentish Town Community Centre,
- Kentish Town City Farm
- Neko
- Oxo Tower Restaurant



“A FEAST brings people together to share experiences, recipes and spend time together.”

Lily McSweeney,
Feast with Us

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About the organisation/project

Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) are working on a vision and brief to create a child-friendly, healthy street. Currently the street is congested, suffers from poor air quality, and does not offer any benefits to either the local community or GOSH visitors and staff.

Parklets are a way of temporarily removing parking bays and evaluating the impact before permanent measures are implemented. It is possible to experience at a smaller scale the potential effect of a greener, healthier and more people friendly street which is their ultimate aim.

They worked with students at Central St Martins on concept designs for a parklet on Great Ormond Street. This has now been submitted to LB of Camden for approval and the funding to fabricate it is available once approved.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Reallocating road space away from motor traffic.
- Helping mitigate pollutant fumes and improve the air quality - the screens suppress dust and air borne pollutants
- Taking a first step towards a healthy, sustainable and child-friendly street.
- Raising awareness at a smaller scale the potential effect of a greener, healthier and more people friendly street.
- Encouraging biodiversity.
- Using sustainable materials.

On supporting the community

- Providing spaces for respite, to escape to, and a space to sit with contact to nature are hugely beneficial.
- Communicating a positive and strong message with respect to our aim for long-term improvements to the street.
- Reducing congestion and improving air quality.

Partners involved

- Camden Council
- Central St Martins

“ It is critical to work closely with your local authority and with community organisations around you, to ensure local buy-in. ”

Magali Thomson, Great Ormond Street Hospital



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About the organisation/project

Alara has become the first cereal brand on Earth to manufacture net zero carbon cereals. On their net zero carbon products, they declare scope 3 emissions on the pack so customers can know how much CO2e is embedded in the product.

An on-pack QR code leads to an explanation. This carbon is offset by donating to the organisation Rainforest Saver, which promotes the planting of a nitrogen-fixing tree called Inga amongst farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and South America.

Now only five of the box recipes are neutral carbon and they have recently launched 40g single-serve pouches of also five different varieties.

They are currently working with Westminster University to expand this feature to the complete product line soon.

This is the latest and most challenging step to reinforce Alara's commitment to sustainability and their current claim as the most sustainable manufacturer on Earth.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Offsetting exact amount of carbon embedded in their products.
- Donating to Rainforest Saver to promote the planting of Inga Alley Trees which capture an average of 1,250 of CO2 during their lives.
- Helping to prevent slash and burn farming techniques Their factory only uses green energy sources and is zero waste.
- Their products are now plastic free, the box is fully recyclable, and the inner film is compostable.
- Using an electric cargo bike to make deliveries around London.

On supporting the community

- Founder, Alex Smith is Chair of the Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum and is also actively involved in local groups.
- Work closely with Food4All and other charities to donate food to several food banks around the area.
- Host a free community party at the factory in Camley Street every September.

Partners involved

- Westminster University
- Rainforest Saver

“Food businesses must start taking responsibility for the embedded carbon in the food they produce, including measurement of Scope 3 emissions.”

Alex Smith, Alara Wholefoods



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About the organisation/project

Argent is a UK property developer specialising in mixed use development with a focus on placemaking and regeneration.

King's Cross is a 67-acre mixed-use regeneration project in central London, as such it presents a unique opportunity to improve what was contaminated former industrial land, with no green space, into a resilient neighbourhood in which people can flourish alongside nature.

At ground level 400 trees have been planted, a new park created with Lewis Cubitt Park and ribbons of green and blue run through the site alongside the restored segments of the Regents Canal.

At roof level, King's Cross is evolving into an oasis for nature away from the hustle and bustle of the street. In doing so, it is providing an important wildlife corridor connecting King's Cross to surrounding green spaces while attenuating water and decreasing the temperature of the surrounding environment.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Of the 20 new buildings that have been delivered on the estate so far, 40% is dedicated to green roofs'
- Created one of the world's most diverse urban roofscapes with a mosaic of habitats.
- Developed habitats which include wetland area and wild lower meadows.
- Created a home to more than 600 species of plants in over 4 acres of green space.
- Created a safe space for birds such as ducklings and peregrine falcons.
- The green roofs contributed to buildings achieving BREEAM or Code for Sustainable Homes certification.

On supporting the community

- Reducing air pollution through the plants absorbing harmful airborne gasses.
- Reducing the ambient temperature.
- Providing a rainwater buffer.
- Creating green spaces essential for wellbeing.

