

Climate Partnership Meeting

Thursday 15th of July 2025, 1:00 – 2:30

Attendees:

Chairs: Fiona Peskett (Barts Health NHS Trust)

Apologies from Councillor Shafi Ahmed (Tower Hamlets Council)

Abdul Khan (LBTH, Sustainability); Adam Armstrong (LBTH, Trees); Adam Toll (East London NHS Foundation Trust); Alex Potter (LBTH, Education); Alison Basa (Barts Health NHS Trust); Edward Parkinson (Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust); Elle McAll (Women's Environmental Network); Jeena Patel (Barts Health NHS Trust); Jenna-Marie Smallwood (Queen Mary University); Martin Clarke (Barts Health NHS Trust); Jonathan Taylor (LBTH, Sustainability); Matus Holecko (LBTH, Estates); Mark Foulds (APASEN); Muhammad Islam (LBTH, Pollution); Nadiyah Hazar (East London Mosque); Nathalie Sylvia Bienfait (LBTH, Green Party Councillor); Paul Roper (East End Homes); Sefkan Altuntop (LBTH, Air Quality); Rebecca Waters (NHS Northeast London ICB); Sara Tome (Queen Mary University); Seth Bondonno (LBTH, Sustainability); Shani Kotecha (Energy Savings Trust); Tinika Godhania (Whitechapel Dental Hospital Student); Trussal Popat (Whitechapel Dental Hospital Student); Vicky Allen (LBTH, Strategy and Policy); Victoria Holmes (LBTH, Education); Vince Glover (New City College); Yohannah Caussyram (Canary Wharf Group); Zarreen Mokaddam (Telehouse); Zoe Miles (Women's Environmental Network); Zoe Sturgess (Queen Mary University).

Agenda Item	Notes/Actions
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions - (Co-Chairs) • Video - Saving water and raising climate awareness – Whitechapel Dental Hospital Students • Matters arising from last meeting & Subgroup Feedback - Seth Bondonno, LBTH • Green Finance Finder Tool - Zero Carbon Accelerator - Shani Kotecha Energy Savings Trust • Green Week - 3rd – 7th November - Victoria Holmes, LBTH • Power of Food festival - Elle McAll, Women's Environmental Network • Climate Alliance Update – Seth Bondonno, LBTH • Updates, information share and news stories (ALL)



- Forward planning, date of next meeting, and closing remarks - (Co-Chairs)

Video

Saving Water and Raising Climate Awareness – Whitechapel Dentist Hospital.

Students Trussel and Tinika showcased a video which recently placed first in a student sustainability competition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bCkULO-8Rk>

Project description - focus on the implementation of aerators in the dental hospital. Aerators are a small attachment that fits on the end of a tap to reduce the overall volume of water used and it was estimated that the annual water savings in the dental hospital will be over 5.8 million litres and an estimated annual savings over £20,000 in both the water and energy bills.

Adam Toll – Question highlighted by contractors that there is a potential for microbiological contamination.

Trussel – This is case for certain types of aerators. Previously, the way that these aerators would work is that they would push air into the tap and then they'll create like a bubbly watery mix. Recent technological advancements mean that there are now new types of aerators. There was a study on PUB Med mentioning that it can reduce bacteria by up to 395 times. This study is from 2021. Since 2013, there have been advancements in this technology. It would be good to investigate implementation of aerators into the future.

Rebecca Water - shares the green impact for health dentistry toolkit - [Green Impact in Dentistry | Green Impact | Students Organising for Sustainability](#)

What type of projects you're interested in being involved in the future?

Trussel and Tinika - Interested in lots of sustainability projects that are happening in Tower Hamlets including reducing waste.

Zoe Sturgess - An amazing piece of work that we should be sharing much more widely across Queen Mary. Would like to connect students with the rest of the university sustainability team and see if we can use your expertise elsewhere.



	<p>Highlighted that the students are very talented scientists, dentists, and fantastic public speakers as well. It would be great to get the students involved in other initiatives</p> <p>Edward Parkinson - Highlights that there are lots of other students that are interested in getting involved in sustainability projects.</p> <p>Actions: Students to attend future Climate Partnership meetings and participate in this forum. Students to be involved in upcoming Tower Hamlets sustainability initiatives such as in Green Week 2025.</p>
Matters Arising and Subgroup Feedback	<p>Matters Arising from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key action was for organisations to get involved in Tower Hamlets Green Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Week is on the agenda for today's meeting and will provide more information and share a form for organisations to register interest to join. <p>Innovation and Leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Climate Alliance Workshop took place on 25th June. • The meeting finalised the Climate Alliance Survey, Climate Alliance Pledges, alongside discussions on other resources within the Climate Alliance. <p>Greening Growing and Biodiversity –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Officer role – Closing date: 1 August 2025 • Next meeting to be organised with recruitment of a new biodiversity officer (target October). • Ecology and Biodiversity Officer - Tower Hamlets Council Environmentjob.co.uk • Ask for organisations to share this role vacancy with their networks.
Green Funding & Finance Finder	<p>Green Funding & Finance Finder – Shani Kotecha, Energy Saving Trust</p> <p>Zero Carbon Accelerator.</p>



