

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 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
- LB Waltham Forest
- City of Westminster
- LB Wandsworth

1.3. LEDNet is led by our Chair, Keith Townsend, Executive Director, Environment & Customer Services at LB Ealing, and our Vice Chair, Dan Jones, Director of Environment at LB Bromley.

2. LEDNet's areas of interest

2.1. Our key thematic outcomes are adopting circular economy approaches, reducing residual waste and increasing recycling, and delivering cleaner air, more resilient green and blue infrastructure, a more resilient energy system and a thriving natural environment.

2.2. Our interests include waste and circular economy, air quality and transport, digital solutions, financial strategy, peer learning, energy and green spaces. In 2018 we have been working on the following, many of which will be carried forward into our priorities for 2019:

- The future of London's waste system and how future commissioning will operate
- Trialling behaviour-driven solutions to fly-tipping
- Developing smarter responses to air quality and transport issues, through whole systems and place-based approaches
- Developing business cases that support innovation arising from the [Sharing Cities](#) project and venture proposals working in partnership with [London Ventures](#)
- Sub-regional learning and collaboration on savings
- Developing strategies for London's parks, green spaces and natural environment

2.3. LEDNet is specifically interested in research on the following topics:

- Cost-effective interventions to tackle fly-tipping
- Future waste composition in London
- Future waste infrastructure for London
- Solutions for tackling air pollution in London
- Whole-systems approaches to delivering place-based services
- Using 'SMART' approaches to deliver key LEDNet outcomes
- Future funding for local authority environmental services

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

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.

1.1. 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.

2. 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

Please submit your Expression of Interest to Kate Hand (see contact details below) by **Friday 30th November.**

3. Contact

To discuss LEDNet corporate membership, please contact Kate Hand, LEDNet's Principal Policy and Projects Officer by email (kate.hand@londoncouncils.gov.uk), or phone (020 7934 9898).