



Bishopsgate

Aurora in the City



Photo by: Emmanuel Cole. Image courtesy of FESTIVAL.ORG

Observe an urban Aurora in the City this winter with a mesmerising installation inspired by the Northern Lights. Illuminating the skies above Guildhall Yard, Borealis will bring one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World to the City's skies. The spectacular installation, by renowned artist Dan Acher, will allow thousands of visitors to experience the magic of the

Northern Lights between 11-22 of December.

Come along and relax under this spectacular installation, watching beams of light travel through particle clouds to create the illusion, matching these visuals with a tranquil soundtrack.

Free tickets are available by visiting

www.visitlondon.com/borealis. Timeslots are available every 30 minutes. Seasonal food and drink, including mulled wine, cider, and mince pies available to purchase.

Borealis is produced by FESTIVAL.ORG and presented by the City of London Corporation, as part of the Winter Lights season within the Mayor of London's Let's Do London campaign.



COVID-19 Booster and Flu Vaccines



The number of cases of COVID-19 in London is rising. But the COVID-19 booster programme can make a real difference. Boosters are available to those 50 years old or older, people who work in health or social care or younger people who have a long-term health condition. The jab boosts waning immunity for those most at risk over the winter period. More than eight million people in the UK have already received their COVID-19 booster vaccine. People will be invited by the NHS when it's their turn. If you have not been contacted within a week of reaching six months since your second vaccine you can call 119 or book online or visit various walk-in sites across London.

Flu is another virus that can be serious. To give people the best

protection over winter, those over 50 years old, and people who have a long-term health condition or are pregnant are eligible for a free flu vaccine and should book an appointment at either their GP practice or their local pharmacy.

The offer of a first and second COVID-19 vaccine remains open to anyone who is eligible, including children aged 12 to 15 years old.

Some of the new variants of concern spread more quickly. This means it is even more important to get both doses of the vaccine or just one dose for those aged between 12 and 17 years old.

www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

Free cycle services on offer



The City of London Corporation is calling on residents and workers to take advantage of free cycle services as the Square Mile's buzz returns.

Throughout the pandemic, many people across England took to two wheels as the benefits of fresh air and sustainable travel became even more evident during the months of lockdown.

TfL revealed that cycling levels during the coronavirus pandemic were boosted from 21 per cent of Londoners in 2019/20 to 27 per cent in 2020/21.

Those who live, work or study in the City of London are eligible to receive free cycle training from expert instructors who will tailor the session to the rider's ability – from first-time riders to regular cyclists looking to improve confidence.

Since August last year, a total of 218 adult cycle skills sessions have been undertaken by Pedal Me and Cycle Confident in the City of London. In addition, two Square Mile schools have benefited from school cycle training sessions.

More on the Cycle Confident free training: cycleconfident.com/sponsors/city-of-london/; **the Pedal Me business cargo bike rider training:** pedalme.co.uk/training/

Meet your candidates

By the time you receive this newsletter the deadline for registering to vote in next year's City elections will almost be due – 16 December.

If you are registered you will be able to vote for the City's Common Councillors in March 2022. These elections are held by 'first past the post' and you will have the same number of votes as councillors you are electing, eg three votes in a three-member ward. If there is a vacancy for an Alderman in your ward next year, you will also have one vote in that election.

You will also be invited to attend your ward's Wardmote, a meeting similar to a hustings, the day before the election, 23 March 2022. This will give you the opportunity to meet your candidates and ask them questions. You will be able to vote in your allocated polling station on polling day, 24 March 2022. As with any other election, you can request a postal vote without needing a reason. If you think you might be away from the City or busy on Election Day, you might want to arrange a postal vote that goes to your home or work address. Postal votes are usually dispatched 10 working days before polling day.

Updated information on the wardmotes, their timing and location will appear on the website.

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors.

If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537, electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk or speakforthecity.com



WORK OR LIVE IN THE CITY?

REGISTER TO VOTE BY 16TH DECEMBER

www.speakforthecity.com

 **SPEAK FOR THE CITY**



The City of London Corporation has mounted a new campaign to support retail, leisure and hospitality businesses as well as cultural attractions by encouraging people back into the Square Mile for work and play.

The "Square Smile" campaign is designed to raise awareness of the benefits of returning to the City and face-to-face interaction as firms increasingly give their staff more flexibility on where they locate through hybrid working. It showcases the City's vibrant offer – ranging from world-class culture, heritage, cuisine, entertainment, retail, architecture and much more.

