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Clean Air in Cities Awards recognise 24 contributions to improving air quality

London Air Quality Network receives award and special mention

John Tomlinson becomes an Honorary Founder Supporter

Clean Air in London (CAL) announces its second annual Clean Air in Cities Awards which recognise individuals who have made a valuable personal contribution to improving air quality in London and elsewhere.

The London Air Quality Network, operated by King's College London, receives a special mention.

Quotes

Professor Frank Kelly, Head of the Environmental Health Group of King's College London, said:

“This Clean Air in Cities Award recognises the tremendous ongoing dedication of London Air Quality Network staff who provide regular, accurate updates and who develop innovative approaches for the dissemination of air quality information. Now in its 21st year, the Environmental Research Group at King's College London continues to play a pivotal role in the measurement and dissemination of air quality information in London and south east England.”

Simon Birkett, Founder and Director of Clean Air in London, said:

“The Clean Air in Cities Awards 2014 recognise 24 people who have made a valuable personal contribution to improving air quality in cities including London.

“It is impossible to single out any one person or organisation. However, the London Air Quality Network deserves a special mention for leading action on air pollution for more than two decades. It therefore becomes the first organisation to receive a Clean Air in Cities Award.

“It is tremendous to recognise also the contribution of many other people from across the political spectrum and from campaigners to scientists and business leaders. Individually and collectively, these wonderful people have ensured that air pollution is regaining the attention it deserves.

“Clean Air in London is also pleased that John Tomlinson has accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Founder Supporter of Clean Air in London. As retiring Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, John has led work in the lead up to 60th anniversary of the first Clean Air Act which was introduced for the City of London Corporation on 5 July 1954. Mr Tomlinson joins others who have been Honorary Founder Supporters since 2007.

“Last but not least, I want to pay tribute to the many existing supporters, sponsors and clients of Clean Air in London who are still making an amazing contribution to the Clean Air in London campaign. In many cases, these individuals and organisations have been involved for over eight years.”

Note

Existing Honorary Founder Supporters, Sponsors and Clients:

<http://cleanairinlondon.org/about/>

The Clean Air in Cities Awards 2014 aim to broaden and deepen the impact of the Clean Air in London campaign by recognising those who have made a valuable personal contribution to improving air quality in cities including London.

Existing supporters, sponsors and clients already make such a contribution and so have not been eligible for an Award. CAL aims to present the Awards annually. Clean Air in London will be pleased to present many of the Awards personally in coming weeks.

Only senior politicians are eligible to become new Honorary Founder Supporters except in exceptional circumstances.

Clean Air in Cities Awards 2014

The following have been presented with a Clean Air in Cities Award 2014 (alpha order):

London Air Quality Network Operated by King's College London

Leading politicians

Phil Bennion MEP	Liberal Democrat Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands
Emma Dent Coad	Labour, Councillor, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Greg Foxsmith	Independent, Councillor, London Borough of Islington
Andrew Gwynne MP	Labour, Shadow Minister for Health
Phil Jones	Labour, Councillor and Cabinet Member, London Borough of Camden
Alastair Moss	Conservative, Councillor and Deputy Cabinet Member for Built Environment, City of Westminster
Chris Smith	Green, Tower Hamlets Mayoral Candidate
Keith Taylor MEP	Green Party Member of the European Parliament for the South East
Frixos Tombolis	Conservative, Councillor and Deputy Cabinet Member for City Management, Transport and Environment, City of Westminster

City of London Corporation

Ruth Calderwood Environmental Policy Officer, City of London Corporation

Scientists and medical

Isobel Braithwaite	Medical student and Co-ordinator of Healthy Planet UK
Dr Rossa Brugha	Clinical Research Fellow at Queen Mary, University of London
Dr Sylvia Medina	Co-ordinator of the Apekom project

Business people

Michael Liebreich Founder, Bloomberg New Energy Finance. Director, Transport for London
Najy Nasser Director, Headstart Advisers Ltd

Local campaigners

Darryl Chamberlain Co-founder, No to Silvertown Tunnel
Stewart Christie No to Silvertown Tunnel. Gallions Bridge campaigner. Liberal Democrat
Alan Haughton Stop City Airport
Sarah Hudson Chair, Barbican Association Sustainability Group
Dr Carolyn McMillan Chair, The Putney Society
Rosco White Stop Horn Lane Pollution (SHLAP)

Non-governmental organisations

Génon Jensen Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance
Peggy Liu Chairperson, Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCCE)

Honorary Founder Supporters

John Tomlinson Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, City of
London Corporation

Note: Listed in alphabetical order