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# PHE launches framework to tackle inactivity

Public Health England (PHE) has published *Everybody Active*, *Every Day*, a framework for nationwide action to combat the physical inactivity epidemic.

PHE's latest statistics place inactivity responsible for one in six deaths in England and put its cost to the country at an estimated £7.4bn a year. The framework is the first consolidation of national and local priorities, including the Moving More, Living More commitment to a physical activity legacy from the 2012 Games, and NICE guidance.

The focus on addressing physical inactivity marks a significant win for ukactive, which has consistently championed the cause and produced the high-profile report *Turning the tide of inactivity*.

"This is the largest and most significant piece of work on physical activity done by PHE since the inception of the unit in 2013," ukactive CEO David Stalker told *Leisure Opportunities*. "It is a great indication that physical activity is starting to climb its way to becoming a top tier public health issue."



Leisure providers have a key role to play in tackling physical inactivity

PHE has co-produced the framework with more than 1,000 physical activity leaders and is calling for action from providers and commissioners to help achieve the goals.

It was launched at London's Kia Oval, where minister for public health Jane Ellison kicked off the initiative with CEO of PHE Duncan Selbie, Lord Coe and Sport England CEO Jennie Price. To make active lifestyles a reality for all, the framework's four areas for action aim to:

- Change the social 'norm' to make physical activity the expectation
- Develop expertise and leadership within professionals and volunteers
- Create environments that are designed to support active lives
- Identify and up-scale successful programmes nationwide.

PHE's executive director of health and wellbeing, Professor Kevin Fenton, heralded the initiative as the chance to strike a decisive blow against one of the country's silent killers, paving the way for healthier future generations.

"Physical inactivity is unrecognised as a significant health, social and economic burden on individuals and communities in England," said Fenton. "It is the fourth greatest cause of ill health in the UK, and a leading contributor to rising levels of many long-term conditions, such as obesity, diabetes and dementia." Details: http://lei.sr?a=a6F8j

# WWI battleship to become £12m floating museum

The last surviving battleship of the First World War is to be transformed into a £12m floating museum, dedicated to the history of the vessel.

With funding supplied by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the currently derelict HMS Caroline will become a visitor attraction in time for centenary commemorations of the 1916 Battle of Jutland, which took place in Danish waters. The museum will join a variety of maritime attractions in Belfast's old shipyards, including the Titanic Belfast museum. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Q3N4M

# Battersea phase 3 given the go-ahead

The £8bn redevelopment of London's Battersea Power Station has received another boost after a Frank Gehry and Norman Foster-designed mixed-use high street won planning approval.

The phase three plans – which will see a new pedestrian high street running from Battersea Park Road to the existing power station building – feature a new public park and glass cube-shaped community hub building, in addition to bars, shops and cafés, and 1,305 homes.

The pairing of architecture titans Foster and Gehry follows the work of other well-known practices dRMM, Ian Simpson, Wilkinson Eyre and Purcell on earlier stages of the development. Gehry is behind designs to the east



Frank Gehry's distinctive 'flower building'

of the new high street, including the striking 'Flower' building (pictured), the aforementioned retail offerings and a gym. Meanwhile, Foster's side includes a hotel and health clinic. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=x4D6G* 

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#### SPORT

# Coalition backs football 'fan power'

The coalition government has launched a new initiative aiming to ensure football fans have more say in the running of their clubs.

The Supporter Ownership and **Engagement Expert Group** will include representatives from government, the English Premier League, The Football Association, the Football League, Supporters Direct and the legal profession. The group will also include insolvency and tax experts and representatives from clubs that are ran by supporters such as Portsmouth FC,

AFC Wimbledon and Wrexham.

Areas that the group will look at include seeing what more can be done to help supporters groups have stronger links with the executives and owners running clubs.

Ownership of clubs will also be high on the group's agenda. The group will look at removing barriers to clubs becoming community-owned assets, when "opportunities arise



Minister for sport Helen Grant is driving the initiative forward

for that to be a sustainable and viable option".

Launching the new group, minister for sport, Helen Grant, added: "Football fans are the lifeblood of the club they support.

"Owners, executives and managers may come and go but it is the fans that are the constant, loyally following through thick and thin. We want to see what more we can do to give fans a stronger voice." Details: http://lei.sr?a=x9f5M

# **UK Sport to search military for Olympians**

UK Sport, the British Army and the English Institute of Sport (EIS) have launched a new talent partnership programme aimed at identifying future Olympic medallists from within the ranks of military personnel.

