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MEMBERS' BRIEFING

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LORD MAYOR

Qatar Day, 26 April

The Lord Mayor and the Department for International Trade co-hosted Qatar Day at Mansion House attended by around 300 UK and Qatari participants. This was preceded by a VIP dinner at Guildhall. Secretary of State for International Trade, Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP gave a keynote speech and several other British Ministers attended. The Qatar delegation was led by the Governor of Qatar Central Bank. The event showcased Qatari investment in the UK, and the UK's support for developing Qatar's financial services sector and diversifying its economy. Innovate Finance announced that Qatar Development Bank would be its first international hub member; King's College London and Qatar Central Bank announced the launch of the Qatar Centre for Global Banking & Finance; and Qatar Development Bank was approved as a member of the Financial Conduct Authority's Global Financial Innovation Network.

Overseas visit to Brazil and Colombia, 5-10 May

The Lord Mayor visited key markets in Latin America, in a programme including Colombia (Bogota) and Brazil (Sao Paulo). This was the latest interaction in the strong relationship which the City of London has established with the region, reflecting the growing profile of the Pacific Alliance nations and Brazil's continued scale of economic potential. The programme focussed on the UK's strengths in innovation (particularly the international profile of London's fintech sector), sustainable finance and capital markets. The visit also provided reassurance and the City's perspective on Brexit. In Colombia, the Lord Mayor met President Duque, the Finance Minister, Business Minister, Environment Minister and the Governor of the Central Bank. These discussions were timely, as the President soon visits London as a Guest of Government to participate in the Colombia Inside Out investment roadshow, taking place at Mansion House. In Brazil the Lord Mayor met representatives from a range of banks and financial institutions looking to increase the scale of their operations or investment in London, particularly in relation to fintech. The Lord Mayor also gave the keynote address at the UK-Brazil Sustainable Finance Summit. The Lady Mayoress joined the Lord Mayor in both Brazil and Colombia, where she undertook a programme of activities in support of social and financial inclusion.

Easter Banquet, 13 May

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress hosted the Easter Banquet at Mansion house, which was attended by 300 guests including, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP - Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Ambassadors and High Commissioners including HE The Ambassador of the State of Kuwait and other distinguished representatives of the Diplomatic Corps. The dinner celebrated and strengthened the UK's bonds of business and friendship with other countries, whilst acknowledging the generosity and support experienced by each

Lord Mayor when travelling in their capacity as an ambassador for UK's financial and professional services industry. The Lord Mayor delivered a well-received speech, followed by The Ambassador of the State of Kuwait. The Foreign Secretary gave the closing speech, who touched upon the commercial diplomacy at the core of the UK's international relations and addressed the uncertainties of Brexit.

Business & Industry Dinner and Joint Event 16 May

The City Corporation and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) held a joint event at Mansion House on the Industrial Strategy. The event was opened by Nick Chism (Director General, Business), and followed by Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. It included seminars and workshops for the attending Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Chairs, the businesses they had invited, and representatives from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland devolved governments. Using the case study of the West Midlands, the Metro Mayor for the region started the half-day of sessions, opening solutions for integrating strategy into attending businesses and development of this at a local level. The dinner was attended by over 300 guest including the Secretary of State for BEIS, Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, other Ministers, three Metro Mayor's, LEP Chairs, members of the Professional & Business Services Council and the Industrial Strategy Council, alongside attendees from the earlier conference. This dinner successfully implemented a business dress code, orientating it towards a working business dinner rather than a banquet. The Lord Mayor's speech began proceedings, later followed by the Secretary of State, and Carolyn Fairbairn, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry. These led on from the conference topics and discussed how LEP's and our cities can support local economies, the future of the Industrial Strategy and technological innovation's influence on business. From these events there was discussion of possible engagements during the Lord Mayor's upcoming visit to Northern England and an extended relationship between the City Corporation and BEIS.

Lunch with Association of Foreign Banks 16 May

The Association of Foreign Banks held its annual lunch in the Egyptian Hall. The Lord Mayor was guest of honour and the speaker was Sarah Breen, Executive Director of the Prudential Regulatory Authority. Attending was a wide range of foreign banking leaders, demonstrating that despite concerns over Brexit and other issues, London remains a critical centre for global banking, the trade and investment flows it supports and the employment and tax revenue it generates.

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CHIEF COMMONER

I have enjoyed an interesting and very busy first month in Office. As members will know from my acceptance address to the Court of common Council on 25 April, I have an ambitious plan of activity during my year as Chief Commoner.

Work is well under way in getting some of these initiatives off the ground; the first and foremost of these is to put in place support facilities for Members similar to those offered to employees through the 'Employee Assistance Programme', particularly counselling for any Member suffering from stress, depression or acute anxiety; the second is to establish an Artist in Residence Scheme at Guildhall; and the third is to facilitate a visit to Guildhall by students from the City of London Corporation's family of educational institutions to learn how a City is run, and how the City Corporation serves the Square Mile and the wider London community. Nowadays students learn about citizenship, and this initiative will inform them more broadly about how society is organised in this civilised and democratic country of which they are citizens.

Over and above the routine work schedule of Committees of which I remain a full and active Member I have attended several other committees' meetings to inform myself of their activities. I am also arranging a visit to facilities managed by the City Corporation and will inform Members of dates in advance so that anyone who is equally interested can join me if they so wish.

