

Brent Climate Festival 2021

Programme

(As of 28 October 2021 – more events expected to be added and will be highlighted accordingly)



To get you warmed up...

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Brent Climate Emergency Question Time Event

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Online

Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/question-time-brent-climate-and-environmental-emergency-tickets-187749221977>

This online event will follow the BBC Question Time format, but all questions will be about the climate and the environment. Ollie More from Sustrans and Ian Saville from Brent Friends of the Earth will join Cllr Krupa Sheth (Lead member for the Environment, Labour Party), Cllr Kansagra (Conservative Party), and Cllr Georgiou (Liberal Democrats) to form a panel to discuss environmental issues raised by you. Register via Eventbrite (linked provided above) and submit a question by emailing localdemocracyweek@brent.gov.uk.

...Let's Go – Brent Climate Festival 2021!

Monday 1st November

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Wednesday 3rd November

Climate Emergency Stall at Harlesden Tesco Store

Time: 10am-2pm

Location: Tesco, Unit 2, Harlesden Plaza, Tavistock Rd, London NW10 4NG

Brent's Climate Emergency team will have a presence at Tesco in Harlesden to encourage residents to make a climate pledge, encourage sign-ups to the Brent Environmental Network and to talk to residents about the Business Sector Toolkits launching on that day. If you are in the area – come and say hello, and take a pledge!

For Businesses - Meet The Borough Event

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

*Location: **Now Online***

Sign-up: <https://westlondonbusiness.arlo.co/w/events/1144-prbg-meet-the-boroughs>

Meet the Boroughs is your chance to pose your burning questions to council officers and network with other Park Royal Businesses. A sustainability representative from Brent will be present to answer any business-related questions in relation to sustainability. Several Councillors will also be present, acting as representatives of the political leadership of the two councils.

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Tuesday 9th November

'How to make your home greener' - Housing Energy Efficiency Webinar

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Location: Online

Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-beginners-guide-to-the-climate-emergencyhow-to-make-your-home-greener-tickets-195867072687>

One of the ways to help tackle climate change is to be aware of sustainable solutions to become more energy efficient in your home. Making small changes around your home can make a big difference to help reduce carbon emissions.

Join us for an exciting webinar on Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting hosted by the Brent Environmental Network, where we will be bringing together regional retrofitting and energy experts to discuss energy efficiency initiatives that are available to help reduce energy costs and achieve a net zero home. This discussion will touch on the global, regional and local impacts of energy efficiency.

Our expert speakers will touch on topics, which include fuel poverty and rising costs, tips on how to save energy, eligibility and support around retrofitting.

'From Brent to Bowl' Cookbook Launch

Time: All day

Location: Online

In 2021 Veolia, in partnership with Brent Council, hosted a competition for our local communities to share their favourite planet-friendly recipes. In response we received a range of delicious dishes that represent some of the wonderful diversity and cuisines that we have in our borough. Each of the 20 winning entries showcased in this book tells a unique story of heritage, community and tradition, and collectively they exemplify Brent's unique identity.

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Launch of Brent Green Business Toolkits

Time: All day

Location: Online

Specific to Brent businesses - starting your sustainability journey doesn't need to be complicated! Brent Council has created a number of sector specific simple toolkits to share our top tips for going green. In the long-term, being 'greener' will help futureproof your business against increasing environmental laws and regulations. It will also protect you against some of the results of the climate emergency, such as water shortages and more extreme weather conditions. Take action now to minimise the negative impact on your business and to help the fight against climate change.

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Brent Clothes Mending Workshop - Facilitated by Sunny Jar Eco-Hub

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Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brent-repair-workshop-facilitated-by-sunny-jar-eco-hub-tickets-195877263167>

Sunny Jar Eco Hub is a not-for-profit social enterprise fostering green living in the city. In partnership with Brent Council, Sunny Jar Eco Hub will be hosting an interactive clothes mending workshop that will help you extend the life of your clothes, saving you money and helping protect the planet. A perfect opportunity to learn or refresh your sewing skills, enjoy some mindful crafting and learn about sustainable living and fast fashion. We have 35 spaces for this workshop which will allocated first come first served - so book on quick!

