

# LEDNet Corporate Membership

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## 1. About LEDNet

1.1. The London Environment Directors' Network (LEDNet) was established in 2005 as a membership organisation for Environment Directors of London Boroughs. The founding members were primarily Environment Directors who aimed to create a forum to discuss London wide issues, and over time the group has expanded their joint working to include research development, trialling of new interventions, joint commissioning and policy advocacy at a regional and national level.

1.2. Currently, LEDNet membership includes the following 31 boroughs and the City of London:

- LB Barking and Dagenham
- LB Barnet
- LB Bexley
- LB Brent
- LB Bromley
- LB Camden
- LB Croydon
- LB Ealing
- LB Enfield
- RB Greenwich
- LB Hackney
- LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- LB Haringey
- LB Harrow
- LB Havering
- LB Hillingdon
- LB Hounslow
- LB Islington
- RB Kensington and Chelsea
- RB Kingston upon Thames
- LB Lambeth
- LB Lewisham
- LB Merton
- LB Newham
- LB Redbridge
- LB Richmond upon Thames
- LB Southwark
- LB Sutton
- LB Tower Hamlets
- City of Westminster
- LB Wandsworth

1.3. LEDNet is led by our Chair, Victoria Lawson, Executive Director for Environment, Culture & Customer Services at LB Hounslow, and our Vice Chair, Dipti Patel, Director of Place Delivery at LB Ealing.

## 2. LEDNet's areas of interest

2.1. The outcomes we want to see are through LEDNet's work are:

- Increased adoption of circular economy approaches, reduced residual waste and increased recycling, cleaner air, more resilient green and blue infrastructure, a more resilient energy system and a thriving natural environment;
- Increased adoption of best practice around digital solutions and SMART working, proactive use of effective demand management and behavioural change approaches and effective financial strategy; and
- More cost-effective outcomes for London residents.

## 2.2 We are working towards our outcomes by:

- Influencing development of relevant policy and legislation at a national and regional level;
- Providing a professional support network for LEDNet members;
- Facilitating collaboration between directors that contributes to London's joint working; and
- Commissioning research and developing best practice and policy on environmental and place-shaping issues of strategic importance for London.

2.3 LEDNet has formulated five clusters designed to improve the work carried out by LEDNet and tackle the specific ongoing issues within the environment. Each cluster focuses on one of the following areas: air quality and transport; climate change; digital innovation; green spaces; and waste and resources. LEDNet also delivers peer learning activities for LEDNet members.

2.4 Our website contains more information about our work and publications:

<https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/environment/london-environment-directors-network>

## 3. LEDNet corporate membership offer

### 3.1. Benefits for corporate members

Corporate membership of LEDNet offers the opportunity to engage with strategic environment directors and to work with them to shape responses to the challenges that London boroughs are facing.

We will offer Corporate Members the opportunity to:

- Attend biannual meetings with our Chair and Vice Chair to discuss emerging thinking around LEDNet priorities and potential joint work;
- Fund research or pilot interventions in a relevant strategic priority area;

- Attend one LEDNet meeting each year, to present project results, future thinking and corporate best practice on the relevant strategic priority area;
- Host a site visit to a project that demonstrates ambitious practice in an area of interest to LEDNet members;
- Host an annual LEDNet reception, to be attended by strategic environment directors and senior staff within all of our Corporate Members; the reception will be designed for networking, and as an opportunity to hear from a high profile thinker in one of our strategic priority areas; and
- Be profiled on LEDNet's webpages as a Corporate Member.

### **3.2. Benefits for LEDNet**

LEDNet recognises that London boroughs require a broad range of partners to deliver their ambitions, and all LEDNet members already work with a wide range of existing corporate partners. We are keen to harness corporate support and insight to support our collective strategic priorities.

We are looking to bring on board Corporate Members who understand local government, share our ambition to deliver excellent environmental services through collaborative and innovative means, and who can support our work through financial support, joint working and insight.

### **3.3 Membership fee**

We will be charging a membership fee of £3,000 p/a for Corporate Members, not including funding for joint projects and events.

## **4. Next steps**

We invite companies who are interested in becoming a LEDNet Corporate Member to submit an Expression of Interest, outlining:

- How your activities align with LEDNet's outcomes and strategic priorities
- What benefits your company could bring to LEDNet members
- What engagement you would seek with LEDNet and your proposed approach to the partnership