

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the history of the traditional territory and honour the longstanding relationships of the three local First Nations of this land and place in Southwestern Ontario. The Attawandaron (Neutral) peoples once settled this region alongside the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples, and used this land as their traditional hunting grounds. The three longstanding Indigenous groups of this geographical region are the **Anishinaabeg**, the **Haudenosaunee** and the **Lenaapeewak**.

This land was originally occupied for its majestic forests and flowing rivers. Settlers cut down forests and damned rivers, altering the natural environment and disconnecting people from the environment and their culture. The local river which is known now as the Thames River originally went by the names **Deshkan Ziibi** or **Asskunessiipi**, both which roughly translate to Antler River. This river supports life - plants, animals and humans - who all use **nibi** (water) to thrive. As we protect the nibi, we protect life and at the Network we want to see the local people, animals and plants thrive in a green and resilient community.

We would also like to recognize the three First Nations communities downriver Deshkan Ziibi (Thames River/Antler River): **Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames** and **Munsee-Delaware Nation.** We strive to work with these communities to continue to listen, learn and restore the natural area back to its original beauty, support environmental initiatives and help our communities become climate resilient.

The London Environmental Network recognizes the inequities connected to colonization and commits to working towards creating a community and city that is **resilient**, **vibrant** and **just**.

To achieve this commitment, we have been working towards educating our staff and network, working on projects with local Indigenous communities and leaders and working towards decolonizing our programs and operations. We are always learning and unlearning through this process and appreciate any feedback the community has to improve our support of local Indigenous environmental projects.

## LETTER FROM THE LEADERSHIP

We are so proud of our organization this year!

We have been nimble and resilient; persevering as an organization and as a network, through a year of transition and growth. Our team said goodbye to our long-time Executive Director, Skylar Franke, as she stepped into a role as a City Councilor. Skylar played a critical role in building the foundations of the London Environmental Network (LEN) and we are so grateful for her efforts and achievements during her time with us. We know she will be advocating for the environment in her new role on City Council, and we are grateful she'll still be serving the London Community in this capacity. Our Staff and Board embraced this change while continuing to grow our staff and our programming; we have started so many exciting new initiatives that they needed their own heading in this report! (page 7).

## We have particularly loved our projects that allowed us to put "boots on the ground" and often, shovels in the dirt!

Working hard to ensure that our programming is reaching new audiences (including First Nations, youth, students and newcomers), we have particularly loved our projects that allowed us to put "boots on the ground" and often, shovels in the dirt! These projects include our home retrofit with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (page 11), Green Project Support through Green London Energuide Economy (page 14), Assessment Services (page 9), Depave Paradise (page 19) and the Residential Rain Gardens (page 10).



They have helped make immediate greenhouse gas emission reductions, grow the green economy and trades, and transform our areas into greener, more resilient landscapes.

The local environmental sector continues to grow, despite changes in government and funding challenges. Many of our members have expanded their important work this year, helping to secure urban food production, conserve biodiversity, plant trees and native species, advocate for sustainable transportation, animal well-being, and community action on emissions reduction. At LEN, we continue to work to secure resources and opportunities to help our members thrive, and have found our charitable status to be an important part of supporting our members through project collaboration.

We want to thank all of our supporters, donors, members, staff, volunteers and collaborators for an incredible year of solution-based, forwardthinking work, and for their commitment to sustainability. We hope the following pages remind you of your important contributions and that you take a moment to reflect on the power of community and collaboration.



Sincerely,



Marianne Griffith Executive Director



Sonja Teichert Board Chair

## WHAT WE DO

The London Environmental Network (LEN) is a non-profit, charitable organization based in London, Ontario, Canada. We work to protect our environment and build a more sustainable city by offering environmental programs and climate action opportunities for all residents. As a network, we have 46 active member organizations that are advancing environmental change across the city in different areas.

Our vision is for London to be known as one of the greenest and most resilient cities in Canada.

We hope you enjoy learning about how our programs are contributing to a greener city through this report.



# OUR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR...

## HOMES

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# BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

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## COMMUNITY

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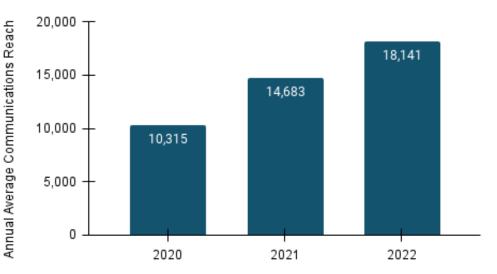
## **OUR IMPACT**



40 environmental projects supported across all programs

(incl. Depaves, rain gardens, home retrofits, and projects in partnership with members)

#### Annual Average Communications Reach



#### **NEW INITIATIVES**

Approx.