Partners involved

- London Wildlife Trust



“ If London is to meet its net zero commitments, it must change its grey lifeless rooftops to vibrant, green landscapes that absorb rainfall and cool the surrounding environment. ”

Claire Burgess, Argent LLP

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SOMERS TOWN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EXHIBITION

Organisation name: Somers Town Community Association

About the organisation/project

Somers Town Community Association is a charity dedicated to providing a meaningful and positive influence at every level of people's lives.

Somers Town Community Association, The St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre hosted a 3-week programme of Environment and Climate workshops and activities culminating in an evening event on the 11th November 2021.

This launched an on-going programme of activities and events that they hope will lead to increased understanding, greater awareness, and ultimately behavioural change for residents.

The aim is to use the reach that they have, and relationships formed over 35 years of delivering services to the local community to ask questions, challenge preconceptions and begin the changes we all need to make.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Raising awareness about the climate crisis in the local community.
- Increasing understanding of the climate crisis and what can be done to tackle it.
- Encouraging behavioural change through community engagement.

On supporting the community

- Welcoming 1250 users per month cross the 3 centres pre pandemic.
- Supporting the vaccination programme (being delivered in partnership with the local Primary Care Network).
- Work with the Homeless Alliance, We Are Aging Better, Somers Town Youth Programme, the Somers Town Job Hub, **Make@StoryGarden** and the Somers Town Community Hub to deliver benefits across all spectrums all of the time

Partners involved

Over 70 organisations including:

- Global Generation
- Central Saint Martins
- Knowledge Quarter
- Little Village
- UCL
- Francis Crick Institute
- Lendlease
- LB of Camden



“ Give it a go, there is a lot of support out there and don't be afraid to ask questions.”

Sarah Elie, Somers Town Community Association

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Somers Town Community Association

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About the organisation/project

Think & Do Camden is a hub for climate, social and ecological justice. They create pop-ups and projects which address the environmental crisis.

Think and Do recently hosted a two week pop up in Somers Town in collaboration with residents and local community groups.

Think & Do has also been working on a range of projects from the Camden Forest, aiming to plant 2025 trees by 2025, to the No.19 Community Fridge which prevents food waste.

Encouraging climate action in schools is something they are passionate about. They are working closely with the council on the School Climate Charter.

Their new Camden Bee Line project also aims to link all schools in the borough, who are rewilding/greening up parts of their school grounds, into one Camden Bee-Line map.

The project not only aims to increase biodiversity - it's also about well-being and connecting students to nature and clean air.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Inspiring individual change or collective action through engagement.
- Creating space to address the climate crisis.
- Preventing food waste through No.19 Community Fridge project.
- Ensuring clothes are used longer with Camden Friends of the Earth Clothes Swaps.
- Sequestering carbon with Camden Forest and Camden Beeline through planting and creating more green space.
- Encouraging biodiversity and improving air quality.

On supporting the community

- Connecting and activating the community through pop ups, events, exhibitions, webinars, and projects.
- Creating accessible spaces to come together and tackle the climate crisis together.
- Serving over 500 meals in partnership with Refugee Community Kitchen.
- Organising for Green Doctors to offer advice on saving money on energy bills to residents.

Partners involved

- T&D Volunteers
- Camden Residents
- Camden Council
- Refugee Community Kitchen
- Cooperation Town
- Kentish Town Vegbox
- Camden Friends of the Earth
- Transition Kentish Town

“To make it enjoyable, to be patient and use energy wisely. Create meaningful collaborations.”

Ellena Bryant, Think and Do

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CAMDEN POP-Up
THINK&DO
COMMUNITY SPACE FOR CLIMATE & SOCIAL ACTION

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About the organisation/project

Lifeafterhummus Community Benefit Society provides a hyper-local circular model for surplus food in Somers Town, Camden.

A part-time team of three run this project. A group of local volunteers collect surplus food using hand carts, bicycle trailers, an e-cargo bicycle and cars from local stores and wholesalers. This surplus is sorted and redistributed to those in need via two avenues:

- Shop floor – volunteers prepare food parcels 1-2-1 with 80 local households, affected financially by Covid. They use 'Request what you Eat, Eat what you Request' model so families take what they need for that week. Own container use is encouraged for loose items. There is also a 'Room of things' with items donated by local businesses including WEEE waste.
- Remaining surplus food is sorted to the needs of 10 volunteer community partners, hostels, local after school club and a church group.