There have also been many interesting and enjoyable engagements that I have attended which have included:

- The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea's Annual Reception for Uniformed Organisations held in the magnificent Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall in Horton Street on 25 April, where I met impressive young cadets to whom the Royal Borough presented Certificates of Commendation. Perhaps we might consider doing something similar in the City;
- A Court Lunch at the Worshipful Company of Carpenters' at Carpenters Hall on 1 May;
- The Past Chief Commoners' Luncheon in the Chief Commoner's Parlour on 2 May where I gave an overview of my plans for the year ahead and paid tribute to John Scott for his energetic efforts as Chief Commoner during the previous year;
- The Freedom Ceremony for the actress Sarah Lancashire OBE, an alumna of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, held on 3 May;
- The Birkbeck Fellows' Dinner on 9 May at Birkbeck University where I met many distinguished academics engaged in cutting edge research and politicians from all parties who have been engaged with higher education;
- The Final of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama's Gold Medal Competition held in the Barbican Hall on 10 May where four outstanding

singers competed for the coveted Gold Medal. In the first half each sang lieder with piano accompaniment, and in the second half each sang operatic arias accompanied by a full orchestra. This world class conservatoire clearly demonstrated that it has attracted some of the most brilliant students from around the world to study under its inspirational professors;

- The launch of the 'Let's Talk Exhibition' in Guildhall Yard on 13 May. This exhibition coincided with Mental Health Awareness Week. By drawing people's most difficult thoughts on various faces, photographer Charlie Cliff and lettering artist Kate Forrester hope to inspire others to open-up and talk more freely about mental health;
- The Easter Banquet hosted by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion house on 13 May;
- The City Corporation's Parliamentary Terrace Reception hosted by Mark Field MP at the House of Commons on 15 May;
- The Reception in the Crypts at the conclusion of the National Houses in Multiple Occupancy Conference at Guildhall on 16 May;
- A Meeting at the impressive new Leathersellers' Hall on 16 May to receive the Report on the Big Curry Lunch Report which raised a record-breaking £245,000;
- The Business & Industry Dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor at Mansion House on 16 May, at which it was good to see many new faces including young leaders of tomorrow;
- The 365th Clergy Support Trust (formally the Son's & Friends of the Clergy Charity) Annual Festival at St. Pauls Cathedral on 21 May. This glorious festival of music, for which some of Britain's greatest composers have written anthems, was sung this year by the choirs of Canterbury, Coventry and St. Pauls Cathedrals. The Service was attended by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and a number of diocesan bishops. I attended for the 23rd year as a trustee of this charity and this year also as Chief Commoner;
- A Reception to launch St. Paul's Great Restoration of the 1920s Exhibition at the Cathedral on 22 May;
- Speech Day at Christ's Hospital on 25 May;
- The Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 29 May;
- The High Sheriffs' Reception hosted by our own Sheriffs at the Old Bailey on 29 May, where I fortuitously met a longstanding friend who was High Sheriff of East Sussex and is now President of the High Sheriffs Association, and the current High Sheriff of Herefordshire with whom I rowed in the same crew in Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee Race on the Thames a mere 42 years ago.

Life in this privileged position, to which you so kindly elected me, is far from dull!

Tom Hoffman

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CHAIR OF POLICY & RESOURCES

China

The Policy Chair travelled to Beijing from 24-27 April to attend China's 2nd Belt and Road Forum, where she spoke at a financial services thematic forum to support the formal launch of the Belt and Road Green Investment Principles (GIPs). The Principles were jointly developed by the UK (City of London Corporation Green Finance Initiative) and China (Green Finance Committee), and 28 international organisations have now signed up to the voluntary code of conduct. In addition, the Policy Chair was invited to attend the opening ceremony of the event to listen to a keynote by Chinese President Xi Jinping. She was also invited to speak at the 2nd Belt and Road Bankers Roundtable. On the side-lines of the forum meetings were held with the China Securities Regulatory Commission and Insurance Asset Management Association, where discussions focussed on market access issues and future collaboration in relation to the asset management sector. The Policy Chair also held conversations with several high-profile figures, including UK Chancellor Philip Hammond, Baroness Fairhead, Sir Douglas Flint and Christine Lagarde. Alderman Charles Bowman, who attended the Forum on behalf of PwC, held a meeting in place of the Policy Chair with Beijing's so-called 'Silicon Valley' Zhongguancun organisation, which intends to open an office in the Square Mile in the near future. Significant media coverage was achieved during the visit in UK, international and Chinese media outlets, including the Today programme, BBC China and the Financial Times.

SNP Roundtable

On 30 April the Policy Chair co-chaired a parliamentary roundtable with Westminster SNP MPs and industry representatives which focused on several issues, including Brexit and the future UK-EU economic relationship. The meeting was hosted by Ian Blackford MP, SNP Westminster Leader, and Kirsty Blackman MP, SNP Economy Spokesperson. MPs were particularly concerned about the UK's ability to continue to attract global talent post-Brexit, and the Policy Chair emphasised the UK's success as a leading international business centre as underpinned by its ability to draw on talent and skills from around the world. A report commissioned by the City Corporation and produced by Ernst & Young, which examines the business experience of using the UK's visa system and sets out practical steps to improve the current system was discussed and circulated. The importance of open capital markets post-Brexit was also recognised. In general, discussions were timely, as earlier in the week the SNP had launched a 'new economic plan', which, among other things, called for the introduction of an independent currency for Scotland. First Minister of Scotland and SNP Leader Nicola Sturgeon has called it, "the biggest campaign on the economics of independence in our party's history". Financial services are a key element of the SNP's new architecture for independent Scottish growth, with a focus on sustainable investment, infrastructure and productivity.

Borough visits

The Policy Chair continues a programme of visits to London boroughs to meet council leaders in their own areas. Over the past months she has visited Brent, Enfield, Greenwich and Sutton, accompanied by the Chair or Deputy Chair of City Bridge Trust. These visits bring home some of the major challenges which London is facing, be they infrastructure needs, housing shortages or serious youth violence, but also, some of the opportunities. In Sutton, for example, she visited the London Cancer Hub part of the NHS St. Helier University Hospitals Trust, which is "a global centre for cancer innovation providing state of the art facilities and delivering real benefits for patients".