93%

of expenses spent

within the local economy in 2022

- Clean Energy in Remote & Rural Communities: Deshkan Ziibiing Retrofit Pilot Program
- EcoLeaders: Youth Environmental Leadership Program
- Butt Blitz & Community Butt Recycling Program
- Residential Rain Garden Pilot
- Nonprofit Resiliency Project



#### BIG NEWS! In April 2022, the City of London's <u>Climate Emergency Action Plan</u> was approved! This plan establishes local emissions targets, work plans, and main goals for city-wide climate action.



# **TEAM APPRECIATION**

The LEN would not exist without a strong team of staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors rallying together for environmental action. Our team is a great example of bringing various experiences, strengths, and knowledge together to make London a green and resilient city for all. Thank you to our entire team for your hard work in 2022!

#### STAFF

- Allison Morgan
- Andrée Kiernan
- Bree Bover
- Clare Vernon
- Cole Taylor
- Dipika Giritharan
- Haider Ali
- Hannah Brunelle
- Jamie Dardarian
- Kaitlin Creighton

- Khai Tran
- Leah Derikx
- Mackenzie McKim
- Marianne Griffith
- Natalie Merchant
- Nicole Karsch
- Nikoo Alevasin
- Skylar Franke
- Priya Shrestha

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### **CORE VOLUNTEERS** & CO-OP STUDENTS

- Riley Buist
- Seungwon Han
- Tina Do

- Elle Richardson
- Erica Wilkinson

#### COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

- Chris Scott
- Glenn Kernaghan
- Jamie Skimming
- Jay Stanford
- Jerry Lacina
- Jolene McLaughlin
- Kate Fraser
- Kate McDonald
- Meghan Scott
- Michael Fabro
- Sarah Beyea
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- Carol Dvck
- Heather Shulz
- Heenal Rajani

# **NETWORK MEMBERS**

Our 46 network members\* work across various environmental focus areas - from beekeeping to tree planting - to further environmental action in the city. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the amazing work of our members.

In 2022, we shared **176** events on the calendar, mainly coming from member events!

We welcomed **4** new members: The PATCH. Bird Friendly London, EnviroFanshawe Club, and Extinction Rebellion.

"We love how you bring all those interested in the environment together...We love your events that build solidarity, grow community and environmental action in our city" - Friends of Kilally Meadows

"The newsletter is fantastic! Especially appreciate being notified of events and funding opportunities" - LOLA Bees













Friendly London.







































\* Members as of March 2023, with inactive members removed

#### **MEMBER SUCCESSES**



**ReForest London launched the Volunteer Training Centre and** hit the halfway mark for the Million Tree Challenge.



LOLA Bees was awarded the **Rising Star Prize from the David** Suzuki Foundation.



The PATCH launched the **Cavendish Community Food** Hub, a fully accessible urban garden.

London became a Bird Friendly

City, with advocacy led by Bird

## **GREENER HOMES LONDON**

GREENER HOMES LONDON

Greener Homes London works to provide residents with the guidance, tools and resources to assist with reducing environmental impacts at home.

In addition to highlighting the advantages of eco-friendly retrofits, Greener Homes London offers consultation services surrounding available rebates, loans and incentive programs that provide financial assistance for implementing green modifications. "The energy advisor answered all of my questions and explained what they were doing throughout the whole process. It helped me understand the process and how my home works."

- Tom, EnerGuide Audit Client

In the summer of 2022, we became an **EnerGuide Audit service organization**. By working together with registered energy advisors, we can better support homeowners as they create homes that are comfortable, efficient and cost-effective.

Greener Homes London is grateful for the countless opportunities to collaborate in 2022, especially with the Community Resource Centres, the City of London, and Green Communities Canada.

## **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

MORE THAN individuals engaged **3,000** through outreach booths, webinars, workshops, and group presentations.