The £1.4m Army Elite Sports Programme (AESP) will reach out into the garrisons and units to identify men and women in targeted sporting disciplines who possess the potential to go all the way to the podium in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and beyond.

Talent scientists from the EIS will run assessments in the garrison towns nationwide and further afield in Germany and Cyprus. They will be working to identify potential individuals who could be fast-tracked in to some of sports' World Class Programmes.

The AESP will then work to ensure the selected athletes' military careers can develop in harmony with the demands of the training programmes and competition commitments.



Royal Artillery captain Heather Stanning won gold at London 2012

There is a long history of military personnel becoming successful Olympians. Double Olympic champion Kelly Holmes spent nine years in the army and served as a sergeant on the Adjutant General Corps, while Royal Artillery captain and rower Heather Stanning was the first Team GB athlete to win gold at London 2012. It is thought that launching AESP now may create medal hopefuls in time for Tokyo 2020. *Details: http://lei.sr?a=K9r8x* 

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# **Survey shows soccer price surge**

The annual Price of Football survey by the BBC shows that the average price of tickets for English football clubs has risen at twice the rate of the consumer price index.

The average price of the cheapest match-day ticket (calculated for clubs from the English Premier League down to League Two) is now £21.49 - an increase of 13 per cent since 2011. In the same period, cost of living in the UK is up 6.8 per cent.

Only five Premier League clubs have single match

tickets that are available for less than £25 (Aston Villa, Hull, Leicester, Newcastle and West Ham), while fans of nine clubs will have to dish out at least £30 to see their team. There are, however, many regional differences.

The cheapest season tickets at North Londonbased Arsenal FC - a club that has only won one trophy in the past eight years - cost a whopping £1,014, while fans of defending champions Manchester City can buy a season ticket for



Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, home of the priciest tickets in football

£299. Arsenal also boasts the most expensive season tickets in the league at £2,013.

Kevin Miles, chief executive of the Football Supporters' Federation, said: "We want football to be affordable for all. At a time when there's more money in football than there ever has been before with the incredible television revenues coming in, it is ridiculous that fans are still being squeezed. Details: http://lei.sr?a=k3n7w

# Sport 'accelerates' female leadership skills

The majority of women executives believe a sporting background can accelerate their leadership and career potential, according to a report commissioned by the EY Women Athletes Business Network and espnW.

The Making the connection: women, sport and leadership report was based on a global online survey of 400 women executives, conducted by Longitude Research.

Of the high-flying respon-

dents, 94 per cent said they had actively participated in sport, while 74 per cent agreed that a background in sport can help accelerate a woman's leadership and career potential.

Beth Brooke-Marciniak, EY's global vice chair for public policy, said: "We've long known that sport has a positive impact on society. These findings show that participation in sport not only influences leadership skills, style and career development, but it is also a powerful motivator for female executives."

Other findings include that more than half (61 per cent) of women leaders accredited past sporting involvement to their current career



The survey suggests sporty women will have more successful careers

success and said that a background in sport has a positive influence on their own hiring decisions – more than two-thirds (67 per cent) highlighted a background in sport as a positive influence on their decision to hire a candidate.

Laura Gentile, VP of espnW, added: "This study validates long-held theories that women who are athletes are well-suited for the business world and have tangible advantages. From work ethic to adaptability to superior problem-solving ability, these women enter the workforce ready to win and demonstrate that ability as they rise throughout their career." Details: http://lei.sr?a=G3K5S

### Newcastle United fans win stadium ruling on sell-off

A supporters group for Newcastle United Football Club has won its bid to protect the club's home ground of St James' Park in case the stadium is ever put up for sale.

The application by the Newcastle United Supporters Trust (NUST) has seen the local council label the club's home since 1892 as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), meaning the group has the right to bid for it if owner Mike Ashley decides to sell.

"The importance of St James' Park to Newcastle United is known throughout the world," said a NUST statement. "This means it cannot be sold without the local community being given the chance to bid for it themselves." *Details: http://lei.sr?a=q6C7u* 



Jones won bronze at the Sochi 2014 Games

## **Olympic hero Jenny Jones** to launch snowsport club

Olympic medallist snowboarder Jenny Jones is to launch a new snowsports club aimed at 11-18 year olds in Southampton.

Located at Alpine Snowsports – a facility operated by leisure charity Active Nation - the Snowsports Club will give young people the opportunity to experience skiing or snowboarding for the first time. For those with previous experience, the club will offer taster sessions in ski racing and freestyle.

