

Air Quality Update:

Projects delivered under the Defra Air Quality Grant Scheme – 2012-2013

With funding secured from the Governments Air quality grant scheme to engage with schools in Haringey to raise awareness about air pollution, the following two projects have been successfully delivered:

Air Quality Infrastructure Project - Green Screens

These were installed at :

- Highgate Primary (around the nursery playground adjacent North Hill) and
- South Haringay Junior school.

Green screens offer value as they

- are a more immediate solution to enhancement of the streetscene/ playground,
- promote wellbeing and a healthy environment.
- Raise awareness and understanding of air pollution amongst school communities
- Improve the confidence, knowledge and skills of the school community around air quality, causes of pollution and actions that can be taken to tackle it.

A small area in front of the screens has been left for the schools to plant up as they wish.

Both schools are thrilled with the green screens commenting that *'this project has truly made a difference to our school'* (South Haringay) and *'the screens have really transformed the nature of the space, both visually and in terms of sound'* (Highgate Primary).

Air Quality Engagement Project – lessons at schools

This was a joint project with the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

The schools involved were:

- Highgate Primary
- St Francis De Sales Primary
- Bounds Green Junior
- Earlsmead Primary
- Welbourne Primary

Groundwork London successfully delivered 2 science based classroom lessons about air pollution plus a 'fun' element. The lessons complimented the behaviour change project work already being carried out in schools through school travel plans and were relevant to the national curriculum.

Projects to be delivered 2014

Funding has been secured from the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund to deliver the following two projects:

Air Quality Apprentice

The Air Quality apprentice will work to provide the link between the pollution team, Smarter Travel and Public Health team. Building on the success of the air quality engagement project delivered above; the principal role of the apprentice will be to deliver an air pollution engagement project to schools in Haringey, raising awareness of air pollution, alternative modes of transport and associated health impacts. The apprentice will also undertake campaign work around this topic.

The post holder will also be required to undertake the Apprenticeship framework in Customer Care which will require attendance at regular training sessions, as well as 'in post' training / consideration. This will be delivered by Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS), based at Wood Green Library.

Rachel Wood has been appointed to this post. Her first day is Monday 19th May 2014.

Air Quality Infrastructure Project - Green Screen

A nominal sum has been granted for a green screen to be installed at the 'hole in the wall' at Monument Way; which currently exposes the infant and nursery school playground of The Holy Trinity School.

Discussions are ongoing with the Economic Development team in Strategy & Resources, Education section and Tottenham Regeneration regarding this.

In addition to the above projects; Haringey is in a 'tri-borough' partnership with Hackney and Islington. This partnership has successfully been granted funding from the Mayors Air Quality Fund to deliver a schools engagement project with 3 schools from each borough in the Finsbury Park / Manor House area.

Islington are the lead borough on this project.

Haringey Council has made a commitment, in its Air Quality Action Plan to ***'raise awareness of air quality issues through working with local schools and linking measures that reduce air pollution with other environmental issues'***. A commitment is also made to raise awareness of air pollution in the Council's 'Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy'. The Council has also confirmed its commitment to the Mayor of London's Clean Air Borough Campaign and through the Air Quality Action Plan works towards improving air quality in Haringey.