

# Your Climate Action news

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February 2026

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## Local Updates

### Where are we in our Just Transition journey?

Two years ago, we launched the UK's first **Just Transition Plan** to share our commitment to our residents, businesses, London and beyond on a **new framing** to respond to the set of **interconnected challenges** surrounding our climate emergency.

As we move into the **next chapter** of this journey towards a better future, we are sharing the **impact** of our **delivery** so far across Newham, London and globally.

We are looking at the **progress** across our **six Futures**, including building warmer homes, lowering energy bills, securing our neighbourhood with more green spaces and supporting our community and business partners with the necessary funding, resources and skills. And as we move forward, we are sharing our **plans** for the near

**future** including even more partnerships, radical thinking, and compassionate framing of this work.

So, we invite you to have a read and share your thoughts with us at:  
[climate.action@newham.gov.uk](mailto:climate.action@newham.gov.uk)

[Read here](#)



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## Launching the UK's first Circular Construction Hub at Newham

Tipping Point East founding organisations **Yes Make**, **RESOLVE Collective** and **Material Cultures**, in partnership with the **London Borough of Newham**, and supported by **The Royal Docks Team** and the **Greater London Authority**, are piloting a new model for circular construction that demonstrates how reclaimed and **bio-based materials** can be used to retrofit existing buildings at scale.

Tipping Point East brings together **material reuse**, **low-carbon construction**, **green skills** training and **cultural activity** to support a just transition in the built environment.

We are running four events visits to take a tour of the site and find out more about how we're reducing emissions and waste from the construction industry.

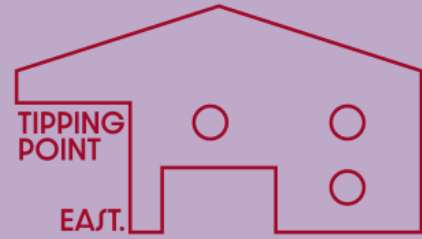
Sign up to one of our site visits here.

- [Site visit for local authorities - Tues 24 Feb, 2-4pm](#)
- [Site visit for circular economy sector - Mon 2 March, 2-4pm](#)
- [Site visit for construction sector - Wed 4 March, 3-5pm](#)
- [Site visit for community groups - Fri 6 March, 10am-12pm](#)

Book your visit

Join us at the UK's first  
Circular Construction Hub  
in Newham, East London

Site Visits at Charles Street, E16 2BY



Local  
Authorities

Circular  
Economy

Construction

Community  
Groups

Tuesday  
24th February  
2-4pm

Monday  
2nd March  
2-4pm

Wednesday  
4th March  
3-5pm

Friday  
6th March  
10am-12pm

## Hosting our first Canning Town Sustainability Network

We hosted our first meeting of the **Canning Town Sustainability Network** on **4 December 2025**. Organisations from across the community, including education, development, logistics, waste and nature groups came together to explore how we can work in partnership to support a fair and **sustainable future** for Canning Town.

Together we discussed the local Strategic Regeneration Framework, shared ideas on how to embed a **just transition** in the area and heard inspiring updates from **Cody Dock** on their work to boost nature and **biodiversity** along the river.

If you're a business or organisation based in Canning Town and would like to join the network, please email [talja.berriman@newham.gov.uk](mailto:talja.berriman@newham.gov.uk).



## Community Spotlight

### Reimagining our school's unused spaces for local food growing

At **Royal Docks Academy**, unused land on the edge of the school campus has been transformed into a one-acre **kitchen garden**, demonstrating how school grounds can support **local food growing**, **education** and **community wellbeing**.

Developed in partnership with the Council, food growers and an East London restaurant, the garden sits alongside playgrounds and sports fields without reducing space for students' recreation. Instead, it turns **underused land** into a **productive growing site**, where fruit and vegetables are cultivated from seed and visible to students as part of everyday school life.

The project focuses on growing **specialist produce** that is difficult to source locally, helping reduce reliance on imported food and championing seasonal, **sustainable growing practices**. Polytunnels allow crops to grow for longer, extending the harvest

and making better use of the space throughout the year. A second growing area is being developed specifically for the school community, with accessible features to ensure all students can take part.

Still in its first year, the garden is already showing how **collaboration** between schools, councils and food partners can unlock **new uses** for public land - **connecting** young people with **nature** while supporting a more **resilient** local food system.

[Find out more](#)



Get Involved

## Join us for Air Pollution Action Day

A reminder of an exciting opportunity we're offering to **25 Newham schools**. Our free environmental '**Air Pollution Action Day**' provides schools with a new green feature: an interactive air quality assembly and an engaging workshop. We currently have **8 remaining slots available**, and new bookings will be allocated on a **first-come basis**.

It's a wonderful way for pupils to engage in **practical environmental action** and make a positive difference in their community.

**Each participating school will receive a:**

- Whole-school assembly on **air quality, health, active travel**, and the importance of **green space** (including an engaging experiment).
- Interactive workshop for a **KS2 class/eco group** (50 minutes), covering anti-idling, climate change, biodiversity, with a creative role play activity 'Pollution to Solution - In Action!'

