Sustainable Development and Planning 2017
The Bristol Green Capital Partnership
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BGCP: A brief history

• Founding partners meet at Bristol City Council (2007)
• City council funds a Coordinator
• Regular meetings of the network
• Priorities and challenges identified.
• Community Challenge Fund for grassroots projects (2010-13)
• European Green Capital bids supported (2009-2013)
• BGCP a vital element in Bristol’s successful 2015 bid (2013)
• Membership grows to over 800+
• Community-led action groups formed: e.g. food, resilience, new economy
• CIC created, links developed with Bristol 2015 Ltd (2014-2015)
• 5 core themes identified.
• Bristol 2015 grant award to share Partnership learning (2015)
• New CIC Board of Directors established from funding partners (2016)
• 2017: 10th anniversary, carrying forward 2015’s good work...
What is BGCP?

- **c.800 member organisations:** 60% private; 36% charities, 4% public
- **c.4,000 newsletter recipients** (Apr 2017)

- **Leadership:** Board chaired by Mohammed Saddiq (Wessex Water/Geneco), with 8 funding partners + 2 directors elected from membership (Savita Custead, BNHC; Darren Hall, Pale Blue Dot) – and Joy Carey (theme lead - food)
- **Executive team:** 3 staff- CEO, operations & development managers
- **Funding:** supported by 9 key city institutions:
Vision, mission & aim

**Vision:** A sustainable Bristol

**Mission:**
- To develop, support and promote environmental sustainability throughout Bristol, and the West of England
- to share learnings and best practice beyond Bristol through the towns and cities of the West of England, across the UK and globally

**Aim:** To collaborate inclusively across Bristol and West of England region to realise the change needed to address climate change and other sustainability challenges that we face
How does BGCP do this?

3 objectives:

• **Enable**: supporting/amplifying others’ work, connecting & encouraging collaboration

• **Deliver**: high-impact projects that break down silos for real world change

• **Lead**: a strong, influential voice for Bristol’s environmental sustainability community
How does BGCP do this?

Director Led Cross Partnership Themes:

- Energy,
- Food,
- Nature,
- Transport
- Resources

- **Projects**: areas of focused work. integrating the themes and go beyond them
How does BGCP do this?

Engagement & Networking 1:

• Convening sustainability-minded organisations and people in the city
• City strategies, e.g. resilience, waste, international, regional planning
• Working with businesses (e.g. Go Green)
How does BGCP do this?

Engagement & Networking 2:

• Communication, website & social media, and reports, e.g. Good Transport Plan
• Green Mingles (monthly, informal) & Partnership Gatherings (quarterly, on themes or cross-cutting issues)
• Contact group: a ‘network of networks’ connecting key leads & sharing information
## Current projects

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| **Devolution + regional planning** | Shaping critical policy for sustainability + engaging members  
Informing + communicating with members, influencing processes                                                                                   |
| **Bristol & the SDGs**           | How Bristol can play its part in addressing global challenges though the practical use of UN Sustainable Development Goals                                                                                 |
| **Green & Black Ambassadors**    | Bringing BAME + sustainability communities together through pilot leadership project + plans for a multi-year programme                                                                                     |
| **Skills Bridge**                | Developing student + academic links with sustainability organisations offering opportunities for UWE/Bristol University                                                                                     |
| **Better Bristol crowdfunding**  | Crowd-funding access platform + match-fund campaign access, training + raising funds for community sustainability projects                                                                                   |
| **Healthy City Week**            | Promoting sustainable city health + wellbeing planning for 2017                                                                                                                                              |
| **UrbanID**                      | Understanding barriers to change on urban area issues  
co-leading ‘zero carbon’ theme + cross-sector engagement                                                                                           |
| **Air quality**                  | Enabling engagement in action on this critical cross-cutting issue working with partners to raise awareness of activities                                                                                   |
| **Work experience**              | in sustainability organisations for Bristol’s school-children                                                                                                                                             |
Sustainable & inclusive

• BGCP is committed to working inclusively

• All projects must consider inclusion to be approved

• **Green & Black Ambassadors – pilot project:** leadership programme building links between BAME and sustainability, partnering with Ujima Radio and University of Bristol’s Cabot Institute building on the successful Green & Black project in 2015
Sustainable & inclusive

- **Healthy City Week:** bringing health and sustainability together by enabling community groups across the city to participate: 2016 launch event held in Barton Hill with activities beyond the city centre, e.g. Avonmouth, Easton, Knowle, Lockleaze, Southmead

- Always actively considering ways of working more inclusively and projects that help to achieve inclusive sustainability
The Bristol Method

• How to make your city greener

• “As European Green Capital in 2015, we have an opportunity to share what we know with people all over the country, across Europe and around the world.”

• “To do this as effectively as we can, we have created the ‘Bristol Method’: a knowledge-transfer programme aimed at helping people in other cities understand and apply the lessons that Bristol has learned in becoming a more sustainable city, not just in 2015 but over the last decade.”

• [https://www.bristol2015.co.uk/method/](https://www.bristol2015.co.uk/method/)
The Bristol Method

• How to use partnerships to drive change

• “This module looks at the unique power that cross-sector partnerships have, and how they bring like-minded people together to inspire and enable cooperation and the sharing of knowledge. The largest and most unique partnership in this area is the Bristol Green Capital Partnership (BGCP), a platform for organisations to join together to develop the concept and delivery of Bristol as a ‘green’ city.”

• https://www.bristol2015.co.uk/method/transforming-city/
Thank you
Any questions?