**59** audits completed, with tailored energy efficiency reports that outline upgrade recommendations provided to clients

**900+** free sustainability kits distributed at outreach events (kits included LED light bulbs, outlet wall sealers, and faucet aerators)

**30** events organized and/or attended in the community



# **GREENER HOMES LONDON (CONT'D)**

In collaboration with the City of London, the Residential Rain Garden Program launched in the spring of 2022.

London homeowners were able to apply to participate in the program and receive the following:

- Information guides about stormwater management tools
- Rain Garden Master Class Workshop
- Assistance with planning and installing a rain garden on their properties
- Reimbursement for eligible out-of-pocket expenses

#### 2022 Highlights:

- 7 rain gardens installed
- Sizes ranged from 100-750 square feet
- Areas with severe flooding issues were prioritized

"The new rain garden has already garnered many compliments! It is beautifying the area."

- Melanie, Rain Garden Participant



## **NONPROFIT RESILIENCY PROJECT**

The Nonprofit Resiliency Project will work with a number of low-income nonprofit organizations that provide temporary and/or permanent housing services for underprivileged and marginalized individuals.

Over the next two years, LEN will be working with 7 local organizations to implement retrofit projects in 24 buildings which will lead to cost savings, increased comfortability, and improved energy efficiency.

Through this initiative, existing infrastructure will be transformed to become more sustainable and environmentally-friendly, creating safer and more comfortable spaces for clients to stay in.



Participating organizations include:

- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Treaty, Lands and Environment
- Community Living London
- London Affordable Housing Foundation
- St. Leonard's Community Centre
- Youth Centre for Change
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited

# CLEAN ENERGY IN REMOTE AND RURAL COMMUNITIES







## DESHKAN ZIIBIING RETROFIT PILOT

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation's (COTTFN) Treaties, Land and Environment Department and the London Environmental Network have partnered to help residents save money and reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while providing a demonstration project for the community to learn about clean energy technologies.

We have retrofitted 1 home on COTTFN territory to improve energy efficiency and have eliminated the use of propane in the home. The upgrades include; increased insulation, new windows and doors, an electric air source heat pump heating and cooling system, an electric hot water system, efficient appliances, and a solar array. <u>See the project recap video on our YouTube!</u>



The updates were completed in September 2022 and we look forward to providing a full cost and energy-saving case study in 2023 when adequate data can be collected. Throughout the retrofit, we also hosted a **Home Retrofit Webinar Series** in mid-September to go over the various upgrades and learn about the process with a cohort of paid local and Indigenous participants.

This program aligns with LEN's goals of active reconciliation with neighbouring First Nations and we hope to build off of the momentum and community support going forward, as we had nearly 15% of the COTTFN community engaged in the program this year.

Stay tuned for next year's report to find out the total emissions savings from this home retrofit!















#### Green Economy London (GEL) is the London Environmental Network's business

**sustainability program.** Using a collaborative, cost-effective and practical approach, we work with small to medium-sized businesses, non-profits, larger companies, and community organizations to set and achieve sustainability targets. We help organizations to reduce emissions, improve efficiency, gain credibility, achieve cost savings, and engage and inspire staff and customers.

GEL is one of nine Hubs that are part of the nationwide network, Green Economy Canada.

## Together, we're demonstrating a more sustainable economy is possible.

## **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**





\* a base year is the point in time used to compare future GHG emissions against

\*\* Environmental Stewardship: Let's Talk Science (Platinum), Play Away Indoor Park (Platinum); GHG Emissions Reduction: Let's Talk Science (Bronze), MTE Consultants (10%)



## **GREEN PROJECT SUPPORT**

Green Project Support provides financial incentives for Green Economy Leaders to implement sustainability projects. With the support of the City of London and London Environmental Network, we were able to provide **four leaders with \$2,500 each** towards sustainability projects to help set and achieve sustainability targets in 2023. The recipients this year include:

#### LET'S TALK SCIENCE

To reduce the amount of waste produced at their London office, Let's Talk Science will be conducting a waste audit, gathering baseline data and engaging their staff in an organization-wide waste reduction and management campaign.

#### **MTE CONSULTANTS**

MTE Consultants will be conducting a waste audit and developing a waste diversion and reduction strategy. Establishing a strategy and reduction target will help them reduce their carbon footprint.

#### LONDON & DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION (LDCA)

The LDCA will be upgrading their current Level 2 EV charging station at their office. The project is part of their strategy to lessen their scope 3 GHG emissions and demonstrate to the construction sector that they are forward thinking and care about emissions reduction.

