

Islington Greener Together Champions



Hello Champions!

We hope you're all having a great start to 2025 - it's shaping up to be a great one for the **Islington Greener Together Champions** project! We have lots to share in this weeks **bulletin**.

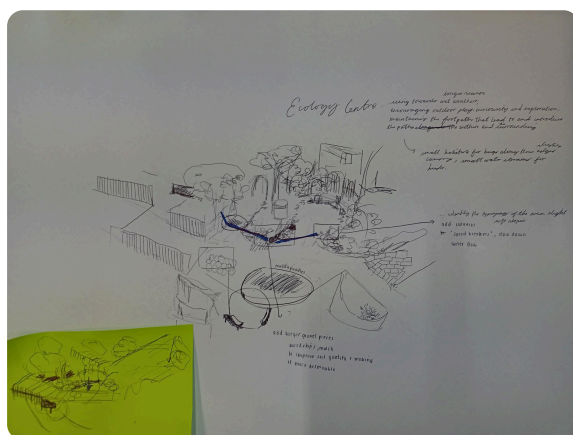
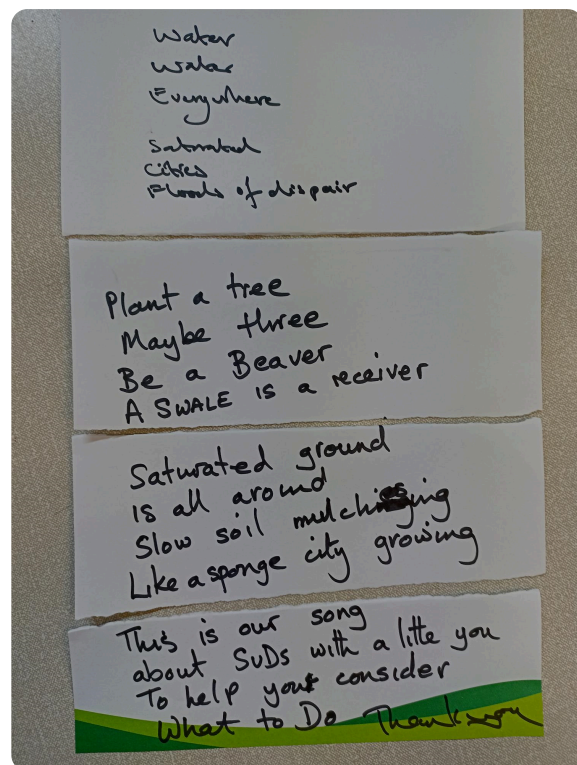
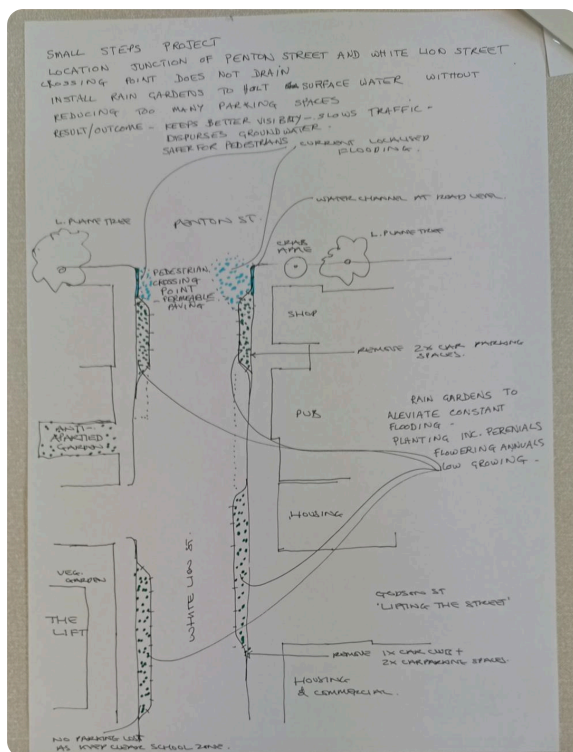
Thank you to those who attended our January workshops including an Introduction to Sustainable Drainage Systems and Running a Gardening Club

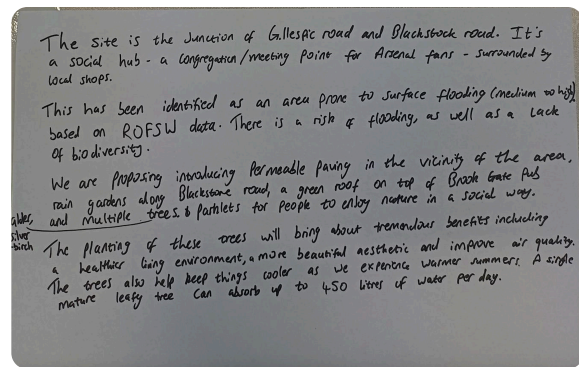
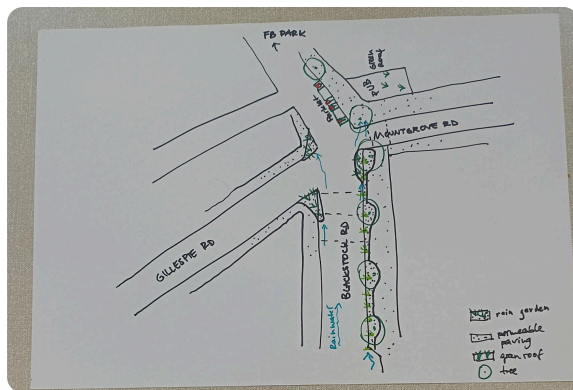
through the Growing Season. Emily, Sara and Saira received super feedback and we are looking forward to the next workshops with you.