Zero Carbon Accelerator	<p>Presentation took place to give information on the Green Funding & Finance Finder. This is a project from the Mayor of London's Zero Carbon Accelerator. It's helping organisations across London with decarbonising their buildings and offering free technical support. The programme is currently running until June 2026</p> <p>The Green Finance Finder Tool is free and accessible on the website. It is regularly updated and lists funding and finance opportunities that are all targeted towards decarbonisation.</p> <p>About the project: Discover funding and finance opportunities for your decarbonisation project with our Green Funding and Finance Finder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find potential sources of financial support for your project in one place. • For finding grants, loans, or investment opportunities. • Use the filters to sort through opportunities by sector, project types, minimum and maximum amount of capital, and whether they are funding or finance. <p>Green Funding & Finance Finder: https://zerocarbonaccelerator.london/green-funding-and-finance-finder/</p> <p>Eligibility and other guidance: https://zerocarbonaccelerator.london/get-support/faqs-and-guidance/#eligibility</p> <p>Expression of Interest form: https://zerocarbonaccelerator.london/get-support/expression-of-interest/</p> <p>Question from Rebecca Waters, NHS - when will the healthcare sector be able to utilise the tool? Shani Kotecha – Will be investigated internally, any updates on this information will be shared with the group.</p>
Other Funding Opportunities	<p>Green Roots Fund Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What this fund supports: projects to create and improve green and blue infrastructure in London. • Who can apply? - local authorities and not-for-profit organisations. • Amount: apply for a £10,000 to £500,000 grant. Total of £12m available over three years. • Next deadline: 21 August 2025, 2pm. Deadlines are intended to happen twice a year. • How long for: projects can last up to two years.



Adam Armstrong, Arboriculture Officer – Looking into bidding for funding to plant trees in the borough in collaboration with Trees for Cities/Streets. Will join wider discussion with colleagues on this.

Zoe Miles – Suggests one use of the Green Roots Fund could be to support the Right to Grow Campaign which needs council investment for an officer role to support residents to campaign and achieve aims.

Tower Hamlets Social Value Projects

- Starting work to collate information about projects which require small pots of funding around £1000.
- Please email climate@towerhamlets.gov.uk if you require funding for a small project.
- This will help the council to understand which sustainable projects in the borough require this type of funding.

Action: Tower Hamlets Council departments to meet to discuss potential bids for the Green Roots Fund.

Green Week

Tower Hamlets Green Week - Victoria Holmes, ESOL Curriculum Manager

Victoria works with people whose first language is not English, providing them with classes across the borough. The team has created lots of resources to support learners over the past five years to help them to discuss issues around climate change and sustainability.

In 2020, the first Green Week was organised targeting these students and idea stores. This year, we are expanding activities to target residents and organisations across the borough.

Date: 3rd – 7th October

Theme: Taking Action

Objective: Encourage Tower Hamlets residents and organisations to Take Action to address Climate Change.

Celebration Event on Friday 7th November

Planning Meetings (3:30-4:30pm): 14th August; 11th September



	<p>Looking for organisations interested in participating by holding an event/campaign during the week. This will be featured on a boroughwide Green Week Calendar. Also, need organisations to run interactive stalls at Celebration Event – 7th November</p> <p>Action: Organisations to participate in Green Week – fill this form - https://forms.office.com/e/AeQVcGvgYk</p>
Power of Food Festival	<p>Power of Food Festival – Elle Mcall</p> <p>The Power of Food Festival is going to be 10 days from September the 18th to the 28th. The festival is about celebrating local food, culture, community and people taking climate action and working towards a Fair and More Sustainable Food System.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised across the whole of Tower Hamlets including up to 40 local community events. • Showcase all the amazing local work that has been happening in the borough. • Bring different groups of people together. It will be an opportunity to discuss transforming the wider food strategy with residents and council officials. Food Partnership - FOOD PARTNERSHIP - Wen <p>A full programme will be published online where you can register on Eventbrite.</p> <p>Fiona Peskett, NHS – Offer to share the festival on Barts Health website.</p> <p>Action: for organisations to help share and participate in the Power of Food Festival Flyer - Power of Food Festival - JUST FACT</p>
Climate Alliance Updates	<p>Tower Hamlets Climate Alliance - Seth Bondonno</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalised pledges in June Climate Alliance Workshop • Design Logo finalised • Website launched – you can now sign up to become a Climate Alliance Member!



