

Expression of Interest to LWLPS – Please complete and return to LivingWandle@wandsworth.gov.uk by 13th April 2016.

Your Project

Please try to keep the project description brief (ideally up to 2 pages). At this stage we require outline project information only. We will contact you if we need more information.

Please contact Rebecca Watts (LW LPS manager) if you would like to discuss and develop your project idea: rwatts@wandsworth.gov.uk, 07500 073073.

Contact Person and Details:	Peter Underwood – Senior Project Officer, The Conservation Volunteers Croydon & Surrey
Name of Project:	Living and Breathing Wandle
Aim of Project:	To examine air quality along the Wandle to provide a comparison between green and built spaces to increase public appreciation for greenspaces and provide a baseline for any future study of air quality in the area.
Delivery Organisation(s):	The Conservation Volunteers - Croydon
Timeframe of Project:	Summer/Autumn 2016

Please provide a brief description of the project (including why you want to do this project, who you think the main beneficiaries will be, location where the project will be based, any partners you are looking to involve etc.)

The aim of this project is to give people a better understanding of the air quality (measuring NO₂) in their local area, provide a baseline for any future measures of air quality, and contrast air quality in greenspaces with surrounding built up areas.

The project will install air quality monitoring tubes at a number of sites along the Wandle. The sites will be a mixture of greenspace and built environments.

In advance of installing the tubes we will contact local groups and residents associations to inform them of the project and invite them to be involved in the installation/collection of the monitoring tubes. Each local group that gets involved will also be sent a copy of the final report so that they get their local readings and can also compare them to other sites.

The results of the project will also be shared with local press, environment groups, and others who have an interest in air quality with the aim of increasing awareness of air quality along the Wandle and the Living Wandle Project itself.

The Conservation Volunteers will deliver the project from the Croydon office with the help of their volunteer project leaders who are gaining experience for a career in environment/conservation work.

Main Outputs

We hope to involve at least eight community groups along the Wandle and hopefully a lot more. By focussing on air quality we hope to engage with people that may not otherwise be involved in projects around the river. These groups will be involved in installing/collecting the monitoring tubes and will receive a copy of the final report. We will also be inviting interest in helping to compile the report from volunteers.

4 TCV Volunteer Officers will gain experience in community engagement and working with community groups on an environment themed project.

The report will act as a baseline for any future measurements of NO₂ and also as a resource for groups looking at air quality in urban/greenspaces.

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Expected Outcomes

We hope to raise awareness of the Living Wandle Project with a wider community through press and publicity. The results of the project will be made public and so can be used as a reference point for comparison with any future measure of air quality. The tubes used to measure air quality can be bought by community groups and I am happy to pass on information about suppliers and how to use the tubes to any community group looking to repeat or extend the sampling.

One of the aims of the study will be to compare air quality in green spaces with air in more built up spaces. If, as we expect, the study proves that air quality is better in green spaces then this will strengthen the case for keeping our green spaces along the Wandle Valley - this is becoming very important as councils are considering ways to cut budgets and build more housing.

By highlighting the importance of green spaces I would hope we would encourage more people to use and take an active interest in their local green space. We may also be able to build links between groups involved in greenspaces and other local groups such as PTAs or Residents Associations.

This simple example of citizen science would also hopefully encourage more people to get involved in similar projects (e.g. The Open Air Laboratories (OPAL) network).

Main Costs	Amount	Notes
Air quality tubes and accessories	£250	Up to 30 tubes
Engagement work with local communities	£750	Time spent finding, contacting and engaging a wide range of groups in the project
Install/remove tubes	£2000	Working with volunteers to install and collect tubes
Write/produce report	£750	Working with volunteers to collate results and write report
VAT	£750	
Contingency	£500	
Total Cash Value:	£5000	
Income/Budget	Amount	Notes
Match Funding anticipated (cash)		
Living Wandle contribution (HLF cash)	£5000	
Total Income:	£5000	

Any Volunteer Value to be achieved?	Amount	Notes
Volunteer Value (please see p9 of the HLF guidance)	£1000	20 days contributed by TCV volunteers @ £50 per day per person

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Thank you for your interest in the HLF Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme.

More information about the programme can be found at:

www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/the-living-wandle-partnership

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