There is minimal waste remaining managed by Veolia: per week they produce up to 20kg recycling, up to 20kg general waste, 20kg cardboard and 140L food waste.

On tackling the climate crisis

- 12-13 tonnes of surplus food collected every quarter.
- In 12 months leading up to October 2021, over 45 metric tons of surplus food and other goods to the local community have been distributed which otherwise would have been deemed waste and disposed of through incineration or other means, avoiding 112,500 kg of CO2 emissions.

On supporting the community

- Intersectional approach means Food - Health - Waste and Employment needs are met in the delivery of the service.
- Supporting largely 'hard to reach' families and helping to connect them to mainstream partners.
- Each parcel taken home is on average £40 worth of weekly shopping and culturally appropriate.
- Supporting 4 households and 1 local volunteer back into employment.
- Local people who wish to support those in need and connect to their community volunteer with us; many friendships have been formed in our intergenerational setting.
- Additional support provided: Debt referrals, care navigation, employability support, and more.

Partners involved

- 45 local stores and wholesalers every week donating surplus food and items.
- 50 local community volunteers
- 8 local hostels
- Local after school club
- Local church group
- Various organisations connected to for additional support e.g. Sure Start, Voluntary Action Camden, Care Navigation, Camden Safety Net, Green Doctors.

“ It is important to truly listen to be able to meet the needs of the local community. Do not parachute in. Know your audience, supporters and market. And connect with us, our model can be duplicated. ”

Farah Rainfly, Life After Hummus



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About the organisation/project

The **Camden Clean Air Initiative** (CCAI) is a not-for-profit action group working to increase the quality of air in the Borough of Camden.

Working closely with all community stakeholders (including residents, businesses, community groups and local government) CCAI run borough-wide initiatives, provide resources, and act as a voice for all those who care about Camden.

Acknowledging that road transport accounts for 49% of Camden's NOx and PM10, Camden Clean Air's main focus is to reduce vehicle emissions across the Borough. This is being done by making fundamental, long-lasting change through long-term projects:

- Parklets
- Air quality sensor network
- CAPS Project
- Electrify Camden
- Indoor air quality at schools
- Community coffee project
- Camden clean air bus

CCAI encourage changes to behaviour across four key areas; households, workplaces, schools, and hospitality businesses.

They also run the Camden Ecochampion Awards created to celebrate the residents of our Borough who go above and beyond to protect our environment.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Reducing the number of vehicles.
- Reducing waste.
- Improving biodiversity.

On supporting the community

- Improving health by improving air quality.
- Providing access to air quality data.

Partners involved

- Households
- Workplaces
- Schools
- Hospitality businesses



“We aim to transform Camden into a haven for walking and cycling by working with local government and major Camden-based companies and introducing borough-wide initiatives and policy change.”

Georgina McGivern,
Camden Clean Air Initiative

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About the organisation/project

Part of the Plastic Free Communities (PFC) campaign that was launched by Surfers Against Sewage a few years ago. PFC encourages community leaders to implement the campaign in their local area.

There are five targets to meet before declaring an area as a Plastic Free Community. These are:

- To get local businesses to replace 3 items of single-use plastic with reusable/sustainable alternatives (the amount relates to population)
- To get support from local councillors
- To have regular committee meetings
- To get support from Council
- To work with Plastic Free Partner/Community organisations

On supporting the community

- Cleaned up the local community several times with litter picks.
- Raising awareness about the single-use plastic problem (locally and through social media) and we have awarded several local businesses with Plastic Free Champion plaques and certificates.
- Educating local cafes to encourage reuse over disposables by providing 'Bring Your Reusables' posters.

Partners involved

- West Hampstead library for a film show
- Little Hands Charity for a 'Make Your Own Bag' sewing session
- Local scout group for a recycling challenge/education
- Local festival (Jester) to limit single-use plastic
- Local Friends of the Earth
- Greenpeace groups
- Think and Do to run workshops
- Litter picks and anti-litter campaigns such as 'Leave No Trace'.
- West Hampstead Amenity & Transport.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Plastic is a by-product of oil, a major contributor to the climate crisis, and can cause huge pollution problems in both the local area and the oceans.
- Raising awareness and educating people about why single-use plastic is a problem will help encourage individuals to choose sustainable options when it comes to what they are buying and using.
- Encouraging people to be more aware & respectful of their environment by showing how to dispose of waste plastic responsibly and by holding litter picking/'Leave No Trace' /Mass Unwrap events. By encouraging people away from single-use plastic they hope to limit the amount of plastic produced.