- Next largescale Climate Alliance Workshop – 20-22 October Moving Beyond
- Official in-person Climate Alliance Launch will be in collaboration with the Green Week Celebration Event 7th November, Whitechapel Town Hall.

The Tower Hamlets Climate Alliance is a new borough-wide initiative that brings together local organisations, businesses, and communities to drive coordinated and measurable climate action.

Whether your organisation is already leading on sustainability or just beginning its journey, the Climate Alliance offers a shared space to collaborate, share knowledge, and contribute to lasting change across Tower Hamlets. It is completely free to join and become a member of the Climate Alliance.

Sign up to become a Climate Alliance Member here - [Climate Alliance](#)

Would your organisation like to be involved in growing the Tower Hamlets Climate Alliance?

- Sharing the message (social media branding pack)
- Video Involvement
- Participating in the launch event
- Attending Moving Beyond Conference style event (the final Tower Hamlets Climate Alliance Workshop)
- Development of resources
- Spaces for presenting / networking

Action: Organisations to sign up to become a Climate Alliance Member

Action: Help share the Climate Alliance Campaign! [Climate Alliance](#)

**Updates,
information
share, more
events, and
“NEWS”**

- **Moving Beyond – 20-22 October**

This event in collaboration with Moving Beyond will be focused on developing the Tower Hamlets Climate Alliance while discussing the wider transition towards net zero.



MovingBeyond is a unique 3-day event for people wanting to see a fairer, sustainable future. It brings together diverse leaders from business, government, and community organisers — to connect, reflect and take action.

Mission - to accelerate UK Net Zero and the Just Transition by building bridges across sectors, empowering communities, and igniting actionable partnerships.

We need local voices representing local people at this event, so the people of East London are heard. If you are active in the community and are curious about joining a space of deep learning and collaboration, we want to hear from you.

The main agenda runs each day 9am-5pm but the event is designed as a joined-up three-day experience, including community lunch and dinners, with optional early morning (7am-8.45am) and evening programming (7pm-9pm). However, we want to make the event as accessible as possible. If you cannot attend for the whole time, let us know your availability and we can advise on the best sessions for you to attend to allow for minimum disruption and maximum value!

TICKETS & COST

100% FREE to local residents! We are a not-for-profit in need of funding. If you can offer a financial contribution, there will be an opportunity to do so during the registration process. However, this is not required for East London residents. Spaces are limited - please reach out hello@movingbeyond.co.uk ASAP to book your support and find out more!

- **Nadia – East London Mosque**

Improving recycling in the borough, working with the recycling team, and looking at other environmental issues including saving water and energy in the mosques.

- **Adam Armstrong – Tree Planting Activities**

Updates that there will be tree planting events in November including resident focused initiatives that will be organised during Green Week.

Action: Register interest to Moving beyond by emailing Climate@towerhamlets.gov.uk or directly to hello@movingbeyond.co.uk

Action: Share details for Tree Planting Events during Green Week.



<p>Forward Planning</p>	<p>Forward Planning:</p> <p>August 14th - Green Week Planning meeting, 3:30-4:30pm September 18th – 28th – Women's Environmental Network Power of Food Festival October 20th - 22nd - Moving Beyond Conference, 3-day event November 3rd – 7th - Tower Hamlets Green Week, Monday-Friday November 7th - Green Week Celebration Event & Climate Alliance Launch, Friday 09:00am – 3:00pm November 13th - Climate Partnership Meeting, Thursday - 3pm-4:30pm</p> <p>List of Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations to sign up to become a Climate Alliance Member • Help share the Climate Alliance Campaign! Climate Alliance • Tower Hamlets Council departments to meet to discuss potential bids for the Green Roots Fund. • Organisations to participate in Green Week – fill this form https://forms.office.com/e/AeQVcGvgYk • Organisations to help share and participate in the Power of Food Festival Flyer - Power of Food Festival - JUST FACT • Register interest to Moving beyond by emailing Climate@towerhamlets.gov.uk or directly to hello@movingbeyond.co.uk • Share details for Tree Planting Events during Green Week. • Whitechapel Dental Hospital Students to attend future Climate Partnership meetings and participate in this forum.
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