City Week

The City Corporation hosted City Week on 20-21 May at Guildhall. Organised by City and Financial Global, it attracted over 750 delegates and significant media coverage. This year's theme was "Financial services as a driver of inclusive globalisation" and the programme featured senior industry representatives, policy makers and supervisors from around the world. The Policy Chair opened the conference and took part in a panel discussion entitled 'New priority markets for financial services'. The programme also featured a panel on Climate Finance and Sustainability chaired by Sir Roger Gifford.

UK Fintech Week

UK Fintech Week took place during the week of 29 May. This week was a key opportunity to promote the strengths of UK fintech and The City of London Corporation worked closely with Innovate Finance and other key stakeholders such as Department for International Trade, HM Treasury and others to host and support events across London. The Guildhall played host to the Innovate Finance Global Summit which saw over 2000 attendees come to the Guildhall to discuss the latest developments in a diverse range of areas affecting financial services as well as a focus on diversity, investment and talent. Both the Policy Chair and Lord Mayor engaged in several events to promote UK strengths in innovation.

Washington

Between 7-9 May the Policy Chair visited Washington, the purpose of the visit was to support the pursuit of a Free Trade Agreement which includes Financial and Professional Services and that this endeavour be complemented by a parallel process aimed at addressing market access barriers through greater regulatory coherence. During the visit the Policy Chair met with key figures from the Federal Reserve, Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the US Treasury.

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PARLIAMENTARY / GLA

Prime Minister

Theresa May has announced that she will resign as Conservative Party leader on 7 June, triggering a leadership contest to replace her as Prime Minister. At the time of writing, 10 Conservative MPs have announced that they will contest the leadership, including former Mayor of London Boris Johnson, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, and Environment Secretary Michael Gove. The deadline for nominations is the week commencing 10 June, following which there will be a ballot of Conservative MPs to decide which two candidates will be put to the wider party membership. The result of the ballot of party members is expected to be announced before Parliament rises for its summer recess.

Parliamentary Terrace Reception

The Office arranged the annual City Corporation Parliamentary Terrace Reception, hosted by City MP Mark Field at the Palace of Westminster. The event, attended by over 150 guests, provided an opportunity for the City Corporation and City guests to engage with Parliamentarians on a cross-party, cross-House basis. The event, attended by a number of senior ministers and other frontbenchers, was addressed by the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair, who noted London's fundamental strengths and the importance of international cooperation and engagement for London's future as a centre of financial and professional services.

The Future of Financial Services

The Office submitted evidence to the Treasury Select Committee's inquiry into the future of the UK's financial services. The Committee is considering issues including the Government's priorities in negotiating future trading relationships, the regulatory actions required in order to maximise access to EU markets, and the skills and immigration policy needed by the financial services sector post-Brexit. The City Corporation's submission was drawn up in consultation with the Economic Development Office, and advocated a future UK-EU relationship based on strong regulatory and supervisory cooperation, while respecting regulatory autonomy. It discussed innovative sectors of the UK financial services, including fintech, cyber, green finance and sustainable development. The submission argued that the UK should champion open and barrier-free cross-border trade and seek the inclusion of financial and professional services in future trade deals. On skills and immigration, the submission outlined ways in which the Government should help to widen the talent pipeline, and reform the UK visa system to reduce the administrative burden on applicants and sponsors.

Invasive Species

The Office submitted evidence to the Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into invasive species. The submission highlighted the risks that invasive species, including Oak Processionary Moth, non-native crayfish, and Sudden Oak Death disease can pose to human, animal and plant health, and to biodiversity. The submission argued that existing standards of biosecurity regulatory controls should be maintained or enhanced after the UK leaves the EU, and asserted that close cooperation with the EU on invasive species intelligence sharing should be maintained into the future.

Green Spaces

The GLA's Environment Committee has launched a new inquiry into green spaces in London. It held an evidence session with the GLA's Principal Policy Officer for Green Infrastructure, Peter Massini, Helen Monger, the Director of the London Parks and Gardens Trust, Tony Leach, Chief Executive of Parks for London, Dave Morris, Chair of the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces, and Chris Whyte, Brent Council's Director of Environment Services. The witnesses outlined the benefits that green spaces brought to London, including fresh air, space for recreation, access to nature, climate change resilience, and off-road transport routes, among others. Asked about the "uneven distribution" of access to green space and its benefits, Massini said that there was less green space in some parts of London, especially central London, but that there was no correlation with deprivation. Morris asserted that well-maintained facilities and funding were needed to make green spaces attractive to their communities. On funding, all the witnesses agreed that parks needed to be better resourced by central government. Massini added that the Green Spaces Commission was considering the structure and function of parks services. Monger argued against an over-reliance on commercialisation for funding, which could detract from parks' open and accessible nature by closing them off to non-paying users. Asked about the obstacles to providing new green spaces, the witnesses agreed that the main ones were cost and space, though Massini cited the public roof garden at One Fen Court as an innovative addition to the City.

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Economic Development Office

Green Finance Summit: Investing in Actions, 2 July

We now have less than six weeks until the Green Finance Summit 2019. This year it will be bigger and better than before highlighting the City of London as a leading Green Finance centre with:

- very high profile keynote speakers - Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders Foundation, First woman President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights ; the Rt Hon Claire Perry MP, Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth; Hoesung Lee, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and António Horta-Osório, CEO, Lloyds Banking Group;
- and London Climate Action Week amplifying our message.

There are already over 700 delegates registered to attend the flagship event. Sessions feature responsible investment; climate analytics; international trends in sustainable finance; green finance opportunities and sustainable and resilient cities. Plus the new Green Finance Institute will also launch at the Summit with the newly appointed Chief Executive, Rhian-Mari Thomas making her mark at the event. Any member with an interest in Green Finance, Responsible Investment, Sustainable Finance or Environmental, Social, Governance issues can register at www.greenfinancesummit.org to attend.

