



Richmond Partnership Conference – Take Action on Climate Change
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9.00	Registration
9.30	Welcome from the Leader <i>Cllr Gareth Roberts</i> , Leader of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
9.45	Introduction to Climate Change and Carbon Emissions <i>Emma Ashcroft</i> , Senior Manager, Cities and Regions, The Carbon Trust
10.00	Case study speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Richard Deverell</i>, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew • <i>Vanessa James</i>, Centre Director, East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association Community Centre
10.20	Break to move to workshops
10.30	Workshops What commitments can we make as partners to take action on climate change?
11.50	Break to go back to the Theatre
12.00	Workshop Panel Feedback and Q&A session Led by <i>Colin Cooper</i> , Chief Executive, South West London Environment Network
12.45	Summary of Commitments and Closing Remarks <i>Cllr Martin Elengorn and Cllr Julia Neden-Watts</i> , Chair and Vice-Chair (respectively) of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Services Committee
1.00	Lunch and networking



Your Speakers

Emma Ashcroft, Senior Manager, Regions and Cities, the Carbon Trust

Emma is the Carbon Trust's topic lead on decarbonising heat and has 10 years' experience supporting cities to develop and implement long-term, cross-sectoral plans that facilitate the transition to a low carbon economy. She oversees the Carbon Trust's city-wide climate action planning activities, working with local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships to develop plans for achieving net zero in response to the climate emergency. Emma also specialises in heat network development, having supported local authorities to implement a £100m+ portfolio of heat network schemes in the last four years. She is the Carbon Trust's representative to the District Energy in Cities Initiative, an international accelerator convened by UN Environment supporting the growth of district energy in 30 developing countries worldwide. Emma was awarded 'Young Professional of the Year' in the Decentralised Energy Awards 2018.

Richard Deverell, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Richard is the fifteenth Director of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He has devoted his career to leading innovative and ambitious improvements to public engagement and education. At the BBC he revamped the Children's BBC channel with a mission to raise the quality of programming for children, introducing new content that would educate and engage them. Since joining Kew, he has led the refresh of Kew's strategy, bringing expertise from Kew's global science into sharper focus and more actively engaging the public with contemporary science and conservation in Kew's beautiful historic gardens. He is a passionate advocate for the power of plants and fungi to help solve the critical challenges facing humanity in the 21st Century. He is also an official Champion for Food Forever, a global initiative that aims to secure biodiversity for the benefit of food security around the world.

Vanessa James, Centre Director, East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association (ETNA) Community Centre

Vanessa has run the ETNA Centre for the last 5 years and has worked closely with the council on the commissioning process to secure the future of ETNA. Vanessa's background is in retail buying, she worked for several blue-chip companies before taking a part-time role at ETNA. Vanessa has enjoyed the challenge of working with the board of trustees and meeting the needs of the local community to give the Centre a new lease of life.

Colin Cooper, Chief Executive, South West London Environment Network (SWLEN)

Colin has a sixteen-year track record of managing environmental non-profit organisations, including the last nine years as CEO of South West London Environment Network. The charity's activities include supporting 135 environmental non-profit groups over five London Boroughs, coordinating the Richmond Biodiversity Action Plan and reducing CO2 emissions from community buildings and homes, particularly people living in fuel poverty. Colin holds an MA in Charity Management, was a founding trustee at Parks for London, is helping to set-up the Ealing Parks Foundation (to raise funding for parks) and sits on the grants panel of an environmental funder.