#### WESTERN FAIR DISTRICT

This project will involve research, development, and investing in new compostable packaging for the worm castings produced by the Wormery.

As a bonus, we were also able to provide an additional \$1000 each to Play Away Indoor Park and The Ice Box to go towards executing their sustainability projects. Play Away Indoor Park will be installing pollinator gardens and The Ice Box will be looking to reduce fuel usage at events by purchasing mobile battery storage.

## We are so excited to see all these innovative projects be implemented throughout 2023!

"Green Economy London has not only provided us with funding but incredible resources for increasing our sustainability impact. The annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory report assists our efforts to minimize emissions. Resources, such as the Green Project Support, help us monitor and reduce waste from our team. We're thrilled to continue working together."





## EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

#### Workplace GREEN UP

Workplace Green Up is an employee engagement program for Green Economy Leaders to provide employees with sustainability activities to be done in the workplace and/or at home. The program aims to support sustainability in the work culture by focusing on different environmental actions that employees can incorporate into their daily work habits. Some of the activities that took place this year included participating in an outdoor clean up, attending our waste webinar, making their space bird-friendly, zero waste lunches, adjusting thermostats, and installing rain barrels. This year was our third year running the program and it took place throughout the month of November. This year's winners of Workplace Green Up were:

- 1st place: Convertus
- 2nd place: GreenTech Painting
- 3rd place: McCabe Promotional

Thank you to all our members who participated and congratulations to the winners. We look forward to it again in 2023!

"Green Economy London has been an extremely helpful resource for MTE over the past year, providing tremendous guidance and support as we work toward achieving our sustainability goals. We look forward to continuing our collaboration into the future!"

- MTE Consultants



#### **Green Wheel**

We launched our sustainable transportation program, Green Wheel this year! With a focus on employee commuting, business travel, and fleet vehicles Green Wheel aims to help our members reduce their scope 3 emissions from transportation related activities and promote more active transportation among employees. Participating members attended our Road to Sustainable Commuting workshop to learn first hand from organizations that support sustainable commuting options in the workplace and were entered to win a bike rack from the City of London!





Hi @<u>greeneconomyldn</u> look at the environmentally friendly clea**n**ing products we use in our office



## **SPECIAL PROJECTS & COLLABORATIONS**

Green Economy London (GEL) uses a collaborative approach in our program and are grateful to be part of a strong network of sustainably-minded organizations. Thanks to all these opportunities that have helped members reach their sustainability goals!



- London's Sustainability Leaders: Emissions Reductions for Business and the Environment: This year GEL was featured as Business London Magazine's cover story for their Earth Day edition. Featuring some of the program's inspiring Green Economy Leaders, Tepperman's and the London and District Construction Association (LDCA), the story highlights how holistic climate change strategies will improve the bottom line, increase resource efficiency and improve environmental impact.
- Innovation for a Green Economy: A Masterclass. GEL partnered with TechAlliance to facilitate a masterclass on how to utilize business as a catalyzing force behind climate change. With over 80 views this masterclass discusses how businesses have a unique opportunity to lead the way and innovate for a more sustainable economy and dives into examples, considerations, and practical strategies for environmentally-friendly innovation.
- Launch of the EV Charger Incentive Program: The Green Economy network launched an EV Charger Incentive Program, funded by Natural Resources Canada to help accelerate Canada's low-carbon transition. The \$3.9M incentive reimburses up to 50% of the cost of installing EV charging infrastructure (up to \$100,000). Two GEL members, LDCA and Heeman's successfully applied to this program to install EV chargers at their workplace.
- **Green Walls:** We partnered with the London Food Bank and the City of London for the London Cares Curb Hunger Campaign this year to provide green walls to our members so they can grow fresh, local produce and harvest and donate it to the Food Bank to be distributed to the community. Members Reimagine Co., London Brewing Co-op, Pillar Nonprofit and Play Away Indoor Park received Green Walls.

## **CONNECT WITH US**

Interested in becoming a Green Economy Leader? Contact Hub Manager, <u>kaitlin@londonenvironment.net</u> to discuss how we can support your sustainability journey or fill out a <u>Become</u> <u>a Member Form</u> to get started.

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# **GREEN LEADER AWARDS**

Each year, the London Environmental Network and Green Economy London recognize the businesses and community leaders who are taking outstanding action in the environmental sector.