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City Week

The ninth City Week, organised by City and Financial Global and hosted at Guildhall 20-21 May, attracted over 750 delegates as well as significant media coverage. This year's theme was "Financial services as a driver of inclusive globalisation" and the programme featured senior industry representatives as well as policy makers and supervisors from the UK and around the world. Policy Chair Catherine McGuinness opened the conference and took part in a panel discussion entitled 'New priority markets for financial services'. Sir Roger Gifford chaired a panel discussion on Climate Finance and Sustainability.

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Guildhall Yard Events

Armed Forces Flag Day, 24 June, from 3.15pm

Members are invited to show support for our Armed Forces at the annual flag raising ceremony. A military band will play in the Yard, and the flag will be raised at 3.30pm. This will be followed by short speeches by the Lord Mayor and a senior member of the Armed Forces. Following the ceremony light refreshments will be served in the Old Library. To accept the invitation please email rem.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Royal Yeomanry Band Concert, 17 July, 6-7pm

Members are invited to the Royal Yeomanry Band Concert in the Guildhall Yard from 6-7pm. The Band will play a selection of military marches, classic film scores and light music. The concert is open to members of the public, so please do spread the word among friends and colleagues. Please email rem.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk to accept the invitation.

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City Bridge Trust

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At its meeting on 9 May 2019, Dhruv Patel OBE was elected as Chairman of the City Bridge Trust committee. Mr Patel succeeds Alderman Alison Gowman who now becomes Deputy Chair of the Committee. At the same meeting, the City Bridge Trust Committee agreed grants to 22 organisations totalling over £3.4m. These included: £66,800 to the [Independent Living Agency \(ILA\)](#) to deliver their [Peer Support Brokers programme](#) which supports disabled Londoners to increase their independence and control over their own lives; £283,300 to [INQUEST Charitable Trust](#) to support London-based bereaved families assisting family members from the very first stages following a death and through the protracted process of the investigation and inquest; and £100,000 to [YWCA England & Wales](#) (aka Young Women's Trust) towards their [Work It Out](#) project which provides coaching & career support, helping young women to increase their confidence & improve relationships. For a full list of grants awarded, please visit [City Bridge Trust website](#). On 15 May to coincide with [Mental Health Awareness Week](#), City Bridge Trust announced the launch of its Responding to the Resilience Risk initiative. This is an open call to charities to design and deliver six-month pilot projects to develop the resilience of voluntary sector workers. These projects will be externally evaluated, with the findings helping to design and deliver more impactful resilience programmes in the future. Further information on this pilot scheme can be found in the scheme [online document](#).

Markets & Consumer Protection

Port Health Service hosts House of Lords' EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee

On 1 May, the Port Health Service hosted a visit to the London Gateway Port by the House of Lords' EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee. The Committee scrutinises the UK Government's policies and actions in respect of the EU; considers and seeks to influence the development of policies and draft laws proposed by the EU institutions; and, more generally, represents the House of Lords in its dealings with the EU institutions and other Member States. Jeremy Simons CC, Chairman of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, and Paul Double, City Remembrancer, accompanied the visit. Gavin Stedman, Assistant Director, Port Health, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the role of the London Port Health Authority. The visitors were then taken on a tour of the port and the "state of the art" Border Control Point where Port Health staff undertake checks on food and feed imported from outside the EU. Staff from all levels provided information to their Lordships who were clearly very impressed. Two weeks later, during a debate in the House of Lords about biosecurity, Peers referred to their visit and what they had learned – an example of how the City Corporation can influence decision making at the highest level.

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Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

As detailed in a recent report to the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, the Trading Standards Service is clamping down on dishonest restaurants which display inaccurate food hygiene ratings. Spot checks of 140 City food premises found that 22 (16%) were displaying a rating higher than the one they had been given. Trading Standards Officers visited each offending premises and oversaw the removal of the inaccurate sticker. This was followed-up with a written warning to the food business, reminding them of their legal obligation to ensure that consumers are not being misled. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) oversees the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. Every City premises serving food is subject to thorough inspection by Environmental Health Officers who award a rating from zero (Urgent Improvement Necessary) through to five (Very Good). The business is then provided with a green rating sticker which can be displayed in windows. The score is also published on the FSA website so that consumers can check hygiene ratings. The display of ratings is voluntary in England, but the City Corporation supports a change in the law to make this compulsory. If you are concerned that a business is displaying a misleading rating, please contact Trading Standards.

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Community Safety Team

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The Community Safety Team responded to the Government's consultation (ended 28 May) on three options for supporting a multi-agency or public health approach to tackling serious violence. The first two options included a new legal duty and the third option, a non-legislative requirement for partners to work together voluntarily to prevent and tackle serious violence. Following discussions with internal and external colleagues the Team recommended Option two: a new duty through legislation to revise Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). CSPs play a very important role in preventing and tackling serious violence by working together with other local partners including business representatives and the voluntary and community sector. However, for a public health approach to work it requires investing in properly funded evidence based interventions. With that in mind, prevention is key to tackling serious violence and this consultation's focus on vulnerable people with health and social issues who are at risk from involvement in serious violence is a step in the right direction to meet the health needs of people in an integrated and holistic way.

Open Spaces

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Meet the ranger on location

From Harry Potter to Robin Hood, Burnham Beeches is one of the most popular filming locations in the area. So head over to Burnham Beeches on Sunday 2 June, 2-3.30pm, when one of the Rangers will be by the café and Information point to talk about some of the films that have been shot there. Free event, donations welcome. For more details and to register visit the [Meet the Ranger eventbrite webpage](#).

Woodland creatures craft activity

Join Helen Westerby, experienced clothes designer and lecturer, to make nostalgic woodland creature pompoms at Epping Forest - The View, on Tuesday 16 July, 1.30-3.30pm. Make an owl or a fox, they make great little bag charms, keyrings or hanging garlands for children rooms. This event is for adults (19+) only and is run by the Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service in partnership with the City of London Corporation. Free, no booking required.