The campaign – which runs until the beginning of 2022 – targets hybrid workers as well as those who have fully returned to their workplace. The campaign seeks to remind them of all the things they missed during the pandemic, including socialising and enjoying the City's culture and entertainment. Whether it be collaborating with teammates, going for a spontaneous lunch or having the opportunity to go for after work drinks, the City can help to bring people together.

cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaresmile

ASK FOR ANGELA

By telling customers that they can 'Ask for Angela' we're giving them a discreet code word that they can give to staff if they feel unsafe or threatened.

The City of London Police, City of London Corporation and Metropolitan Police Service are working in partnership with Safer Sounds, who are part of the Safer Business Network, and licensed venues to help keep people safe while in the City of London.

The 'Ask for Angela' initiative is being rolled out to bars, clubs and other licensed businesses across the whole of London, including in the City of London. The scheme aims to reduce sexual violence and vulnerability by providing customers with a phrase they can use to get the attention of staff if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Staff can help by reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

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Many of the City's bars, clubs and other licensed businesses are getting busier and will continue to do so in the lead up to Christmas. For many people, this could be the first time they have been to a licensed premises during the festive period in two years, due to the pandemic.



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Guildhall School of Music & Drama Investment Committee
Property Investment Board
Markets Committee
Benefices (Deputy Chair)



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Committee Appointments:
Culture Heritage & Libraries (Chair)
Barbican Centre Board
Finance
Policy & Resources
Port Health & Environmental Services
Tackling Racism Task Force



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Investment Committee
Property Investment Board (Deputy Chairman)
Planning & Transportation
Streets & Walkways sub -Planning & Transportation Committee (Deputy Chairman)
Policy & Resources
Education Board
Tackling Racism Task Force



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Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Culture Heritage & Libraries
Planning & Transportation
PR & Economic Development
Tackling Racism Task Force



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Committee Appointments:
Policy and Resources (Vice Chair)
Investment Committee (Chair)
Barbican Centre Board (Chair)
Finance Committee
Tackling Racism Taskforce
Member Diversity Working Party



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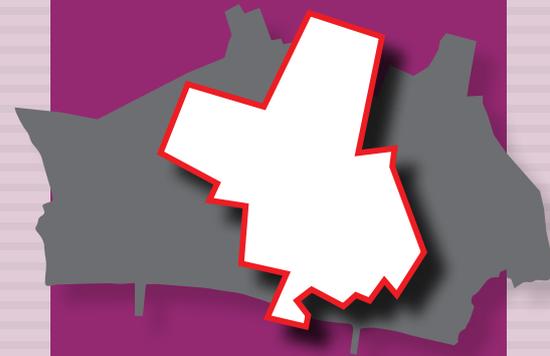
Committee Appointments:
Finance
Economic & Cyber Crime
Education
Community & Children's Services
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping
Open Spaces & City Gardens

Community Policing:
0207 601 2474. Or use the City of London Community Policing app, or website.

Non emergency contact for the City of London Police: 101. In an emergency always dial 999.

CONTACT US

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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

COP Success for the City

Lost in the disappointment gap between the hype of the Glasgow COP on climate change and the text of the final agreement, were some notable wins for the City of London. First, there was the mobilisation of \$130 trillion of green finance by 450 firms controlling 40% of global financial assets. Second, there were public-private partnership commitments that will help achieve the \$100bn climate pledge to developing nations and likely go beyond, with an enhanced focus on adaptation. Third, progress towards common global standards on how such things can be measured, an arena in which we are setting the agenda. Fourth, the presence of the City of London and our resident businesses throughout the proceedings, including a 4 -day Green Horizons Summit, focused on financing the innovations that will make a low carbon future possible.

The City's traditional, if poorly understood role as a facilitator of global diplomacy, makes these conversations more likely. We

focus relentlessly on the art of the possible and bring people together to achieve those ends. In the current economic climate for example it was never likely that China, India or even the United States with their domestic coal interests would agree to the strongest stance on fossil fuels or economic development. All parties though can see the advantage of making it easier to invest in game-changing projects that are good business, reduce the costs of sustainable development and are then the basis upon which real change takes place.

Whether the world achieves 'net zero' by any date, or adapts to higher temperatures while waiting, depends fundamentally on new technologies, the capital that can be mobilised to achieve them, new markets to sell them & millions of conversations all over the world every day making this happen. What we can say is that we did our part to help in Glasgow and we look forward to seeing the results.

Bishopsgate Ward Club Events

The Christmas Carol Service & lunch will be held at St Botolph's Bishopsgate on Friday 17 December.

The Club has now planned a mixed programme with some live events while continuing with some talks on Zoom. For further information please contact the Secretary, secretary@bishopsgatewardclub.org.uk

St Botolph Without Bishopsgate

The Christmas Carol Service will be on Thursday 16 December at 1.10.

For further information please see their website www.botolph.org.uk

St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace

Please see www.stethelburgas.org/events for news of latest events