

Network meeting – ‘Greening Redbridge’ 30 July 2019

Small group table discussions

Cleaner, Greener Wanstead

From what we have just shared on our table is there any idea which you could do in your faith organisation or community group?

- **Church**
 - Could council turn down planning applications that do not meet 100% sustainable/carbon/ neutral
 - Save on energy install solar panels on the roof + new boiler (see CGW for link)
 - Ask council if a big bin is available to churches
 - Plant boxes of flowers near the entrance
 - Improve recycling (see article in Redbridge life)
 - Idling enforcement + School could design posters
 - Use safer cleaning products
 - Lemon
 - Salt
 - Vinegar

Greening Faith People/communities + Buildings

Are we treating faith meeting places in the same way as our homes with eco features + behaviours

- Change mind set by changing behaviours
- Building + Systems/infrastructure
- People talk, young and old engage not???
- Faith community sharing ideas
- Fun
- Gardening
- Socials

Active Citizenship!

Competitions within faith communities to engage and ensure people to take ownership in their faith communities.

What social action Eco project could we do in our places of worship?

- Recycling Bins
- Reusable crockery +

- Bring your own cup/crockery
- Talk about the subject with friends and contact in faith communities
- Sikh in the city - based in Redbridge (running club) Interfaith relay marathon, Rethinking water at races
- Use skills in congregation to make building and surrounding more Eco. Solar panels
- Environmental education within faith group
- Act
- Listen to the young people and their idea
- Reverence towards nature
- Building a club house in a poorly use space in Woodford Bridge
 - Community space
 - Health & education
 - Dynamo on running machines to produce electricity
- Eco church
- Environmental audit in place of worship
- Invest to save
- Feed the tummy not the bin - Gurdwara
- Can we engage with those who don't agree/care about Eco issues and listen to different point of view
- Start a gardening group! Feed swap. Equipment swap/etc
- How do we engage the hard to reach? Give the something to do!
- Enjoy ... then educate – show people what you mean, then tell what you mean. Show not tell! Little drips of Infor + awareness
- Pride? Crowd mentality

Trees for Cities

From what we have just shared on our table is there any idea which you could do in your faith organisation or community group?

- Barkingside 21
 - Bring trees to the agenda when talking to local authorities
- Eco teams in schools. Teaching student the importance of planting and getting involved
- Humanists
 - Support with tree planting
- Jewish festival
 - New year for trees
 - February
- Buddhist community

- Planting more trees in peoples'
- Using trees to screen noises in carparks
- Easier to advertise volunteering for young people – trees planting
 - Social meeting
 - Community groups
 - Schools/youth groups
- Climate change bigger issues
- Suds – sustainable urban drainage system
- School planting
 - Involve children
- Rawnak Free bulbs giveaway – 18th August Beehive Court
- More publicity for more awareness!
- Small charity get involved
- Involvement with schools

Barkingside 21

From what we have just shared on our table is there any idea which you could do in your faith organisation or community group?

- Barkingside 21 coffee mornings , Barkingside library next 24/9/19 10am
- Education appreciating the environment
- More recycling facilities in schools
- Pressure on councillors to recycle
- Rubbish from “HMO’s” recycling bins not big enough
- Are renters told how to put out their waste – part of landlord registration
- Sustainable practises
- More trees in streets
- Stranger publicity
- More litter/dumping enforcement
- Not relying on tech
- Why are we sending rubbish to China
- Better recycling
- Encouraging composting in my faith community and my neighbours

Air Quality Control (LBR)?

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Iford Lives Matter

- Crossrail myths
- Frightened by overcrowding
 - Trains packed
- Cleanliness/buildings
 - Area worse
- People/support??
- More mitigations
 - replanting
- Carbon footprint
- Not affordable
 - No work
 - Quite place for reflection/meditation
- Mental health issues
 - Stress
 - Depression
 - No 4greenery
- Personal responsibility
 - Tell others
- Campaign
 - March
 - Lobbying
 - Consultations Not
 - No options
 - Come together
- Relationships with people
- High rises

Nature Conservancy

From what we have just shared on our table is there any idea which you could do in your faith organisation or community group?

- Create more wild natural spaces!
- Twitter – follow Kate Bradbury
- Search for nature garden for front & Back garden wild areas
- How to contact volunteers at Valentines Park? Valentines user group?
- Road verges for bio diversity
- At Loxford schools: edible garden, young people plant vegetables and make food
- Educate people about destroying natural environments simply for convenience eg paving or laying artificial lawn in the back/front garden
- Series of demonstration sites for project across the borough

- Encouraging green/wildlife infrastructure
- Bring back demonstrations and wildlife in Valentines Park
- Feeding birds
- Small quantity in bird feeding bird table, good for mental health

Neighbourhood street scene (our street) team LBR

What can you do with your group/neighbours?

- Similar event in faith groups
- Reducing car use where possible as individuals
- More apps, for young people to get involved.
 - Street consent.clean.form.dot
- Street improvement group

What can the council do to support you?

- Business engagement more recycling in schools
- Storage for cycling
- idling
- Equipment reward systems for cleaning streets. Particular for young people introducing changes with the community
- Untidy front garden
 - Automated response
 - Campaign
- Promote refill campaign
- Neighbourhood team

Transition Town Ilford

What can you do with your group/neighbours?

- Green Elders
- Food fest (sept)
- Litter picking (Woodford)
- Composting
 - Food waste, educate community/business –
 - Refilling – everyday domestic use

- Waste collection
- Water buckets
- Efficient bins
- One rep from each street
- Local farmers
- Organic food
- Woodford – local milkman
- Affordability
- Quality not quantity
- Food waste
- Expiratory dates
- Food fest
- Role models/experience
- Initiatives for green projects
- Refilling detergents
- Making lives more greener
 - Gardening
- Crop growing – manageable crops
- Campaigns to get local supermarket to use glass milk bottles (that are not breakable)
- Recycling – take
- Composting
- Educate all/faith communities
- Get through to non-faith groups!