

Going Green

The recent meeting of world leaders in Glasgow at the end of October provided a useful opportunity to remind us all of the precarious balance our environment is in, and the chance to think about how we can, as organisations and individuals, do our bit to help this vital area of work.

H&F Climate Alliance

Did you know emissions from organisations and businesses in H&F are responsible for 42% of our carbon emissions?

Voluntary and Community sector organisations are a key partner in the local economy – and we all need to do what we can to support any measures to protect and sustain our environment. Of course, many UK and international charities exist to champion and take action on environmental matters, and of course we have local organisations that are taking forward this vital work – including Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (<https://hcgga.org.uk>), H&F Cyclists (<http://hfcyclists.org.uk/>), Groundwork (<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/london/>) to name just a few.

The H&F Climate Alliance can help your organisation take climate action. It's part of the council's commitment to work in partnership to reach net zero carbon emissions across the borough by 2030. The Climate Alliance is a forum for collaboration and mutual support towards this aim.

Practical support can be provided for your organisation, including:

- support to measure and reduce emissions by providing organisations access to a carbon tracking app
- training opportunities
- opportunities to share good practice
- linking you up with local projects.

What we offer

Membership of the Climate Alliance is inclusive. All organisations based in or operating in the borough are encouraged to join including public, private, education and voluntary/community organisations. Joining the Alliance is free and will give you access to events, training and additional consultancy services for bespoke support to reduce emissions.

To find out more, please contact Sobus, or visit the council's webpage:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/environment/climate-and-ecological-emergency/what-you-can-do/hf-climate-alliance>

ULEZ

As you may know, ULEZ (the Ultra-Low Emission Zone) expanded on Monday 25 October to cover all roads within the North and South Circular roads – operating 24 hours, seven days a week (except Christmas Day.)

A comprehensive body of evidence highlights that air pollution causes thousands of premature deaths in the capital each year and is linked to lifelong conditions including underdeveloped lungs and asthma. The ULEZ scheme in central London successfully reduced nitrogen dioxide emissions by 44% and the expectation is that the expanded zone will lead to a 30% reduction in nitrogen oxides.

The scheme has been developed over several years. When the Mayor announced his intention to expand the zone, in February 2017, only 39% of vehicles in inner London met the required cleaner vehicle standards. Today this has risen to 87%, highlighting the scheme's effectiveness already in accelerating the switch to cleaner vehicles and cleaning up London's air.

TfL is urging drivers to use its online vehicle checker to make sure they don't get caught out.

[You can see the full release here.](#)