'The Recycling Process in Brent - what happens to your waste?' Webinar

Time: 6pm-7.30pm

Location: Online

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-recycling-process-in-brent-what-happens-to-your-waste-tickets-195874294287>

Have you ever wondered where the contents of your bin end up? Are you confused about what can or can't be recycled? Join us for this webinar run by experts at Veolia to explore where your waste goes in Brent, more about the recycling process and how we can all take steps to waste less and reduce our carbon footprint.

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And going forward...

Tuesday 16th November

PlanetMark/Prologis UK - Zero Carbon Bus Tour

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Location: Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, London, HA9 0FJ

Sign-up: [London Borough of Brent | Roadmap to net zero | Zero Carbon Tour Tickets, Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Join us for the Zero Carbon Tour's final week with this event in Brent, co-hosted by PlanetMark and Prologis UK. After 12 weeks travelling around the UK, including Glasgow for COP26, the Zero Carbon Tour is headed back to London for the final week. This event hosted by PlanetMark in partnership with co-hosts Prologis UK, aims to share the net zero message with the business community and accelerate the UN-backed Race to Zero as part of the UK's #TogetherForOurPlanet campaign.

As part of this event you'll explore various aspects of net-zero, decarbonisation and sustainability, and discuss the concept of net zero carbon and why it is critical for businesses in this #DecadeOfAction. Attendees will hear Carbon Stories and the impactful projects being undertaken to reduce businesses' carbon emissions in London. Shaping a brighter future is not something any one organisation can achieve alone. It requires collaborative and decisive action that will create a future of unprecedented business opportunities – finding new growth and talent, lowering costs and building greater resilience.

Thursday 18th November

Brent Green Skills Summit (Day 1 – Resident Day)

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Location: Online

Sign-up: [Click here - Brent Green Skills Summit](#)

The Brent Green Skills Summit introduces opportunities and challenges in climate change and the green economy, and reflects upon the recent COP26 congress. Across a day, we showcase trickle-down local actions and initiatives that West London organisations can get involved with, highlighting innovations and best practice for your business. Are you interested in exploring opportunities in sustainability and the green economy - including careers in London's emerging green technology sector? Register now to hear from leading employers introducing their business and exciting career pathways. A cosy, five minute fire-side chat with each employer!

Sessions on day 1 include:

- Green Skills – Employer Insights and Vacancies

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Time: 11am – 5pm

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Sessions on day 2 include:

- COP26 – Reflections & Local Impact in West London
- Getting started with your business carbon footprint
- Grassroots – Green Community Action
- Green Tech Innovators – Startups & Scale-ups

How can I talk about climate change?

Some practical things you can do to help:

In the lead up to COP26, we are hearing about climate change more than ever before. Yet, how many of us actually talk about it day-to-day?

Talking about climate change is a great first step towards becoming greener, but for many of us this topic is confusing or frightening.

Climate conversations don't have to be a struggle – here, we have provided some tips on how to talk about climate change with your friends, family and community.

Starting a climate conversation

- Ask open-ended questions, and show you are listening – even if you don't agree!
- Get personal and share your story – what does climate change mean to you?
- This is a climate emergency - but our conversations don't always have to be doom and gloom. Think about the power we have to make a difference, and avoid blame and guilt.
- Check out one of our factsheets for some background information on how climate change affects us here in Brent.

How do you feel about climate change?

What about climate change interests or concerns you most?

What do you think we can do about climate change?

Why not host your own Climate Café?

Climate cafés are a great way of bringing a community together to discuss climate change.

These can be as big or small as you like – all you need is some refreshments, a facilitator and some people willing to listen and share their views on the climate.

Support others on their sustainability journey!

Do they have the resources or ability to act?

Check if they can apply for one of our [grants](#).

Calculate your carbon footprint! [Click here](#) to use the WWF calculator

Find out the facts with our climate factsheets!

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Join the Brent Environmental Network for more advice and updates: www.brent.gov.uk/climate-emergency