



2023-24 Mayoral Theme Progress Update: 06 November 2024

Our City should be proud about how far we have come with 'Connect To Prosper'. Together, we have built a more connected, innovative and collaborative City, setting the stage for continued growth. We have fostered networks that will empower future leaders and drive solutions to global challenges. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey. It has been a privilege to serve as Lord Mayor, and I look forward to seeing our City continue to flourish.

Connect To Prosper in Action

"The benefits of the Lord Mayor's Connect to Prosper theme have been multidimensional in both time and space. His programme of initiatives and experiments has taken us back to the future – measuring the movement of the historic Monument with cutting-edge and emerging technologies, and from inspiring local young talent with the Future Professionals Summer School to students from our global partners to build careers in business, practice and the professions." Dr Sionade Robinson, Vice President, City St George's, University of London

Key: ● Complete

Travel

100+ days of travel, 24 countries, 3 continents.
Sep – Nov:

- Bermuda, Canada & Iceland (Sep)
- Vietnam & Laos (Sep)
- Latvia & Estonia (Oct)
- Germany (Oct)
- Isle of Man (Oct)

Livery Engagement

- Livery LinkedIn Community: 2,000+ members.
- 10 international 'Livery-Coffee-Connect-Teas'.
- £900,000 raised for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Media

- 298 broadcast, digital and print engagements.

Other

- 400+ speeches to 70,000+ people.
- LSO Gala attended by HRH the King celebrating the cities of London and Genoa.
- Music, Invention & Knowledge Festival.
- Thames Day Festival.
- Pepys Day.

Planet



Space Protection


Connected space industry and City's risk cluster to develop an FPS solution to the problem of Space Debris. Featured in the Commonwealth "CommonSpace" initiative, endorsed by the 56 Commonwealth member states and 6 global reinsurers.



VeraCity WebApp


Launched Nov 2023. Usage continues to grow.

People




Knowledge Miles Lectures

106 lectures delivered, 140,000+ visitors.



Coffee Colloquies

25 delivered, 2500+ attendees at Mansion House, 250+ speakers.



Ethical AI Initiative

Courses for 4 sectors, 6000+ participants. Launched AIQI consortium, with representatives from 38 nations. Launched Investor Consensus on Responsible AI a collaboration of global investors (AUM exceeds \$32tn).



Royal Mathematical School Bursary

£900,000 fundraised funding several scholars at Christ's Hospital School in perpetuity.



University Partnerships

115th annual Schorstein Lecture on William Harvey Day at QMUL, Barts. Signed agreement with the British University of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City as Rector of City St George's University. Visit to City, St George's (Tooting).

Productivity



Constructing Science

Keynote speech at 'Navigating the Future: Integrating AI and Data in Life Sciences' event. Empowering London's Next Generation in Life Sciences event at the Guildhall with eight London Boroughs.



Smart Economy Network


Convened City and global institutions, developed international 'open data' standards, published 3 reports.



Tech & Investment

Attended the International Investment Summit on behalf of the City of London. Keynote at the APPG on AI. Fourth and final science and tech breakfast.

Experiments



7 experiments (NPL/22 Bishopsgate Time Dilation, Wetwheels coastal microplastics survey, Pollinator Count, City Nature Challenge, Seagrass Project, Thermochromic Paint, Measuring the Monument). Highlights include frontpage Times article on the NPL Time Dilation experiment at 22 Bishopsgate, Royal Yacht Thames Club raising £16,000 for the Seagrass Project and solving a 350-year-old mystery of the cause of the vibrations at the Monument that thwarted Robert Hooke.