“ Other areas in Camden can join PFC and implement the campaign. A major challenge has been building relationships with schools/larger businesses to help them limit their plastic usage. ”

Melanie Viner-Cuneo
Plastic Free West Hampstead

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SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

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About the organisation/project

ASOS is a global online fashion retailer with 168 suppliers who use 713 factories around the world. A head office is based in Camden.

Fashion with Integrity guides the ASOS approach to business. Since 2010, it's been their programme for moving forward in a more responsible and sustainable way. In September 2021 ASOS set four key goals for 2030: Be Net Zero, Be More Circular, Be Transparent, and Be Diverse.

Through Be Net Zero, their goal is to become Net Zero in their value chain by 2030, and carbon neutral in operations – their offices, warehouses, deliveries and returns – by 2025. They've set targets to decarbonise their business with the Science Based Targets initiative.

Alongside their commitments to using more recycled and sustainable materials and plans to reduce waste, and the work already done to reduce their emissions and make their products more sustainable, they're committed to minimising their impact on the planet and delivering positive benefits for people.

On supporting the community

- Promoting the use of electric vehicles and more sustainable delivery methods. To help reduce carbon emissions but also improve local air quality too. More than 1 million orders have been delivered using electric vehicles, helping ensure deliveries aren't contributing to London's air quality crisis.
- Joined the Camden Air Quality Initiative and have sponsored two air quality sensors to be installed and maintained in the borough. This will help to understand the issues around local air quality and what can be done to improve it. One sensor will be attached to the ASOS offices at GLH and one will be donated to the Kentish Town Community Centre.

Partners involved

- Camden Clean Air Initiative
- Kentish Town Community Centre
- Operational partners such as DPD who have been accelerating use of electric vehicles to clean London air.

On tackling the climate crisis

- 45% reduction in operational carbon emissions per order between 2016 and 2020. Achieved through a range of measures, including installing warehouses closer to customers, transitioning to renewable energy, improving the sustainability of packaging, and working with partners to encourage the use of electric vehicles in urban areas like London.
- Emissions reduction targets are aligned to climate science and to the 1.5C of warming limit outlined in the Paris Agreement.



“ Try to align your emission reduction with latest science and standards like the Science Based Targets initiative. ”

Paul Turner, ASOS

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About the organisation/project

Power Up North London is a non-profit community organisation that enables local people to tackle climate change by delivering renewable energy projects.

Projects reduce carbon emissions and running costs for site owners while supporting the local economy.

The vision is to contribute to North London boroughs becoming net zero carbon by 2030 underpinned by a resilient, independent and collaborative community of residents harnessing clean energy.

- 9 solar energy systems with over 300 kWp installed, on a range of public buildings, including schools, a health centre, a church and a city farm.
- Over £140,000 from the community to drive this investment.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Saving approximately 70 tonnes of carbon per year
- Empowering and educating communities on the potential of community-owned renewable energy in urban areas.

On supporting the community

- Providing a way for the community to take practical action about the climate crisis, through investing and volunteering.
- Energy produced from the sites is sold back to the site owner at a discount, enabling them to repurpose funds into other activities, such as teaching and better supporting the communities they serve.
- Surplus income from projects is used to invest in community greening projects, including the planting of a feminist orchard and wildflower meadow in a secondary school, and a community garden.

Partners involved

- Urban Partners members
- Camden Council
- HS2-funded Greening Phoenix Road
- Mayor of London-supported Clean Air Better Business programme

“Work in partnership with other like-minded organisations, so building the network of change.”

Joanna Macrae, PUNL



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About the organisation/project

Urban Partners is a voluntary business partnership made up of organisations in the Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras area.

The Wellbeing Walk is an alternative walking route that encourages people visiting, commuting to, or living in the Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras area to avoid the high levels of pollution found on Euston Road, one of London's pollution hotspots.

Launched in 2015 after a report found a 72% reduction in pollution (measured as cumulative black carbon particles) along the alternative walking route versus the congested Euston Road route.

The Wellbeing Walk was launched as part of the Mayor of London-supported Clean Air Better Business programme. In comparison to Euston Road a report in 2019 found pollution on the Wellbeing Walk less than 65%. The alternative route has additional benefits beyond offering cleaner air and an escape from concentrated vehicle exhaust fumes. The reduced noise pollution and congestion on the Wellbeing Walk improve wellbeing and access to public spaces in the area, and the route brings visitors, commuters and residents through a less populated part of Camden.

