



WLB CEO Update

August 2019

Dear colleague,

2019 continues to prove a fascinating and transitional year for West London Business. After 3+ years, Clarence Arciuch sadly leaves WLB next month to take up a policy post at the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors; we wish her well as she takes the next steps in her career. Clarence is handing over this month to

Pim Ungphakorn, our new Policy & Events Coordinator. We also have Bill Boler joining us as Partnerships Director, Great West Creatives from the start of September. [Read more about Pim and Bill](#)

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Earlier this month we were delighted to welcome **Deputy Mayor of London Rajesh Agrawal** on [visits to Kolak and the Japan Centre on Park Royal](#) when he visited West London as part of the LEAP's development of the London Industrial Strategy. Rajesh also visited West London Business Award winner [Artisan](#). *To find out more about Park Royal's future, do look out for the annual Infrastructure Summit when registrations open next week.*

As Brexit continues to loom and dominate the national debate, take a look below at the **latest outlook from the Bank of England** and try the Government's key 7 questions to assess Brexit's impact on your business.

This week we welcomed **Heathrow's timely call on the UN's aviation body, ICAO, to set targets for the use of sustainable fuels in aviation** and the government to invest some of the nearly £4 billion annual revenue raised from Air Passenger Duty to scale-up its production. *If you find yourself flying and want to purchase UNFCCC certified carbon offsets visit the [Zero Carbon Project](#).*

Finally do join us for our Leaders reception at the Griffin Brewery on Thurs 12 September - and if you are a member get to the AGM beforehand where you can keep me and the board accountable!



Andrew Dakers
Chief Executive

Brexit preparations



On 1 August, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept Bank Rate at 0.75% and lowered its forecasts for UK growth this year and next. The Bank of England's Lai Wah Co, Deputy Agent for Greater London, offers insight as world trade tensions and worries about a no-deal Brexit continue to rise.

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The new quarter has continued the theme of uncertainty and heightened risk for UK business, as described in WLB member Smart Currency Business' latest Quarterly Forecast report. Have a read for key events that could affect the pound, euro and dollar in the upcoming months, as well as currency predictions from major banks.

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[ANSWER 7 SIMPLE QUESTIONS TO GET ADVICE ON PREPARING YOUR BUSINESS FOR BREXIT](#)

Upcoming networking with WLB



Business Leaders at the Griffin Brewery Hock Cellar

Thursday 12 September 2019 | 6.30–9PM

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West London Autumn Property Lunch

Friday 15 November 2019 | 1–4PM

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Don't forget to get your nominations in for the [WLB Awards](#) - Deadline for entries, Friday 1 November 2019

Policy watch

New rules come into force in October for VAT-registered firms reporting under the Construction Industry Scheme (CIS) as part of HMRC's attempt to tackle fraud in the industry. Fraudsters who set up companies in order to siphon off VAT and then close within months before paying anything to HMRC, have started operating in the construction industry.

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TfL first consulted on their proposals for Cycleway 9 - connecting Kensington Olympia to Brentford town centre - in autumn 2017. In July they published their response to the issues raised in the second January 2019 consultation.

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Member news

HCUC Principal, Laraine Smith OBE, retires with Dr Darrell DeSouza to take helm

Laraine Smith OBE – whose leadership at Uxbridge College and more recently of the merged college grouping HCUC (a merger of Uxbridge College and Harrow College) – is retiring after nearly 16 years at Uxbridge.

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Sustainable City Awards 2019 Winners Announced



London Sustainability Exchange

Introducing Brompton City Apparel

Clothes for cycling, for people that don't wear cycling clothes.

Introducing the Brompton City Apparel range - Right now, the only place you can get your hands on this range is via [Brompton.com](#) and at

The Sustainable City Awards ceremony took place on Wednesday 17th July at the Crystal, overlooking Victoria Dock. The evening was attended by shortlisted applicants and partners demonstrating the fantastic diversity of the sustainability community of London and beyond.

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Clean tech in the workplace: getting back to basics



What can you do today to create an environmentally friendly office and more mindful workplace with some lower cost implications? WLB Member Timeless IMS takes a look at clean tech in the workplace.

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their flagship Brompton Junction stores.

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Invitation to Participate – Health and Wellbeing in SMEs: a co-design approach to enhance productivity

Participate in research Brunel University London and Enterprise Wellness have been funded to undertake over the coming months.

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Seeking the best creative talent in Hammersmith

Applications are open for new traders to join the Made in H&F pop-up shop in Kings Mall, Hammersmith which showcases unique handmade and ethical products.

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