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The workshop was fantastically planned, thought through and delivered by exceptional facilitators who are obviously really passionate and knowledgeable about what they do. The most valuable aspect of the workshop was definitely the learning experience, its delivered in a way that any age group or level of sustainable knowledge is irrelevant, you will get something out of it! The practical theme running through the day, really made it perfect-from walking the ecology site to group projects."

- - SuDS Workshop Participant





These are blue sky drawings created by participants during the SuDS workshop, imagining how their local urban landscapes could be adapted to create a sponge city.

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - ORGANISING AND RECOGNISING YOUR VOLUNTEERS

This is an essential meeting for all awarded site leads to attend. It's going to be an informative, effective and inspiring session to help you with your volunteers.

During the session we will include:

- Understand Volunteer Roles: To Identify and define various volunteer roles and responsibilities within a Champions group setting
- Effective Recruitment: Learn strategies for recruiting local people to help Champion and maintain your green space
- Volunteer Training: Understand the importance of training and agreeing a code of conduct for prospective Champions
- Motivation and Engagement: Explore methods to motivate, engage, and retain Champions
- Recognition and Appreciation: Learn best practices for recognising and appreciating Champions' contributions.
- Effective Communication: Develop skills for clear and effective communication with Champions

[Register here](#)

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - GREEN LUNG WALK

Back by popular demand, and welcome to all, join us for the upcoming Green Lung Walk where we showcase Islington Greener Together selected sites that have been transformed into greener and vibrant spaces!

Throughout this walk, you will have the opportunity to learn from those residents who came up with ideas for the greening projects in their streets and neighbourhoods, the benefits that they bring to the environment, humans and wildlife and what it means to be an Islington Greener Together Champion. This event will give you the opportunity to meet some of our current Champions and other community members who are passionate about greening the Islington borough, where every tree pit, park-let, planter and patch of green is making a difference!

Led by our Community Gardeners, we will start at Gainsborough Studios / Shoreditch Park and wander through numerous green gems along the way, including **Wilton Villa's, Arlington Square, Thornhill Living School Street and Greening Cynthia Street**, ending with teas, coffees and cakes near the Angel. A briefing with exact meeting point and route will be sent in advance once you have registered.

[Register for the Green Lung Walk](#)

PRACTICAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING

If you have been awarded an Islington Greener Together Sites, please make sure you attend the mandatory **maintenance training**, so that you will be ready for action when your site is built, or to get going again this spring for those sites built, who hadn't attended previously.

Don't miss out on this pressing opportunity or miss receiving your tool kit, by booking on **Eventbrite**, or [Email us](#) and we can book you in.

Tuesday 11th February, 1pm to 5pm (session 2pm to 4.30pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1053431023549?aff=oddtcreator>

Saturday 1st March 1pm to 5pm (session 2pm to 4.30pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1119216870789?aff=oddtcreator>

Do also check the video below from Champion, Andie Scott, who shares her experience and how valuable she has found the training in advance of her site being constructed, giving her all the knowledge and confidence to be immediately ready for when it has been built.

For any of our events, if you have any access needs or questions, our friendly team would be happy to speak with you so please get in

Register for the Workshops on the
Champions Event Calendar Here



Get Inspired

We have really enjoyed getting to know some of you well over the last few months, particularly in our training sessions.

Some of these workshops have a lot of available space and we don't want you to miss out!

Get inspired and stay up to date with the latest news and events on the website.

Islington Greener Together Champions Webpage

Mulch Available!

Final Call for Seasonal Mulch Orders!

We are working with Islington Council to make green chip mulch available for your Islington Greener Together site.

If your site is already built, let us know if you'd like to receive some mulch. A Tree Officer will be available to support with the delivery, but we are also looking for Champions to help receive and spread mulch at your sites.

If your IGT site could benefit from a fresh layer of mulch, please let us know before **Monday 3rd of February**. Contact us at IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk if you have any questions.

[Find out more about all things Mulch and the benefits it brings to your space!](#)

Save the Date

Come together for our special Cheers for our Champions Thank You Event and meet other like-minded inspiring champions and celebrate all that you've achieved in the borough!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date: Tuesday 25th February 2025

Location: TBC

Save the Date and Reserve a Spot

Volunteer at a site near you!

Do you know anyone who would like to volunteer as a Champion?

New volunteers can sign up [here!](#)

Contact our team

- Stay up to date with all the latest training and events: [visit our website](#)
- Reach out to our helpful and friendly team via email at IGT.Champions@groundwork.org.uk



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