On October 13th, 2022 we gathered with member organizations, community members, coworkers and friends at RBC Place London to celebrate important sustainability work being done in the community by local businesses, nonprofit organizations and community leaders. We're pleased to recognize the 11 award recipients and dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to Elizabeth Peloza, Ward 12 Councilor and Budget Chair; Emma Murphy, Network Director at Green Economy Canada; Liz Arkinstall, Purpose Integration Manager, Libro Credit Union; and Tom Cull, writer, teacher, Director of Antler River Rally for your inspiring words!



#### **EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECT OF THE YEAR: LDCA**

This award recognizes a Green Economy London member that has implemented a project over the past year that has or will have a significant impact on reducing their GHG emissions. Congratulations to the **London & District Construction Association** for their innovative solar installation and two level 2 EV chargers.



#### **GREEN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AWARD: CHARLOTTEVILLE BREWING**

Recognizes a member who has implemented project(s) at their facility that are inspirational, educational, effective (or all of the above) that relates to reducing the environmental impacts of their organization.

**Charlotteville Brewing** is the Green Project Implementation Award winner for their environmental projects across a variety of focus areas including water and energy efficiency, partnering with local producers, sustainable transportation, eco certified products, and customer and employee engagement.

#### PLAY WAY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD OF THE YEAR: PLAY AWAY INDOOR PARK This sword recognizes a member's involvement, participation, and leadership in project

This award recognizes a member's involvement, participation, and leadership in projects and actions that positively impact the community and ecosystems of London and surrounding area. Congratulations **Play Away Indoor Park** for their ongoing and evolving environmental stewardship projects and employee and community engagement projects.



# **GREEN LEADER AWARDS**

#### **GREEN INNOVATION AWARD: HEEMAN'S** MEEMADS

This award recognizes a business that embraces innovation to prioritize sustainability initiatives in order to improve and meet their sustainability goals and targets. Congratulations to **Heeman's** for the installation of three level 2 EV charging stations in their parking lot, leveraging the power tied to their solar panel installation from 2021.



#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: GRAPHENSTONE**

The Rookie of the Year Award is given to the most active and accomplished new member over the past year. Congratulations **Graphenstone**, for their engagement with the residential and business audiences about sustainable building and home options, demonstrating how their business is based on a sustainable product.

#### **NONPROFIT & COMMUNITY AWARDS**

- Sustainable Solutions and Innovation Award: ReForest London
- Environmental Impact Award: Thames Talbot Land Trust
- Community Impact Award: Indwell and Climate Action London
- Youth Leader Award: Allison Pert and Cogie Cogan



# **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**



#### Our Green Infrastructure program includes projects that naturalize urban spaces to improve local stormwater management and biodiversity.

This year's initiatives included 2 Depave Paradise locations, 6 public gardens, and 7 residential rain gardens. Altogether, this totals to over 200 square metres of pavement converted into permeable surfaces full of native, pollinatorfriendly plants. Community education is an important part of green infrastructure, and we plan to continue teaching younger generations the benefits of natural infrastructure and ecosystem management.

# IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS200+m² of pavement removed500+native plants added6public gardens created7residential rain gardens<br/>installed

In 2022, we worked with a number of key businesses and organizations in London and St. Thomas. We would like to thank Heeman's, TRY Recycling, McCabe Promotional, and Stone Paradise for their ongoing support of our programming. We would like to thank our generous contributors, AGAPE, the J.P. Bickell Foundation, and Southwest Public Health who help to bring these projects to reality. In partnership with our 2022 Depave Paradise events, we would like to thank both the City of London and the City of St. Thomas, as well as the Thames Valley District School Board and the Horton Farmers' Market for their proactive involvement in our urban landscape rehabilitation projects. We look forward to another successful year of green infrastructure projects in 2023!



# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION INCUBATOR

The Environmental Action Incubator Program supports six community projects per year that demonstrate a positive impact on the local environment. Each group receives funding and promotional support to bring their project to life.

#### View the project videos on our YouTube Channel!

- Bird Friendly London's Litter Clean-up and Fishing Line Receptacles Installation project garnered a lot of positive attention in the community for the creation of tube stations that will allow anglers a way to recycle their fishing lines after use.
- Climate Action London's Plant-Based Cooking Classes was a hands-on way for Indwell residents to learn how to grow and cook their own healthy meals, as they experience low levels of food security and food literacy. Videos of the recipes were recorded and uploaded to Youtube to further the engagement.
- Community Minded Storytelling Campaign & Tree Planting Event raised awareness of the wellness benefits of environmental stewardship. An event was held at Westminster Ponds Centre in October for people experiencing poor mental health.

