



MAYOR OF LONDON

Mail from the Mayor - January 2016



Happy New Year, folks!

I'm looking forward to what's going to be a most exciting year for our great city. This year, Crossrail, the greatest engineering project of its time in the whole of Europe, is going to be a step closer. London's brilliant transport system is going to be even better too with work starting on the Northern line extension to Battersea.

Alongside renewing London's transport system, housing has also been a top priority for all of us here at City Hall. That's why I'm delighted to announce that I have released all of our land for development to help build the affordable new homes London so urgently needs.

You can keep up to date with our work on the fantastic new City Hall website. You can even see what's being done in your part of London by choosing your borough on the homepage.

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Find out what's happening where you live

Do you know how many new homes have been built in your area, what the biggest school is or which new projects are livening up your high street? Find all this and more in our new 'in my area' section.

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New app makes volunteering simple

Interested in volunteering but short on time? Team London's new speed volunteering app is making it even easier to find the perfect 'one-off' opportunity for you.

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What you think about living in London

Last November, over 4,000 Londoners took part in our Annual London Survey. Three-quarters of participants said they're satisfied with life in London. However, many are worried about housing, air quality and traffic congestion. Read the full report on the Talk London blog.

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St Patrick's Day, 13 March

Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day in the heart of central London. There'll be a parade, music, dance, comedy and more. It's sure to be a great craic!

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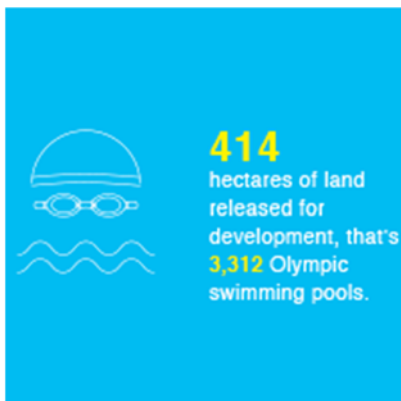


London celebrates 40 years of punk

This week saw the launch of 'Punk London' - a year-long celebration of punk's birth, looking at the movement's influence in art, design, film, fashion, literature, photography, and of course, music. There'll be events across the capital and you can add your own events to the line-up too.

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100% land owned by us freed for development

This means 50,000 new homes, and facilities like new schools and health centres can be built. Check out our infographic to find out more.

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And finally...



The Mayor has been given a Minecraft makeover to launch Games London - a new three year programme to help London's booming games industry do even better. Watch the #MinecraftBoris press conference to find out what it's all about.

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Hi folks, have you heard of People's Question Time? It's a public Q&A that the London Assembly and I host twice a year in different parts of London. It's just one way you can ask us about the issues that really matter to you.

The next Q&A will take place on 3 March in Croydon. Sadly it will be my last as London's Mayor. I must say I relish these opportunities to take part in what is always a stimulating and lively public discussion. It really is fantastic to hear directly from the people of London.

So if you've got a question about transport, housing, or any other aspect of life in London, come along to the next Q&A and ask me in person. I look forward to seeing you there.

[Book tickets](#)

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Get £400 cash for your old boiler

Do you want to save hundreds of pounds a year on your energy bills? If you own your own home or you're a private landlord, you could get £400 from the Mayor's London Boiler Cashback Scheme to replace your old, inefficient boiler.

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Have your say on new cycle route plans

The Mayor would like to know what you think about a number of major new cycling, pedestrian and road improvements. The changes will give almost a million more Londoners easy access to safe cycle routes, and include a separate cycle track on the Westway flyover.

[Have your say](#)

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Share your views on building a city future generations will love

The design of new developments in London is a hot topic at the moment. How do we build the homes we need in the space we have, and keep London's identity at the same time?

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Find Your London Festival

Come outside and celebrate London's outdoor spaces in spring. This 11 day festival features over 100 events across London. From yoga in the park, to treasure hunts, beekeeping and cycle trails, whatever your mood, you'll find your perfect day out.

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And finally... everything you need to know about City Hall



Not sure how City Hall is run? We've put together a short film to help you find out everything you need to know about what we do for London.

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Hi folks, this is my last email to you as Mayor of our great city. I must tell you, the past eight years have been fantastic.

I'm thinking particularly of the glorious summer of 2012, when London hosted the greatest Games ever. Since then we've used that Olympic spirit to create a wonderful legacy that lives on today. More Londoners now play sport than ever before, thanks to [FreeSport](#), my grassroots funding programme. Some 70,000 volunteers gave their time to make sure the event was a success too. Now four years later, over 120,000 Londoners have got involved in my [Team London](#) volunteering programme. That's why London's been crowned European Volunteer Capital 2016.

In the time that I've been Mayor, over a million more people have called London home and it's still growing. In fact, in little over a decade we're going to hit the ten million mark, becoming Europe's first megacity in the process. That's why I've been doing all I can to help London prepare for this future. [Housing has naturally been one of my top priorities](#). I'm pleased to say I'm on track to meet my target of 100,000 affordable homes for low income Londoners by the end of the Mayoral term. Indeed, in the last financial year, we

helped build over 18,000 affordable homes in the capital. In London's modern era, that's a new record.

I've also made huge progress in London's transport system. Line upgrades, Crossrail and Crossrail 2 will connect up our capital in ways never seen before. The new [Elizabeth line](#), a fitting tribute to our great Queen, will transform travel across the city. The Tube pyjama party is on its way too! Soon you'll be able to take the 'Night Tube' on Friday and Saturday nights.

Then there's London's cycling revolution. As a cyclist myself, I'm absolutely delighted that more and more Londoners are discovering the joy of pedal power. New figures show that cycling is up a whopping 73% on the first segregated superhighway. In three years' time, there will be more people cycling than driving into central London. My new '[Crossrail for the bike](#)' which opens on 30 April will make cycling even safer. I hope it will encourage even more people to give it a go.

I'd like to end by saying that in less than two months, London will have a new Mayor. Whoever takes the helm will enjoy the best job in the world. They will also lead a city that's in a better position than at any time in its history. I wish them the best of luck.



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