It is also exploring links with other healthy walking routes and the Footways network of walks in London.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Since its launch in 2015 a threefold increase in people using the Wellbeing Walk, with 1,200 using it every day across the morning and evening rush hour times.
- Air pollution is one of the biggest environmental threats to human health, alongside climate change. According to the WHO, air pollution is responsible for 4,000 deaths annually in London and more than two million Londoners live with illegal pollution, including 400,000 children.
- The Wellbeing Walk encourages those visiting, commuting to, or living in the area to use cleaner air walking routes when moving around the area providing significant health benefits.

On supporting the community

- Improvements in health by encouraging people to use the alternative walking route.
- The green signs installed at Euston Station and along the route through Somers Town have made the walk easy to follow. Through collaboration between Urban Partners members, the partnership has been able to reach the many 1,000s of employees working for member businesses to encourage them to use the walk.
- A threefold increase of people are exploring parts of Camden that they may never have visited without this initiative and plans are underway for an additional route that will encourage people to walk south of Euston Road and discover the businesses located there.

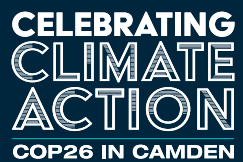
Partners involved

- Urban Partners members
- Camden Council
- HS2-funded Greening Phoenix Road
- Mayor of London-supported Clean Air Better Business programme

“The major challenge in bringing the Walk to the local community is how to promote the route and change well-established habits. Please contact Urban Partners for advice in launching a similar initiative.”

Michael Richardson,
Evergreen Reputation (for Urban Partners)

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About the organisation/project

Parliament Hill School is a secondary school and sixth form for girls located in the Borough of Camden in London, England.

With support and encouragement from Camden Council and Camden Think and Do, Parliament Hill School created a group called: The Sustainers which have inspired a movement at the school. Students were awarded a grant from the Camden Sustainers programme but more importantly they learnt how to advocate and present their ideas. They inspired other students to form a much larger group called the Parli Climate Action group and this led to a wide range of activities bringing climate and community benefit.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Lobbied for a plastic free catering service.
- Presented to the school governors to support their campaign for a climate change curriculum.
- Hosted a series of documentary film screening events for all year groups.
- Led assemblies on the importance of climate action and reducing single use plastic for all year groups.
- Conducted a waste audit to measure energy and consumables waste.
- Ran a staff training event on how to reduce waste and include climate change in the curriculum.
- Created a Parli Climate Action re-useable water bottle to be sold at the canteen which has also inspired the Parli People to create a water bottle to sell to the community.
- Designed a 'bug hotel' with the DT department and plan on constructing it this term.
- Designed a waste zone and are fundraising for the equipment (bins).

On supporting the community

- Attended Lissenden Garden community event and gave speeches and read their own poetry to the community
- Attended a workshop on fast fashion and set up a school swap shop to encourage clothes recycling (on-going)
- Conducted 2 community litter pick events involving staff and students in the clear up
- Fundraised for and planted a school orchard - the Feminist Orchard Collected dedications for the tree nominations and selected a list of feminists to dedicate each tree to -dug a pond

Partners involved

- Camden Council
- Think & Do

“ We want all students to be empowered to lead globally and locally with social action recognised as an area of excellence. One area of established excellence is our student led action on sustainability and climate change. ”

Rachel Urquhart,
Parliament Hill School

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About the organisation/project

University College School (UCS) is an independent day school situated in Hampstead, Camden consisting of pre-prep, junior branch and senior school.

The UCS Foundation has been following the framework of 'Measure, Reduce, Contribute' as part of the UN Climate Neutral Now programme. Through measuring their carbon footprint the Foundation has been able to identify the key emission areas (energy and transport being the main ones) and take proactive steps in reducing the impact of the activities that it carries out. Students are provided the platform to lead the climate action of the school, supported by staff members.

Across the UCS Foundation the Eco-Schools Green Flag framework is used to provide specific 'high-priority' focus areas. This has provided consistency across the Foundation and allowed sharing of actions between schools. For example, all three schools are taking part in 'Switch-off fortnight' month to encourage energy saving behaviours to tackle the Energy focus area. Each school has also been working with the Transport for London STARS framework to encourage more sustainable transport choices.



