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RE:FIT NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013/14

Welcome to the winter 2013/14 edition of the RE:FIT newsletter! Focused on public sector organisations in London, the newsletter will keep you up to date with the programme's recent developments and opportunities, as well as highlighting some of the specific projects underway.

WHAT'S NEW?

WELCOME!

RE:FIT continues to successfully engage the public sector, with the British Museum, East London NHS Foundation Trust, Richmond Adult College, Imperial College, and The Working Men's College becoming the latest organisations to sign up to the programme. A further seventeen schools have opted into the RE:FIT Schools programme during the winter period. We look forward to working with all of these organisations on the benchmarking of their estates and ascertaining the opportunities for their RE:FIT projects.

The Programme Delivery Unit (PDU) has continued to support already engaged public sector organisations in Greater London to develop and deliver their energy, carbon and cost saving projects through RE:FIT, including North East London NHS Foundation Trust, London Borough of Haringey and Whittington Hospital. Projects progressing through mini-competition stage over the winter include the West London Alliance (WLA), London Borough of Croydon, Royal Borough of Kingston and Transport for London.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE) and Tower Hamlets College have successfully completed their mini-competitions and have appointed suppliers.

We look forward on updating you on progress with these projects over the forthcoming months.



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PDU - LAST CHANCE FOR SUPPORT!

The RE:FIT Programme Delivery Unit (PDU), jointly funded by the GLA and a grant from the European Investment Bank to support public sector organisations through their energy saving projects, is available at no cost public sector organisations in London until March 2015.

While the GLA will continue to deliver the RE:FIT programme after this period there is no guarantee that this service will be available at no cost to public sector organisations.

You may have previously signed up to RE:FIT and perhaps you have already delivered a RE:FIT project. If you have been slow to develop your project, or if you are considering further project phases to realise additional savings and wish to access the pre-funded technical support and expertise of the PDU, then the time is now.

On average it takes 10 to 12 months to complete a RE:FIT project.

RE:FIT: SIX REASONS

The PDU have developed a new briefing document that highlights six advantages of using the RE:FIT Framework for retrofitting public sector buildings over other procurement approaches or frameworks.

The document emphasises RE:FIT is the only initiative in the current market place:

- supported by the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) and the Government Procurement Service (GPS)
- through which there are no fees or charges, hidden or otherwise, for participating London organisations or the Framework suppliers
- with no sharing of any of the energy savings achieved

The current RE:FIT framework, launched in December 2012, supports a range of funding options, including off balance sheet, and introduced alternative tender options, such as partnering bids. There is no minimum or maximum capital investment threshold for RE:FIT and the majority of RE:FIT projects exceed £1m.



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RE:FIT RECOGNISED AGAIN!

The RE:FIT project has been selected as a finalist in the energy efficiency category for the 2014 LGC Awards. A record breaking 640 entries were submitted for this year's awards, which demonstrates local government's enthusiasm to share innovation and reward their teams and individuals who make change happen.

Emma Maier, Editor of LGC says: *'Congratulations to all shortlisted organisations. Local government has lots to shout about, and these awards are part of that. Each of you should feel proud to be among our finalists.'*

Winners will be announced on 12 March 2013 at an awards event at Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London. The full list of finalists, which includes RE:FIT participant the London Borough of Enfield, can be found at www.lgcawards.co.uk.

If your RE:FIT project has been recognised for any awards or received any publicity, we'd love to hear about it. Please do get in touch with the PDU with details.

RE:FIT BADGE

Further to our launch of the RE:FIT badge in our last newsletter, we have developed some supporting text about the RE:FIT programme that you may wish to use in conjunction with the badge, for example on your website or as part of your CSR reporting.

The RE:FIT badge communicates your participation in the scheme and recognises your organisation's commitment to energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions. It is available to organisations who have signed an MoU and are developing a RE:FIT project.



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COMING UP

CLIMATE WEEK AWARDS- DEADLINE 7 FEBRUARY

The Climate Week Awards 2014 are now open and you have until 7 February to enter your RE:FIT project! It is completely free, and all you need to prepare is a description of your project, initiative or product in less than 700 words.

The Climate Week Awards celebrate the UK's most innovative, effective, and ambitious organisations, communities and individuals. The Climate Week Awards showcase projects and initiatives all across Britain -from government departments to community allotments, from large businesses to local schools. The winners are announced during Climate Week (3-9 March 2014), Britain's biggest climate change campaign. The GLA's RE:FIT programme was one of the 2013 finalists.

For any queries about the awards please email info@climateweek.com. Please contact the PDU if you require any information on the overall RE:FIT programme to support your entry.



CULTURAL SECTOR BRIEFING

The GLA are organising a RE:FIT breakfast briefing event in March, aimed at public sector organisations in the cultural and heritage sector. If you are wish to attend or have any key contacts in this sector who would benefit from the RE:FIT programme, please contact the PDU with details.

ECOBUILD 2014

The RE:FIT team will be joining over 100 industry experts, ministers and VIPs on stage as the acclaimed Ecobuild conference programme returns to ExCeL on 4-6 March 2014.

The full three day conference programme will be hosted in two Ecobuild Arenas on the show floor. The conference will focus on topics relevant to the whole industry including developers, architects, contractors and housebuilders. The conference will cover a wide range of issues from energy policy and the future of our cities right down to the right way to deliver zero carbon homes and buildings that work as designed. Topics include:



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- is green the right strategy for growth?
- what sustainability expertise has the UK got to offer China?
- should minimum EPC standards be applied to all buildings?
- what is more effective – community energy solutions or the Green Deal?

For more information and to register for the event, please visit www.ecobuild.co.uk.

RE:FIT PROJECT PROFILE

RE:FIT Working with London boroughs

To date 28 of the 33 London boroughs are working with the RE:FIT programme and engagement activities are underway with two further boroughs. The attached provides a summary of a few of the local authority projects that are currently underway and illustrates the innovative approaches that boroughs are taking to develop and deliver their RE:FIT 'spend to save' projects.

To access case studies, please click [here](#).



London Borough of Croydon

DID YOU KNOW..?

To date, the RE:FIT programme has retrofitted 257 of London's public sector buildings, generating estimated CO₂ savings of 29,000 tonnes per annum from investment of £37m.

To date, 113 London public sector organisations are now participating in RE:FIT, including 28 of the 33 London boroughs, 22 NHS organisations and 63 other organisations, such as central government, museums and educational institutions.

The GLA is aiming to retrofit 600 buildings and generate savings of 42,000 tonnes of CO₂ by 2015. If you know of any organisations that may be interested in benefitting from RE:FIT, or if you are considering further phases, please let us know. London organisations will benefit from PDU support, offered at no cost, until March 2015.

ANY COMMENTS?



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Do you have any comments on the RE:FIT newsletter? Do you have any news stories to share, or are there any RE:FIT projects or initiatives you would like to hear more about? Perhaps you would like to profile your RE:FIT project or update the team on your project's progress. You may even have a query or question that we can help you with, or maybe you're seeking some support for further project phases. Whichever it is, please complete the short form below. We'd love to hear from you.



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