Launching on 30 October, all sessions will be led by fully qualified instructors and will run alongside race and freestyle demonstrations from the experts.

The club will form part of a national initiative run by Snowsport England - called "30 Days of Snowsport" - designed to celebrate the start of the winter season.

Hayley Walker from Active Nation said: "The Snowsports Club aims to enable 11-18 year olds t to try snowsports, continue their participation in a fun, safe environment."

The success of Team GB at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Games has led to increasing interest in Britain's dry slope and indoor snow centres. Details: http://lei.sr?a=Q7p6W

### Andy Burnham to headline **ukactive National Summit**

Shadow health secretary and respected activity advocate Andy Burnham will return as a headline speaker for the ukactive National Summit 2014, one of several high-profile thought leaders due to feature.

Having delivered an engaging session at last year's summit, Burnham is back for the London event on November 13, entitled: 'Steps to solving inactivity'. He will offer delegates an insight into Labour's health plans and election manifesto, with an emphasis on how his party intends to shape its policies to incorporate physical activity.

Other speakers include PHE's Professor Kevin Fenton and Ipsos Mori's Bobby Duffy. Details: http://lei.sr?a=A9J9u



Theyers has worked in Dubai and New Zealand

## LA fitness appoints Sam Theyers new head of fitness

LA fitness has promoted Sam Theyers to the role of national head of fitness.

Theyers, who has been with LA fitness since April 2013, took up his new role on 1 October, after enjoying a successful year as regional sales manager for the south.

He has been in the fitness industry for nearly 15 years, starting as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor with Les Mills in his native New Zealand. Theyers also boasts a raft of qualifications: a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Prescription, Management and Sports Science as well as Level 3 Diplomas in Sports Nutrition, Nutritional Therapy and Life Coaching.

Theyers will be leading the training team at LA fitness, reporting directly into COO Arthur McColl. He will be instrumental in introducing and training the teams across the business to ensure the business delivers an enhanced fitness experience to its members with the latest training techniques and trends. He is also managing the roll out of key new product developments and classes across the chain. Details: http://lei.sr?a=P7W6c

# **Fitness First plans German sale**

Fitness First is in talks to sell its 80 health clubs in Germany as the business bids to hasten its transformation and Asian expansion, Leisure Opportunities understands.

Corporate finance firm Lincoln International is advising the Oaktree Capitalowned gym chain on disposal of its German arm - speculated to be worth around £200m. Several parties have expressed interest in the portfolio, which has 300,000 members and EBITDA of around €30m per annum. A deal is expected to be concluded by January 2015.



The Germany clubs represent the company's last European portfolio outside of the UK - following the offload of its 91 clubs across France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands to Dutch operator HealthCity in 2010/11 – and their sale marks the final act in Fitness First's shift towards being a UK, Australia and Asia-focused business.

The capital expected from the Germany deal will allow the chain to speed up its £270m global makeover, which has already brought encouraging revenue results to a number of its city health clubs. The funds will also serve to expedite Fitness First's major expansion in Asia - where it aims to open up to 50 new clubs in five years - and support R&D ahead of the chain's planned forays into the technology sector, with a digital platform for fitness and nutrition expected to be announced in Q1 2015. Details: http://lei.sr?a=F2j9m

# British Bake Off 'to blame' for rising obesity

TV shows like the phenomenally successful The Great British Bake Off are fuelling a culture of junk food ubiquity, resulting in soaring levels of obesity, according to the CEO of Les Mills UK Keith Burnet.

In response to a recent Cambridge University study which found that eating healthily costs three times as much as consuming unhealthy food in the UK, Burnet said shows like Bake Off are leading consumers towards unhealthy lifestyles.

"I would agree that we can't blame the individuals for not being educated in cooking and preparing healthy meals and food ideas," he told Leisure Opportunities.

"Simply switch on the TV and you'll be greeted with hours of cookery programmes featuring calorific and unhealthy foods, cooked in a way that will see the pounds pile on; The Great British Bake Off is a case in point."

Almost 10 million viewers tuned in to watch the baking show's fifth series finale in October, with the programme credited as sparking a renaissance in cake making.

Burnet added that "we don't need to just point the finger" at presenters Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry. He called on the government



Bake Off presenter Mary Berry is the 'Queen of Cakes'

to review the practices of the food companies and supermarkets to ensure that a healthy diet is affordable for every household.

