

Sustainability

DES Green Team

April 2009

- An article was written for NewsDESk, to update staff on a new initiative where Cleansing Services and Enterprise formed a partnership with Proper Oils, to collect used cooking oil from City restaurants. All the oil collected is refined locally into biodiesel and Enterprise use some of this to partly fuel our waste collection vehicles.
- The Green Team helped the City of London Festival collect materials to be reused by schools to make costumes for the Festival's opening procession, which had a sustainability theme. Boxes were placed in staff kitchens to collect items such as CDs, floppy discs, books, crisp packets and cans.

May 2009

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June 2009

- The Green Team promoted "World Environment Day" to staff.
- An article was submitted to NewsDESk regarding the City of London Festival and the involvement DES played in providing materials for the children's costumes in the opening procession.

August 2009

- The Green Team requested battery recycling facilities at Walbrook Wharf. A battery bin was provided for staff to use and this was promoted via an article in NewsDESk.

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November 2009

- The Green Team organised a Suit Drive for "Dress for Success", a not-for-profit organisation, which helps disadvantaged women by

providing them with the necessary professional attire needed to attend a job interview and once a post is confirmed, additional office clothes.

Staff were asked to bring in any unwanted office clothing, shoes and accessories, which were collected and delivered to Dress for Success.

December 2009

- The Green Team organised an electronic Christmas card through Richard House Children's Hospice, which was promoted via an article in NewsDESk. Staff were encouraged to donate £3 to be included in a Christmas card that was sent to all staff within DES. £216 was raised for the hospice.

March 2010

- "All Change Please" - sustainability competition run by CoL Planning and Transportation Department was promoted to staff via flyers and posters.
- WWF's "Earth Hour" was promoted to staff, where they were encouraged to turn their lights out for one hour on 27th March at 8.30pm.

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