Tower Bridge celebrates 125 years

To celebrate London's best-loved landmark, Tower Bridge invites you inside to discover more about its history in a packed programme of talks, exhibitions and activities for visitors. A special admission entry of £1.25 will be available on the weekend of 30 June. More details can be found on the [Tower Bridge website](#).

Keats and the sea

Head over to Keats House on Thursday 6 June, 6.30-8pm, for this new lecture by Professor Nicholas Roe (the poet's biographer and Chair of the Keats Foundation) exploring Keats's lifelong fascination with the sea. Ticket information and booking details can be found [Keats and the Sea eventbrite webpage](#).

Information on all events being held in our Open Spaces can be found on the [City of London website](#).

City of London Academies and Schools

The Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Strategies establish the City Corporation's commitment to prepare people to flourish in a rapidly changing world through exceptional education, opportunities for cultural and creative learning, and developing skills which links to the world of work. The events, activities and achievements listed below are grouped under the key strategic areas they most closely link to.

Exceptional Education

On Tuesday 21 May, City of London Academy Islington celebrated its 10-year anniversary which was held in the Guildhall's West Crypt. The event was attended by staff and pupils from the Academy and many long-standing supporters of the Academy representing the co-sponsors (the City Corporation and City, University of London) and many individuals and organisations who have contributed to the Academy's first ten years of existence. Speeches were given by Sir Paul Curran, President of City University, Sir Mark Boleat and the Academy's Executive Principal, Clare Verga. The event celebrated the Academy's transformation and the successes of the past decade, including the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection, which graded the Academy as outstanding in all of the four key categories and outstanding overall.

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Mental Health First Aid Training

On 3 May, 16 delegates from the City of London Family of Schools and schools within the Square Mile attended a one-day course of mental health first aid ran by Mental Health First Aid England. The course was free to schools and joint funded by the Education Board and Public Health. The course focused on developing an understanding of common mental health issues and how they can affect young people, supporting staff to spot signs of mental ill health in young people, develop confidence in advocating for mental health awareness and developing skills to support positive wellbeing. The course was based on a 'champion' model where delegates are provided with tools and resources to run training in their own schools. The course feedback was very positive, and delegates were interested in developing a cross-school network to foster the sharing of best practice and support between schools on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in schools.

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Cultural and creative learning

The Culture Mile partners are delighted to invite Members to celebrate the launch of the first Fusion Prize, a challenge to invest in the skills, collaborations, and spaces that will enable young Londoners to develop the fusion skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. The event will follow Creative Careers Day, as part of the London Career Festival on the evening of Monday 17 June, 6-8pm. Members are asked to join the leaders of the three

sectors that the prize will serve: education, culture, and business – as well as young people who will ultimately benefit from the innovative solution – for an evening of drinks and canapés, inspirational speakers, and exciting performances. Please RSVP via the events [eventbrite webpage](#).

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Skills which link to the world of work

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 at City of London Academy Southwark have been engaged in projects aimed at developing enterprise and work-related skills. Pupils were set a brief to research, plan and host their own cake sale, raising money for a charity they felt passionate about. Pupils worked in teams of three and completed tasks including: researching products and prices, planning and creating the product, selecting a charity and writing a persuasive speech to market the product and charity. In total, both year groups raised an amazing £274.40 for Cancer Research UK.

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London Careers Festival

[London Careers Festival](#) takes place 17-21 June. Over 130 schools, sixth form colleges and youth groups across London have booked almost 6000 tickets to attend events across the week. Guildhall is hosting two days of events on 18 and 19 June:

- Apprentice 19 (an initiative of the Stationers' Company) - Great Hall and Crypts
- Livery School Links Annual Careers Showcase – Livery Hall, Old Library and Print Room
- Primary Futures 'What's My Line' – Basinghall Suite
- Inspiring the Future: Speed Networking – Basinghall Suite
- Build the City of the Future LEGO workshop in association with Construction Careers – The City Centre
- Guildhall Yard will host exhibits including the Gild of Nurses' Field Hospital.

Forty Livery companies are participating in Livery School Showcase, and Apprentice 19 offers stalls from 60 companies including Google, BBC, Bloomberg, Pearson, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, M&G Investment, Capgemini, Barclays, HS2. The Lord Mayor will open the Festival at 12pm on 18 June. The rest of the week offers three days of Fringe events curated around a theme: Monday 17 – Creative careers; Thursday 20 – Digital; Friday 21 – Finance & Professional Services. Over 100 businesses and organisations are hosting sessions and workshops at their place of business. Participants include Aon, Barbican, Close Brothers Asset Management, DiT, Google, Investment 20/20, London Metropolitan Archives, Mace, Microsoft, Open Spaces, PwC, Societe Generale, St Paul's Cathedral, The Charterhouse, Tower Bridge and WeWork. If you would like more information about the event or would like to visit it, please email C4Festival@cityoflondon.gov.uk

City of London Academies and Schools

City of London Academy Highgate Hill

City of London Academy Highgate Hill has recently been awarded a silver healthy schools award after receiving the bronze award only five months previously. We're now working towards the gold award.

On 21 May all year seven students took part in a MiSST orchestra day, where all year seven students came together to rehearse, play and perform as one very large orchestra. The day ended with a performance to parents and staff to showcase the work they had achieved.

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City of London School for Girls

On Wednesday 24 April we celebrated Founder's Day as part of our 125th anniversary calendar of events, and in honour of William Ward who founded the school in 1894. Mr Ward was a successful businessman who passed away in 1881, leaving the largest chunk of his fortune to the City of London Corporation to set up a high school for girls. We were delighted to welcome educator, human rights campaigner and social activist, Ziauddin Yousafzai, as our guest speaker. Mr Yousafzai delivered a fascinating and humorous lecture about his life and the life of his daughter to all Year 7 to 13 students. Mr Yousafzai peacefully resisted the Taliban's efforts to shut down the schools inspiring his daughter, Malala Yousafzai, to raise her voice to promote the rights of children to an education.

