

a decade

OF DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PARTNERS

We would like to thank our partners and those who have supported us over the years. These include:

- London Borough of Greenwich
- Greenwich Enterprise Board
- Greenwich University
- Greenwich Waterfront Development Partnership
- Greenwich, Lewisham and Bexley Chamber of Commerce
- Woolwich Development Agency
- Greenwich Development Agency
- Creekside Partnership Board
- European Social fund
- European Regional Development Fund

CLIENT LIST

- Apollo Colours
- Association of London Government
- Business Link
- Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- Claygreen Ltd
- Creekside Partnership Board
- Dalepack Foods
- Defra
- Energy Saving Trust
- Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
- European Commission
- Government Office for London
- Greenwich Cyclists
- Greenwich Development Agency
- Greenwich Direct Services
- Linpack Plastics
- Local Government Management Board
- London Development Agency

"The GEMS review highlighted issues which had a significant impact on the strategic planning of the company"

Simon Green, Energy Efficiency Business Manager
MEB Powerline Energy Services

- London Boroughs of Greenwich
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Southwark
- London Remade
- The Bridge
- Midlands Electricity Board
- Nation Power Energy Company
- ND Logistics
- Omagh Meats
- Robert West Ltd
- Barts and the London NHS Trust
- South West Regional Development Agency
- STA Bikes
- Stevenage Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Thamesmead Town
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- Volvo UK
- Westminster City Council
- Woolwich Development Agency
- World Health Organisation
- World Wide Fund for Nature
- NatWest Group

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1995 GEMS founded
- 1996 SRB funding for 5 year programme of environmental management support to businesses approved by Woolwich Development Agency
- 1998 GEMS appointed as accountable body for an international project to promote environmental management funded by the EU
- 1998 Developed a strategy for the expansion and re-organisation of the national network of Energy Efficiency Advice Centres for the Energy Saving Trust
- 1999 Developed a corporate environmental Strategy for the Midlands Electricity Board
- 1999 Produced Environmental Awareness and Environmental Management courses for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- 2000 Researched and developed a product template for the sale of wind energy for National Power
- 2002 3 year programme of health and safety promotion approved by Woolwich Development Agency
- 2002 Appointed by the London Development Agency to develop a strategy to promote jobs in the waste and recycling industries
- 2002 Commencement of a two year EU funded programme of capacity building support for voluntary and community groups
- 2003 GEMS appointed by Defra to develop a strategy to revitalise the Noise Action Day initiative
- 2003 The GEMS Clean Air Network Web site developed with LBG is voted runner up in the national awards by Air Quality Magazine
- 2004 Initiation of the Safe Jobs project for the Woolwich Development Agency and EU funded Greenmark project

KEY FIGURES

- 600 organisations have received face to face advice and support from GEMS
- 5,000 lorry journeys saved every year as a result of GEMS advice to a concrete depot in Deptford
- 6,000 individuals have attended the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Environmental Awareness course developed by GEMS
- 150 organisations are using the GEMS health and safety manual

"GEMS work has proved to be extremely helpful in improving the quality of our advice to member states, as well as to regional local authorities. GEMS' analytical skills and experience have helped to make the work both valuable and cost-effective"

Xavier Bonnefoy, Regional Advisor on Environment
World Health Organisation

INCOME 1995-2005

(unaudited figures)

- £728,000 - Consulting
- £683,000 - Single Regeneration Budget
- £354,000 - European Union

INTRODUCTION

2005 is the year of GEMS' 10th Anniversary. Now the time is right to reflect on what we have achieved and our plans for the future. GEMS was created by our four founding bodies, the London Borough of Greenwich, the Greenwich Enterprise Board, Greenwich University, and the Greenwich Waterfront Development Partnership, in response to the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and its call for all nations to develop an agenda for the 21st century - Agenda 21. Our remit was to raise awareness and standards of environmental management amongst the business community through advice and support services funded by the Single Regeneration Budget.

We have since come a long way in terms of the diversity of services we deliver, the range of organisations we support and our sources of income. Our services now include health and safety as well as environmental management advice and we work with voluntary and community groups and public sector organisations in addition to the business community. Our geographical scope has increased too, to include Bexley and the broader London and Thames Gateway area.

Probably the most dramatic development have been the expansion of our consultancy business, which now boasts clients such as Defra and National Power, and our involvement in International projects and a wider range of funding streams.

In the future we aim to work in an increasingly integrated way with our partners and expand the range of services we offer. We will aim to provide more in depth support and develop on-going relationships with the organisations we work with.

Without the support of our partners and colleagues in the public, private and community sectors we would not have been able to achieve what we have over the last 10 years. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

CONSULTANCY

The development of a commercial consultancy capability has been one of our biggest achievements. We specialise in the practical implementation of sustainable development and have an impressive client list.

core services

- Environmental strategy and policy development
- Programme development and appraisal
- Benchmarking
- Training
- Environmental Auditing
- Environmental Management Systems
- Sustainable Transport
- Sustainable Waste Management

CURRENT PROJECTS

safe jobs

GEMS have had funding approved to continue our free Health and Safety support services in the Woolwich and North Bexley SRB6 area. The service includes on-site assessments, guidance on improvement of physical health and safety issues, and assistance with management, training and ensuring legal compliance. GEMS are working closely with Greenwich and Bexley Borough Councils the Belvedere Business Centre and others to help target this support and integrate the project with other business support services.

green mark

The Green Mark award scheme was first piloted in East London by the London Environment Centre and is now being rolled out across all Objective 2 areas in London with help from the European Regional Development Fund. It is the first award of its kind in London to look at the overall environmental performance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and aims to reward good practice whilst helping businesses to demonstrate to their customers and the supply chain that they are taking steps to improve their environmental performance.

GEMS are delivering the Green Mark scheme in Greenwich and Bexley and providing ongoing and tailored environmental management support through the Business Environment Efficiency project to help companies achieve the standard. Companies that achieve the first level of the award will then be able to use the Green Mark logo on their product, website or other publicity material.

SERVICES

GEMS provides a broad range of services, many of which are supported by grant funding and are offered free in certain parts of London. If you are interested in these services, you can contact us via email or telephone; or alternatively tick the services you are most interested in below, provide your contact details and return this postcard to us.

- Recycling programmes and collection services
- Energy savings plus advice on VAT and grants
- Health and safety checks and guidelines
- Policy development
- Green suppliers and contractors
- Environmental reviews
- Legislation and best practice
- Staff training and awareness raising
- Signposting for organisations/contacts

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