## **ECOLEADERS**

Our new EcoLeaders youth program aims to connect youth ages 12-24 to events and volunteer opportunities happening in the environmental sector.

In November, we hosted a tour of The Wormery at The Western Fair District. Students learned how The Wormery processes and collects worm castings, which diverts tonnes of organic waste from landfills and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. We received nothing but positive feedback from this event and plan to return soon!

After attending a tree planting event with ReForest London in September, one EcoLeaders youth shared "I enjoyed it and am feeling proud that I have been able to do something for Mother Nature."

## **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

ENVIRONMENTAL

ACTION

**4,305** residents educated about emission, water, and waste reduction

121 volunteers engaged

- Friends of Medway Creek hosted a Water Health Event at the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate to learn about water health along parts of the Medway Creek with the aim to both educate and encourage more involvement from the community.
- Friends of Stoney Creek held a Get To Know Your Creek Community Event to celebrate their 30th anniversary, they encouraged participants to take care of the Stoney Creek and enjoyed a day filled with activities, including a community BioBlitz to identify flora and fauna, electro-fishing demonstrations, clean ups, and guided hikes.
- Urban Roots London Invasive Species Management Project allowed them to conduct a herbicide-free trial to manage invasive phragmites with tarping in partnership with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.



# **EVENTS & ADVOCACY**

## EARTHFEST

In partnership with Reimagine Co, Climate Action London, EnviroWestern, London Cycle Link, and Circular Economy Club, we hosted London's first-ever EarthFest at Victoria Park on April 22, 2022. This event brought together community groups, families, and individuals for a day of climate action, learning, and celebration. The event finished off with a climate march and litter clean up, with over **600** in attendance. Thanks to our event supporters: Signal Boost Initiative, Downtown London, and the City of London. **EarthFest is back for 2023! Save the date: April 22, 2023 at Citi Plaza.** 

## **GREEN DRINKS**

This year brought back the return of not one, but three Green Drinks events! Green Drinks are fun and casual networking events to connect and learn about happenings in London's environmental sector. Thanks to our host venues this year, Reimagine Co, London Brewing Co-op, and London Public Library (Masonville Branch).

## OUTREACH

With even more events returning in person this year, we were able to have a total of 21 outreach booths, engaging with 1,116 individuals.

Thanks to the event organizers for inviting us to pop up at your community event! Some of our favourites were:

- 8 booths at Community Resource Centres
- 5 booths at Member events
- 3 booths at Only in OEV events
- 2 booths Covent Garden Market

## **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

**1,116** individuals engaged at outreach booths

**21** outreach booths across the city

**600+** EarthFest attendees



# **EVENTS & ADVOCACY**

## **GREEN IN THE CITY**

Green in the City is an annual event series organized by the City of London, London Public Library, and London Environmental Network.



After 2 years of hosting Green in the City online, we were thrilled to host them in-person traveling to different library locations across London! The series aims to explore sustainability topics through a local lens by highlighting leaders in various sectors, including grassroots groups, institutions, nonprofits, government, and businesses.

We hosted 4 of these events in the fall of 2022 featuring themes on urban agriculture, zero-waste living, flood prevention, and how residents can be more sustainable at home. 12 different LEN and GEL members were invited to attend these events as speakers or have an outreach booth.

## **IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

4,420 event attendees engaged from all events

- 70 events, outreach, and speaking opportunities
- 20 webinars hosted & co-hosted with members

4 Green in the City events



# **OUR SUPPORTERS**

The London Environmental Network is incredibly grateful for the support of our funders and partners. With your support, we are implementing environmental projects across the city and proving that a green city is possible.



Is your organization looking to support environmental projects and programming in London? Visit our website to learn about sponsorship opportunities, or reach out to us at hello@londonenvironment.net.

## **NETWORK MEMBER PROJECT SUPPORTERS:**



TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

Project: Dundas Pollinator Pathway (Pollinator Pathways Project)





Project: Tsi'thotuhutsya:te (The Creators Land) Community Healing Garden



Project: Ride to Thrive (London Cycle Link)





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- London Environmental Network Membership (for nonprofits & community groups)



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