On Wednesday 8 May, one of our Young Enterprise teams, DiversiTEA, showcased their business at the East London Company of the Year Awards in Canary Wharf. The team, who sell teas from around the world, did extremely well, negotiating a tough interview and completing a flawless presentation. One of the judges, who works as a Director at Disney, awarded the team the Creativity Award for their innovation in branding and marketing. The Young Enterprise Company Programme provides young people with the opportunity to set up and run their own real company while they are still at school or college.

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City of London School

A pupil in the Second Form has won a prize at this year's Fourth Plinth School Awards. Each year, students are invited to design what they would like to see on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. There were over 3,500 entries this year across all London boroughs with only 33 pupils selected for prizes. The Awards ceremony took place at City Hall for the winners and runners up with prizes from Cass Art. Two pupils were invited to the commemoration event run by Ishami Foundation to remember the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, held in City Hall. Michael and Sam attended a workshop and discussion with other schoolchildren, and listened to an address from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. Back in School, the Third Form took on a project to learn about the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. They produced a piece of work as a reflection of their learning and as a commemoration of the 25th Anniversary. These pieces of work are currently being exhibited at the School and at City Hall.

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City of London Freeman's School

In a day of mixed emotions, City of London Freeman's School recently bid farewell to the Upper 6 leavers in preparation for their A level exams and onward journeys. In fitting style, the most senior students, accompanied by their parents, enjoyed a day of activities beginning with a leavers' breakfast in the iconic Main House where they were each awarded badges and ties from the Old Freeman's Association. An emotional leavers' service at the local church, St Giles followed, then an assembly and concert celebrating their achievements during their time at Freeman's. The class of 2019 chose to leave their mark on Freeman's by planting a tree on school grounds. The intention is for the tree to grow and serve as a permanent reminder of their wonderful years at Freeman's. The School would like to thank the class of 2019 for their beautiful gift and wish them the very best in the years to come.

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Gresham College

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Appointments

In May the College appointed its next Astronomy Professor, Professor Katherine Blundell, and its next Chair of Trustees (Council Chair), Dr Loyd Grossman.

M&A: Do They Create or Destroy Value?

Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) are perhaps the most important decisions that a company ever faces, yet some deals destroy substantial value. Gresham Business Professor Alex Edmans will discuss the correct and incorrect motives for M&A and how they could be encouraged to work better. The lecture takes place on 5 June, 6-7pm, at the Museum of London and will also be live-streamed online.

The Weimar Republic

A century has passed since the establishment of the ill-fated Weimar Republic, founded in August 1919 and superseded 14 years later by the Nazi dictatorship. Sir Richard Evans (Provost of Gresham College and world famous authority on modern German history) asks why the Republic failed in making Germany democratic, and what lessons can be learned for the future of democracy. The lecture takes place on 18 June, 6-7pm, at the Museum of London, and will also be live-streamed online.

Details of all upcoming lectures and recordings from previous ones are on the [Gresham College website](#).

AI: More Than Human

A major new exhibition looking at artificial intelligence opened across the Barbican Centre in May. AI: More than Human is an unprecedented survey of creative and scientific developments in artificial intelligence, exploring the evolution of the relationship between humans and technology, with exhibits and installations in the Barbican's Curve gallery, foyers and Pit theatre. Alongside widespread media coverage in the build-up to the opening, including a special AI edition of Time Out linked to the exhibition, Channel 4 News broadcast a 6 minute piece from the Barbican with Jon Snow touring the Curve gallery and interviewing exhibiting artist Joy Buolamwini.

Lee Krasner: Living Colour

The Barbican Art Gallery reopened for its summer exhibition on 30 May. Lee Krasner: Living Colour is the first retrospective in Europe for over 50 years of American artist Lee Krasner (1908 – 1984). One of the pioneers of Abstract Expressionism, Krasner made work reflecting the feeling of possibility and experiment in New York in the post-war period. The exhibition features nearly 100 works – many on show in the UK for the first time – from across her 50-year career, and tells the story of a formidable artist whose importance has often been eclipsed by her marriage to Jackson Pollock.

Avalanche

The Barbican and Fertility Fest production of Avalanche: A Love Story, starring Maxine Peake, received its world premiere in the Barbican Theatre in May, and opened to fantastic reviews including five-stars from [The Stage](#) and four-stars from [The Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Observer](#), [Evening Standard](#). Maxine Peake spoke to [The Observer](#) and [Metro](#) ahead of the production opening and was a guest on [BBC Radio 2: Jo Whaley Show](#), [BBC Radio 3's Essential Classics](#), [BBC Radio 4: Today Programme](#) and [BBC Radio 6: Shaun Keaveny Show](#). The production tours to Sydney Theatre Company, who co-produced the show, in August.

Barbican Music Library

Barbican Music Library is the recipient of an Excellence Award for Music Libraries. These Awards are presented every three years by the UK and Ireland branch of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres. They acknowledge activity in music libraries which demonstrate sustained good work and good practice with the potential to be adopted and adapted by others. The citation for Barbican Music Library includes the following: "Excellent collection, staff and accessibility. Its programme of exhibitions has brought in new users and drawn the library to the attention of lots of new users. This is a library to visit to get ideas and be inspired."