- New green feature for your school grounds (such as a green wall, pond, or bug hotel), installed in partnership with **community volunteers, parents, pupils and local businesses**.
- Take-home “**Greener Living**” resource pack for every pupil, to help families adopt simple, low-cost steps that improve indoor air quality, promote active travel, and reduce pollution at home.

This programme is **fully funded at no cost to the school** and is designed to complement the curriculum.

If your school would like to participate, **please email Hannah:**  
[hvrossum@camdencleanair.org](mailto:hvrossum@camdencleanair.org)

## Air Pollution Action Day!



FREE!









I can help to make the world a better place by using less pollution and turning off the engine whenever I'm not using the car.



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I would just like to say a great big thank you to all of you for this project. It was such a success!  
 (Nelson Primary School, Newham)

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Interactive assembly,  
 Role play workshop &  
 Community Greening.

Limited slots available.  
 Book now!

## Join our sustainability webinars to cut emissions and costs

If you are a **Newham-based business** or **organisation** looking to **reduce your emissions** - and your costs - in 2026, join one of our **webinars** to learn how you can make your business **more sustainable this year**.

In the 1-hour session, you'll understand the impacts of climate change on your organisation, what Newham Council is doing to tackle the **climate emergency** and gain ideas for quick wins to help you reduce your organisations' emissions and **reduce your costs**. We'll cover a range of different sectors and activities, including **energy, waste and materials, transport, manufacturing** and **supply chains**.

We recommend this session for organisations who care about leaving behind a **healthy planet for future generations**, but have not yet started or are early in their journey of implementing green actions into their businesses.

Sign up to one of our online events:

Friday 20th February, 10-11am

Tuesday 3rd March, 10-11am



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## Do you want to work with us to redevelop our former Newham City Farm?

We are inviting **Expressions of Interest** to redevelop and operate the **former Newham City Farm** in Beckton as a **Community Farm** and **Green Skills Hub**.

We are seeking collaborative, community-focused and sustainability-led **partnerships** to transform the space into a vibrant, self-sustaining destination.

The vision is for a hub that supports **green skills, education and training**, while delivering long-term social and environmental **value** for local residents.

This opportunity is open to **organisations** with experience in community engagement, food growing, education, environmental sustainability or social enterprise, and who can demonstrate a strong **commitment** to working with local people.

The deadline to submit is **28 February 2026**.

[Apply Here](#)



## Join a London-wide Mental Health x Climate Community Advisory Panel

The London Mental Health and Climate Coalition, led by Thrive LDN, is inviting Londoners to join a new Community Advisory Panel to help shape work at the intersection of climate action and mental health. The panel will advise and challenge the coalition, ensuring its work is accountable to Londoners and reflects lived experience.

### Who can join?

- No prior experience is needed.
- Have faced barriers to traditional decision-making spaces
- Have lived experience of social disadvantage or systemic inequalities
- Anyone interested in the links between climate and mental health
- Anyone connected to communities underrepresented in climate action

### What's involved?

- **Commitment:** 3 meetings per year (mostly online, one in-person)
- **Duration:** 1.5 hours per meeting
- **Remuneration:** £25/hour + travel expenses
- **Support:** Childcare, technology assistance, and accessibility needs will be covered

Your voice will help shape a bold, city-wide effort to tackle climate and mental health injustice.

**Deadline:** 5pm on 16th February

[Join now](#)



## Funding Opportunities

### Support to run Climate Innovation Programmes

**ClimAccelerator 2026**, a global programme, is inviting **organisations** to partner with **Climate-KIC** to **support start-ups** developing climate solutions using AI and advanced technologies.

Partnering organisations can **advance** their climate impact, **contribute** to net-zero goals, foster sustainable **innovation**, and connect with local and global **networks** driving climate action.

The **opportunity** is open to incubators, accelerators, universities, innovation centres, business hubs, and other groups that support entrepreneurs.

**Deadline:** 28 February 2026 at 12pm

[Apply here](#)

### Your chance to win grants for recycling support

The **Electricals Recycling Fund** from **Material Focus** offers funding to help organisations make it easier for people across the UK to **reuse, repair or recycle**

**small household electrical items** like kettles, hairdryers, phones and other gadgets.

Who can apply: Any UK-registered organisation, such as charities, councils, community groups, waste partnerships, private companies, retailers, compliance schemes, social enterprises and similar organisations.

**What you can receive:**

- Up to **£50,000** for projects that **test new ways to collect, reuse or recycle electrical items** (projects with a clearly strong impact may be considered for more than £50,000 in some cases).
- Up to **£100,000** for projects that **grow or improve existing recycling or collection services** for small electricals.

**What the money can be used for:**

- Buying or installing new recycling bins or collection points (“bring banks”)
- Adapting vehicles to collect electrical waste
- Renting vehicles to support collections
- Marketing and communications about your service
- Staffing costs for planning and running the project

**Deadline and how to apply:** There is no set closing date and applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Apply here

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