On tackling the climate crisis

Key results from the last year's climate actions have been:

- Over 75% of the Foundation's waste is now recycled.
- Installation of 7 electric car charging points across the Foundation's sites.
- Creation and development of an 'Allotment area' where students from all three schools take part in biodiversity education activities alongside looking after bees and growing seasonal vegetables and plants.
- All overseas travel emissions are offset based on independent auditing.
- The Foundation's carbon footprint has been baselined over a two-year period to allow for year-on-year emission reduction targets to be established.



On supporting the community

- 100 trees have been distributed and planted by students as part of the Camden Forest campaign.

Partners involved

- Students
- Teachers
- Strategic Leadership Team
- Local community including Green School Runs
- Local businesses
- Camden Forest.

“The key action, in my experience, is for schools to move away from making sustainability the responsibility of one lead staff member and move towards embedding sustainable decision making into everyone's responsibility.”

James Firth,
University College School,
Hampstead

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About the organisation/project

Torriano Primary School is a community primary school in Kentish Town, London.

The whole school STEAM project Dig a Little Deeper explored how improving the local environment can also have a positive affect on all aspects of a child's education. The STEAM project evaluated the potential for community sustainable power generation and re-wilding of the school inside and out, in essence 'Greening the Grey'.

Each year group explored a different area including air quality, creating greener environments, investigating solar energy and reimagining the roads outside the school. Community voice has been at the heart of this – utilising child agency and parental activism to work with Camden to redesign pavements, traffic systems and create greener environments.

The initiative was driven by the School Improvement Plan and formed part of the whole school vision and ethos for a sustainable future for the local community with the Sustainable Development Goal's at its centre.

Following social seclusion, young people want healthy sustainable environments. So they wanted to ensure that the children were actual change makers in their community whilst, preparing them for life and learning.

Key challenges would be ensuring that concepts such as air quality are tangible for the children.

On supporting the community

Torriano developed a focus on careers education, raising aspirations through curriculum and partnership with employers, who are focused on carbon efficiency, health and wellbeing. They also worked with Eco Schools to form an Eco Council and used the STARS platform achieving the Gold Award.

Following our STEAM they have:

- Replanted and redesigned their playgrounds.
- Built habitats for mini beasts, birds and bees.
- Installed a Skip Garden in their playground.
- Worked with Camden to redesign bus lanes and footpaths outside our school.
- Begun work on installing solar panels in their school.

On tackling the climate crisis

Government Strategy changes at both local and national level ensuring that climate action is at the forefront of Sustainable Development Goals as part of the curriculum.

Partners involved

- Students
- Teachers
- Global Generation
- Nurture Landscapes
- Camden Council



“ The power of partnership underpinned our ambitions - securing access and opportunity and driving community change. ”

Rosemary O'Brien
Torriano Primary School

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About the organisation/project

Repowering London is a social enterprise that specialises in creating local energy projects. They work with communities to plan, fund and build their low-carbon future. They believe putting people at the heart of the energy system is key to addressing the climate emergency, building resilient communities, promoting technological innovation and creating a fair energy future.

Solar capacity projects generate locally owned, clean energy and the social energy that allows communities to flourish. Social and environmental justice is at the core of Repowering London activities.

The ambition is to scale hyper-local solar solutions to fit the scale of the climate challenge. Their goal is to ensure urban and disadvantaged communities continue to have opportunities to benefit from and participate in a smart, flexible and dynamic energy system.

Eight award-winning energy co-operatives across London have been established, these include both the first and largest community-owned energy projects on social housing in the UK.

Community energy brings individuals together to take collective action at a time when the challenge of climate change can seem daunting and overwhelming. The approach involves communities which means the most useful opportunities for local residents can be identified.

It reaches deep into the community to engage residents who would normally not take part in such schemes.

On supporting the community

- Tackling fuel poverty by promoting energy efficiency measures and the community funds created provide assistance to those living in fuel poverty, helping ensure they can pay their energy bills and properly heat their homes. The fuel poverty programme has reached out to more than 2,000 people and helped households save approximately £30,000 over the last two years
- Improves employment prospects of young people through engagement, training and mentoring. 123 young people have benefitted from the accredited Youth Training Programme and more than 50 have benefitted from paid work experience.
- Provides residents the opportunity to gain a variety of skills in renewable energy technologies, energy literacy, entrepreneurship and more.
- Health benefits through improved air quality and reduced carbon emissions.
- Reduced energy bills for schools and community centres where solar panels are located, and a return on investment for each member/ shareholder.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Reducing carbon emissions - in total projects have installed 670 kW of solar panels saving 2,878 tons of CO2 emissions over their lifetime.
- 563,000kWh of electricity is being generated annually – sufficient to power 225 London households.
- Community energy contributes to transformational change required to the current energy system through converting passive consumers into active participants in the energy generation process.
- Providing an ethical investment opportunity.