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Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Complete University Guide Music League Table 2020

Guildhall School has been announced as the top ranked conservatoire in the Complete University Guide Music League Table 2020, and third overall in the Arts, Drama & Music League Table 2020 which ranks specialist colleges and conservatoires. Complete University Guide League Table is based upon data in the public domain including the National Student Survey (NSS), Research Excellence Framework (REF), and data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

Recent Successes

It has been a successful month of awards for Guildhall singers Benson Wilson, who won First Prize, and Ema Nikolovska, who won the Ferrier Loveday Song Prize, at the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Awards. Ema Nikolovska is also one of two Guildhall artists among seven musicians and ensembles from around the world selected to join the BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists Scheme from 2019-2021. The Consone Quartet with violinist Elitsa Bogdanova were also selected. At the annual Cavatina Intercollegiate Chamber Music Competition, Guildhall ensemble, the Mithras Trio, were selected as the competition winners.

Samantha Clarke wins Gold Medal

Soprano Samantha Clarke is the winner of this year's Gold Medal, Guildhall School's most prestigious prize for outstanding soloists. The prize is awarded to singers and instrumentalists in alternate years and this year was the turn of the singers. The final took place on 10 May at Barbican Hall before a distinguished panel of judges including bass-baritone, Sir Bryn Terfel, Guildhall School alumnus and winner of the 1989 Gold Medal.

Guildhall Festival of Classical Improvisation coverage

Earlier this month Guildhall School's Centre for Creative Performance and Classical Improvisation, led by Professor David Dolan, presented the first international festival celebrating the revival of Classical Improvisation in Western art-music performance. Presented in partnership with Imperial College London, the three-day festival was very well received in the national press, gaining coverage from The Times and The Sunday Telegraph as well as BBC World at One and Classic FM.

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London Symphony Orchestra (LSO)

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Sir Simon Rattle

Music Director Sir Simon Rattle returned at the beginning of the month to conduct the Orchestra in three concerts at the Barbican, and one on tour in Munich, with repertoire including Mahler's Symphony No 5 and Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique. Most notably, May marked a landmark tour and moment in the Orchestra's 115-year history; its first ever venture to Latin America. Sir Simon and the Orchestra travelled through five countries – Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile – and performed to eager audiences in venues including the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires.

Community Engagement

There has also been an emphasis on community engagement for this summer's programme of events through Culture Mile, including Sound Unbound and Play the Mile. LSO Discovery – the Orchestra's education and community programme – curated two events as part of the Sound Unbound festival. This included an event by LSO Jerwood Composer Amir Konjani at LSO St Luke's – the LSO's venue on Old Street. The London Symphony Chorus with Choral Director Simon Halsey and Guildhall musicians presented excerpts from Carl Orff's famous Carmina Burana at the Barbican. LSO St Luke's also hosted many BBC Radio 3 concerts.

Museum of London

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The Museum of London is on the move and aims to transform itself in a set of historic buildings in West Smithfield in the coming years. The museum will be consulting this Summer starting in July and, working closely with the City of London Corporation, will present the latest project visuals and plans to date in preparation to submit a planning application later this year. For members of relevant committees there will also be pre-application consultation sessions happening before the consultation opens to the public.

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

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Hooke's Diary

On display in the [City of London Heritage Gallery](#) until 8 August, this exhibition provides another chance to see the Hooke Diary, this time displaying an entry about Hooke's designs for the Bethlem Hospital at Moorfields. Also on show are plans of Tower Bridge designed by Horace Jones, City of London Architect, who was born 200 years ago this year, and items illustrating the role of Town Clerk for the City of London Corporation which has existed since the thirteenth century, including photographs of the current Town Clerk with the Liber Albus which is also on display.

to tell the story of the underground city, as well as some of the enduring legends that have risen from down below. Under Ground London runs until 31 October and is free to visit. Take a look at [LMA's Eventbrite page](#) for details of events connected to the exhibition.

Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams

LMA is delighted to loan items for external exhibition as long as borrowers meet our conditions regarding security and display. Two photographs from the London County Council Photograph Library of the Christian Dior London boutique at 9 Conduit Street, London appear in sold out exhibition [Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams](#) at the V&A Museum until 1 September 2019. Fortunately you can also see the images on Collage, the London Picture Archive (numbers [129762](#) and [129771](#)).

Under Ground London

[Under Ground London](#) is an exhibition exploring our relationship with the subterranean capital, exploring hundreds of years of documents, images and plans

City Business Library

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Supporting SMEs through Brexit

To support small businesses across London with preparing for Brexit, City Business Library (CBL) are partnering with the Greater London Authority to deliver some ['Navigating Brexit' free training sessions](#) for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). The [London Growth Hub](#) have made available FREE Brexit readiness training sessions for 1,500 Entrepreneurs and SMEs across London who have been trading for six months or more. Additionally CBL is also running an international trade event on 6 June [Hong Kong: Gateway to China](#) in association with the [Hong Kong Trade Development Council](#). There will be talks from [Frattempo](#) and [Rathfinney Estate](#).

Brexit Information

Many people follow the latest Brexit news, but CBL's trade magazines can also keep you up to date with how specific industries are affected by Brexit. CBL's subscription magazines include The Grocer, The Caterer, Construction News and Property Week, where you will find the latest news, analysis and opinions. Our IBISWorld database publishes in-depth market research reports for UK industries as well as USA, China, Australia and Global reports. IBISWorld also offers access to UK Brexit Impact Statements on over 400 industries, which discuss the possible consequences of leaving the EU on key industry. Plus read analyst comments on Brexit and the potential implications on UK industries on the MarketLine database. Import and Export data is also available at CBL covering trade statistics for 110 countries covering growth rates, market trends and commodities data.