"The pricing structure of non-processed foods, fresh fruit and vegetables needs to be reduced whilst the price of the unhealthy and processed foods should increase," Burnet added. "It really is that simple. And maybe Paul Hollywood should swap the rolling pins for a barbell from time-to-time." Details: http://lei.sr?a=q2T3t

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## **Internet giant Amazon** eyes wearable tech push

Online retailer Amazon appears poised for a further push into the wearable technology sector, with the company set to increase investment and staff at its secretive hardware operations unit Lab126.

Recent reports suggest the retailer is looking to add close to 4,000 people to its Silicon Valley-based division in the next five years, with U£34m in funding being poured into the lab. Earlier this year, Amazon opened its own dedicated online store to wearables, with the UK's wearable technology shopfront offering a wide range of wearable devices, including activity trackers, smartwatches and smart glasses. Details: http://lei.sr?a=H2p7v



The 'urban' décor features timber and wall murals

## Indie gym fuses fitness with physiotherapy clinic

A new independent health club in Christchurch, Dorset, is bidding to bring healthcare and fitness under one roof as part of an enhanced integrative offering.

Manoj Patel, a chartered physiotherapist, is the brains behind Urban Health and Fitness - a health club venture which aims to provide a joint package of care to members through qualified PTs and a team of physiotherapists and chiropractors. In addition to around 165 exercise classes a month, the facility - which opened at the start of September - offers specialised back care Pilates classes as it bids to cater for as wide a market as it possibly can.

"Our focus is on engaging people who want to change lifestyles," said Patel. "At some point, people will consider a more active lifestyle and we offer a solution."

The 3,200sq ft (297sq m) gym features a range of cardio machines (from Bodycharger in Taipei) and resistance machines (from Shanxi Yeekang Fitness products in China) which Patel sourced during his visit to FIBO 2013 in Germany. Details: http://lei.sr?a=q5U2G

# **Pure Gym sets sights on London**

Pure Gym has joined a number of high-profile UK gym chains in setting its sights on dominating the capital's fitness market by announcing a raft of new health clubs in the coming months.

Having opened in October, Pure Gym Hammersmith has become the chain's third largest gym in the UK and biggest in London, while four further openings will take the total number of Pure Gyms in the capital to 13 by the end of 2014.

Pure Gym's pitch for the potentially lucrative London market comes at the same time as rivals Virgin Active,

Fitness First, LA fitness and Nuffield Health are all making moves to enhance their presence in the resurgent capital city.

Pure Gym's new Hammersmith site - to be followed by gyms in Finsbury Park, North Finchley, Greenwich and Bermondsey covers a total of 23,621sq ft (2,194sq m) and features more than 220 pieces of gym equipment from longstanding supplier Matrix Fitness. It will also offer 80 free classes per



Pure Gym founder and CEO Peter Roberts is on the hunt for more sites

week, plus specialist classes such as Zumba.

"The demand for affordable fitness is still growing in London and we are continually on the hunt for more sites in the capital," said Pure Gym founder and CEO Peter Roberts.

The chain currently operates 72 gyms in the UK with 90 set to be open before the end of the year as it bids to continue its expansion following the failed merger with The Gym Group earlier this year. Details: http://lei.sr?a=K2Q2U

# Algar: Clubs under threat from microgyms

Traditional health clubs offering a broad selection of activities at a mid-range price are at serious risk of having their business 'salamisliced' away by a new breed of specialised competitors.

That was the view of respected industry analyst Ray Algar during his recent address at the IHRSA Europe Congress in Amsterdam.

He said activity providers must decide whether they wish to pursue the path of low-cost self-service gyms, which have been a big success story in recent years, or go-down the path of offering a high-quality

support structure for their clients - as found in the new wave of microgyms - if they are to survive and thrive in a changing marketplace.

The traditional mid-market gyms that are charging an average of £42 a month in the UK may find that small chunks of their members will be lost to low-cost competitors and microgyms specialising in the activities they



Microgyms like Athlete Lab are giving big clubs serious competition

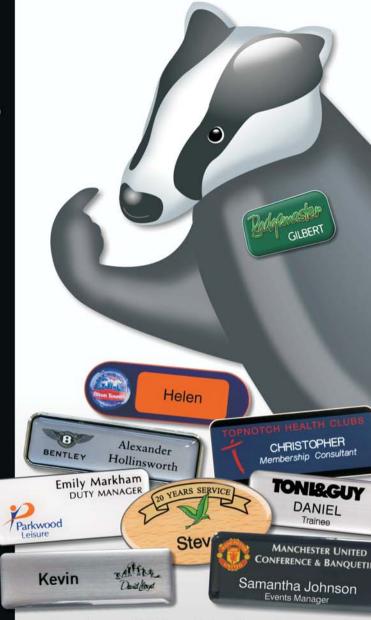
most prefer - such as yoga, functional training or group cycling - until the business is no longer viable, Algar added, noting 120 private gyms are closing in the UK every year.