Partners involved

- Local authorities including LB Lambeth and Hackney
- Local communities
- and residents
- ERM foundation
- Bank of America
- BlowUP Media



“ If you believe that creating locally generated energy could make a difference in your community and kickstart its low-carbon future, contact us. ”

Afsheen Kabir Rashid,
Repowering London

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About the organisation/project

- Educational charity, which works together with local children and young people, businesses, residents and families to create healthy, integrated and environmentally responsible communities.
- Connects people of all ages to nature in the middle of the city
- Global Generation focus on the development of people, providing practical experiences and support for children and young people to become catalysts for change in their communities.
- This includes combining activities such as urban food growing, supporting bees, carpentry, cooking, and eating together with dialogue, story, creative writing, silence and stillness.

On tackling the climate crisis

- Youth programmes focus on intersectional issues.
- Teach people how to grow food, save water and restore soil and biodiversity.
- Involves people who would not normally engage in the Climate Crisis.
- Skip Parklets on Leighton Road, Gardens in schools, housing estates and in front of restaurants, businesses and Institutions

On supporting the community

- 'Generator' youth social action programme and became ambassadors for positive social environmental change, led to creation of more initiatives.
- "Can-do" citizen led approach.
- Projects have inspired local residents to take on their own bio-diverse, food producing greening projects.
- Provide a safe and space for young people to dive into race, migration and privilege.

On collaboration

- Local primary and secondary schools
- Hopscotch Women's Centre
- Somers Town Community Centre
- Urban Community Projects
- Argent
- The British Library
- Central Saint Martins
- Local residents



“A sign of success for us is that unexpected things emerge as different people get involved.”

Jane Riddiford, Global Generation

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GLOBAL GENERATION

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About the organisation/project

- Little Village is volunteer-powered and similar to a foodbank, but for clothes, toys and equipment for babies and children up to the age of 5.
- Grown to be one of the largest 'baby banks' in the UK, supporting over 11,000 children since launching in 2016.

On tackling the climate crisis

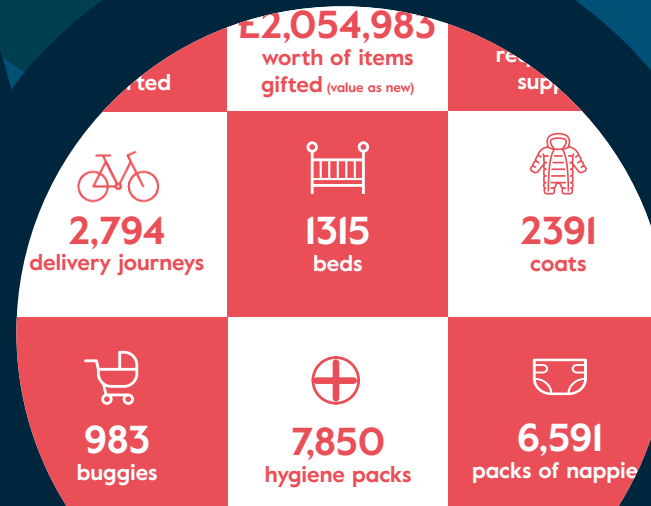
- £2m worth of second-hand baby clothes and equipment (valued as new), over 170,000 individual items of clothing, 983 buggies, and 1,315 beds gifted to families.
- Prevent items from being disposed of before the end of their natural life.
- Offer easier route, improves low recycling rates in the local area.
- Encourage acceptance of second hand as a positive option for families.

On supporting the community

- Receive, sort and pack donations for families.
- Build warm communities at sites where families support each other.
- Build confidence, support mental health, enable people to interact with others they wouldn't normally come into contact with.
- Many of the volunteers are families who have been supported.
- Offer a crèche to enable volunteers with young children to take part in meaningful activities as well.

“Local community loves coming together to support one another. The easier we make it for families to re-use and recycle on their doorstep, the more they are likely to get involved.”