- Planning and Transportation Committee Chair, Alastair Moss, was quoted in almost 300 pieces of coverage regarding the City Corporation's new Transport Strategy including [Reuters](#), [BBC News](#), [Forbes](#), [Financial Times](#) (£), [The Times](#) (£), [Reuters India](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Telegraph](#) [viewable internally only], [Mirror](#), [The Sun](#), [The i](#) [viewable internally only], [Daily Express](#), [Daily Star](#), [Evening Standard](#), [City AM](#), [Londonist](#), [BBC Radio London](#), [LBC News](#), [Magic London](#), [Talk Radio](#), [BBC Merseyside](#) and [Share Radio](#) [available internally].
- Coverage of the City Corporation's new Gender Identity Policy appeared in a wide range of media including [BBC London](#), [ITV London](#), LBC (Link [1](#), [2](#)) (viewable internally only), [BBC News](#), [BBC London Radio](#) (listen at 17:27), [Guardian](#), [Independent](#), [ITV](#), [Metro](#), [Sky News](#), [Evening Standard](#), [Evening Standard](#) (i), [Gay Star News](#), [Ham and High](#), [Attitude](#), and the [Telegraph](#).
- Edward Lord, Chair of the Establishment Committee, was quoted in most of the coverage.
- Comments from Policy Chair Catherine McGuinness at City Week, hosted at Guildhall, about accessing EU markets after Brexit appeared in [Reuters](#), [New York Times](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Nasdaq](#) and more than 20 other online outlets. Further comments by the Policy Chair at City Week about Brexit were featured in [Reuters](#), [Huffington Global](#), [Business Live](#), [iAfrica](#) and [Yahoo! Finance USA](#).
- [Politico](#) ran an interview with the Policy Chair about the effect of Brexit on Britain's reputation, her visit to the US and immigration policy. (£)
- The Policy Chair was quoted in a [Financial News](#) (£) article about the future of the City after Brexit.
- The [Evening Standard](#) reported on the Lord Mayor's speech at the Business and Industry Dinner, highlighting his comments on encouraging digital businesses to scale-up locally.
- An interview with the Lord Mayor was broadcast on [Phoenix TV's](#) flagship Talk with World Leaders programme, discussing UK-China relations, Brexit and the City of London's long-term strengths.
- Interviews with the Lord Mayor were published by [Exame](#) (£) [in Portuguese] and [Portafolio](#) [in Spanish] as part of his visit to Latin America. The Lord Mayor's visit to Colombia was also covered in [Dinero](#) and [La Republica](#). The Lord Mayor also wrote in [City A.M](#) following his visit.
- The Easter Banquet, hosted by the Lord Mayor at Mansion House. Coverage appeared in [BBC 2 Radio](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Express](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Sun](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Independent](#), the [Telegraph](#) (£), [ITV](#), [BBC Radio 3](#), [Western Daily Press](#) [both viewable internally], [Press TV](#) and [New European](#). The event was also listed on the [BBC](#).
- An op-ed by the Lord Mayor on UK Fintech Week appeared in the [Telegraph](#). (£) A piece in [City A.M](#), also quoted the Lord Mayor on the plans for further government support for fintech start-ups. Further coverage in [Wired](#), [Financial IT](#), [Crowdfund Insider](#) and [UKTN](#).
- The Policy Chair was quoted in the [Evening Standard](#), [BBC News](#), [Yahoo News](#), [MSN News](#) and [The Grocer Taxi Point](#), in coverage of Barking Reach being chosen as the preferred site to relocate the City Corporation's wholesale food markets. The Court of Common Council was referenced, with the Policy Chair quoted in further coverage in [Yahoo! UK and Ireland](#), [Ilford Recorder](#), [Fruitnet](#), [MyLondon](#), [Meat Management](#), [Fresh Plaza](#) and [Londonist](#).
- The [Sunday Times](#) (£) reports the launch of the City Corporation's trial dock-less cycle-hire scheme, announced at the London Walking and Cycling Conference.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) interviewed Bryony Oxlade, the City Corporation's Coroner's Officer on her role for their careers webpage.
- The [Islington Tribune](#) published an interview with Prince Gennuh, Headteacher of the City of London Academy Highgate Hill on his career.
- Jeremy Simmons, City Corporation's Trading Standards Manager, was quoted in [The Caterer](#) and [Caterer Licensee](#) after spot checks found a number of food premises displaying misleading Food Hygiene Rating. Also in [MyLondon](#).
- Dhruv Patel, was interviewed by the [BBC Asian Network](#) about becoming the Cit Bridge Trust Committee's first Chairman of BAME origin. (Skip to 11.37) Further coverage in [Civil Society](#), [Asian Lite](#), [Hindustan Times](#), [Business Standard](#), [The Tribune](#), [Greater Jammu](#), [Asian Voice](#), [Eastern Eye](#), [NDTV](#) and [City Matters](#) [Viewable internally] including Alison Gowman, Deputy Chair.
- City Bridge Trust's call for charities to design and deliver six-month pilot projects to develop the resilience of voluntary sector workers, reported by [Charity Times](#), [Third Sector](#) and [Fundraising](#).
- [The Guardian](#) reviewed Culture Mile's Sound Unbound festival, calling the programme of 150 concerts in 19 venues, "inclusive and joyous".
- [The Metro](#) [viewable internally only] and over one hundred other media outlets across the UK ran a story about John Keats' Ode To A Nightingale returning to Keats House for public display. Rob Shakespeare, Principal Curator at Keats House, was interviewed. Further coverage in [MyLondon](#)
- Graham Packham, Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee was quoted.
- [The Mirror](#) ran a story about the discovery of Joseph Merrick's grave, famously known as "The Elephant Man" at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium. Further coverage in [BBC News](#), [The Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Mail Online](#), [Evening Standard](#), [The Sun](#), [Washington Post](#), [AOL](#), [New York Post](#), [Fox News](#) and [The New Daily](#).
- Jeremy Simons, Chair of the City Corporation's Environmental Services Committee, was quoted.
- [Evening Standard](#) article by the co-founder of the Naz Legacy Foundation, praised the City Corporation as organisers of London's first ever interfaith youth iftar. Also covered in [Yahoo News](#).

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