Titilayo Thomas, Little Village Camden



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SamsungKX kindly hosted both of Camden's COP26

events in their fantastic experience hub, a destination that brings together local culture and unique innovation with the global community including both London residents and visitors. An area designed to be used by and bring together the community, the space has many different pockets that facilitate collaboration with access to some of the most sophisticated and high-tech equipment for the ultimate visual and learning experience. Recently, Samsung teamed up with Age UK Camden to give over 55's the opportunity to upskill and learn ways of using new technology to benefit them in everyday life, as well as Mind in Camden, to create a safe and welcoming space whereby members can attend weekly coffee mornings, receive complimentary hot drinks and access a dial in service to speak to others. The venue provided the perfect backdrop in order to engage attendees with the climate agenda and facilitate discussions and collaboration.

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what's on at SamsungKX



Argent LLP

Argent is a UK property developer specialising in mixed use development

with a focus on placemaking and regeneration. Since 2001, Argent has planned, managed and delivered the regeneration of King's Cross – one of the most significant urban development projects in the UK, and the largest to be developed in central London for over 150 years to give way to a vibrant new city quarter of offices, homes, community facilities, schools, as well as a host of shops, restaurants and bars. Argent played a huge part in facilitating the conversations with Samsung regarding the hosting of our COP26 Regional Roadshow.

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King's Cross



Think and Do, Camden

Camden Think and Do Pop Up is a community space to give people in

Camden the chance to come together to develop ideas and projects tackling the climate crisis. Think and Do play a key role in the delivery of innovative social and environmental climate projects across Camden. The team recently created and delivered the Somers Town Pop-up, a two-week programme of events to engage the community, including apple pressing, a Zen Wellbeing Bus, advice on home energy and how to limit food waste. During the two weeks there were over 600 visitors and over 275 surplus meals served by Refugee Community Kitchen. Think and Do volunteers were instrumental in the delivery of the COP26 Schools Summit. The team delivered a 'world café session' for teachers who attended, whereby they rotated round different themes to unpick how schools could engage with these areas, they included: climate justice, rewilding, transport, air quality, waste and food.

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about Think and Do

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Feast with Us

Camden and Islington based food poverty

charity Feast with Us provided an exquisite selection of carefully crafted vegan canapes specifically for our two events. Feast operates in various different venues across the two boroughs, cooking on average 600 meals per week for those who need it most, delivering around 200 meals per week by car, bike and food. Feast with Us embeds a mission to provide regular access to nutritious meals, education and skills, for people suffering from food poverty. The meals are made from surplus food that would otherwise be thrown away. Through the work that Feast with Us do, they are able to minimise food waste, prevent malnutrition and facilitate community cohesion.

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Feast With Us



St Mary's Brewery

St Mary's Brewery provided a selection of locally brewed beer for attendees of the evening event to sample. The brewery is located in the crypt of St Mary's Church, Primrose Hill and has played its part in making it a place of wonder. It

was born out of three passions:

- a passion for great beer,
- a passion to build a thriving community, and
- a passion for the growth and longevity of the youth work programme of St Mary's Primrose Hill

Sustainability is also at the heart of their operations. St Mary's Brewery source as many ingredients as possible from the UK and operate a Beer By Bike initiative to deliver beer locally by pedal power as well as a much loved local hop growing scheme - in cooperation with local Transition groups and residents - where they have a network of neighbourhood growers who have hops in gardens, allotments, along fences and in school playgrounds all in Camden. From their hops, the team brew a traditional green hopped beer and send it back to them.

It's a local product and it's also a project that helps build a community of green fingered and green minded people. The beers are bottled, labelled and boxed in recyclable and recycled materials and no single use plastic is used in packaging or production.

St Mary's Brewery are now in the process of raising much needed funds to reimagine the Church so that they can grow the wonder for the benefit of everyone, now and in the future.

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about St Mary's Brewery

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CLUBZERO worked with Feast with Us to provide reusable and sustainable containers for the

individual canape boxes that attendees received at both of the Camden COP26 events.

CLUBZERO has pioneered in delivering an award-winning returnable packaging system for food and beverage brands on a global scale, including the likes of Just Eat Takeaway, Nestle, John Lewis & Partners and Coca Cola, with the ultimate goal of achieving zero waste.

CupClub X Kings Cross launched on Clean Air Day 2020 to make Kings Cross and the Camden area a zero-waste hub for drink-on-the-go. Partners include Argent LLP, Kings Cross Estate, Camden Council, London Waste & Recycling Board and Camden Clean Air.

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about CLUBZERO



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