Whichever path traditional gyms choose, he concluded, they must be clear in their approach and embrace innovation if they are to succeed. Details: http://lei.sr?a=v9k6X

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# Now is the time for **SMEs to embrace** contactless payments



PETER DUCKER is chief executive of the Institute of Hospitality

ontactless payment and the technology behind it - Nearfield Communication - has been around for a number of years. In the UK, EAT was one of the first high street chains to introduce nationwide contactless payment back in 2008.

The weakness of the system, which persists today, has been the lack of security. If you mislay your Oyster card or contactless debit card, anyone can pick it up and use it during the time that elapses before you realise it is missing and cancel it. This is the reason there is a £20 transaction limit and the banks absorb all of the risk on behalf of both the user and the business.

But now, payment with a mobile phone is the safer, next generation of contactless payment because transactions need to be authorised with a thumbprint or by entering a pin number and consequently are secure and don't require a limit.

Hospitality doesn't have a strong record when it comes to investing in new technology. In fact, nearly a fifth of hospitality businesses don't even accept card payment.

According to a survey of Institute of Hospitality members and their operations by Chip & PIN Solutions, 19 per cent said they were cash-only businesses.

Although everyone has the right to run their business as they see fit, not to accept widespread methods of payment does not make commercial sense; it simply limits the ability of guests to spend money since impulse purchases do not exist. Yes, there is some commission to pay when accepting cards, but this should be more than compensated for by increased turnover.

As mobile and contactless payment become more prevalent, there is a danger some businesses will get left behind. That would be unfortunate because new payment technology is actually particularly suited to small businesses because it eliminates the need for expensive card terminals or point-of-sale systems.

Small firms can now simply buy a device online from global payment companies which plugs into a phone or tablet, allowing the business owner to take card payments.

#### HOTELS

## Luxury yacht hotel debuts in Victoria Docks

A new four-star hotel has opened in the capital, with the Sunborn London giving guests the chance to sleep on a luxury yacht moored in the East End's Royal Victoria Docks.

Operated by ISS Hotel Division London, the nautical hotel harks back to a bygone era through the use of teak wood panelling, a standout glass staircase and vast decked areas, which provide views across the London skyline.

The hotel offers a choice of 136 vacht bedrooms and suites, while the property also features a restaurant, audito-

rium and cinema club, conference rooms, an Elemis day spa, private terraces and a Skylounge with private decking for events.

The Sunborn will predominantly look to appeal to corporate clients, given its proximity to London City Airport and Canary Wharf.

Sunborn's yachts, with another in operation in Gibraltar, are designed to meet environmental EU standards. For example, the hotel yachts are designed with zero discharge and



The floating hotel concept is a rarity on London's River Thames

emission policy and do not use engines or generators while in mooring. The policy also allows hotel offerings to be able to operate in unique locations without negatively impacting on environmental conditions.

The Sunborn isn't the only nautical hotel to spring up in London recently, with MHG creating the luxury Mondrian along the Southbank, taking inspiration from shipping containers. Details: http://lei.sr?a=9q5Z4

# Marriott unveils VR 'Teleporter'

Marriott Hotels is aiming to revolutionise the concept of travel through a virtual reality (VR) project that 'teleports' users to some of the world's most exciting destinations in a matter of seconds.

The company has teamed up with the visual effects company behind Hollywood blockbuster Gravity to create an immersive sensory experience featuring the Oculus Rift DK2 VR headset, wireless headphones and suite of 4-D sensory elements.

During the Marriott Virtual Travel Experience, guests enter the phone-booth like 'Teleporter', where they put on VR headsets and headphones to be completely immersed in a virtual world. From there, they visit a virtual version of a new Marriott Greatroom lobby, and then virtually travel to a black sand beach in Maui, Hawaii, as well as to the top of London's Tower 42. While 'travelling,' 4-D elements kick in – the feeling of the warm sun on skin, breeze in the hair, rumble of waves under foot and ocean spray in the face - to create a highly realistic experience.



Marriott's virtual 'Teleporter' is currently touring the company's hotels

"Marriott is pioneering the use of innovative technologies that will transform the guest experience in unprecedented ways," said Michael Dail, Marriott brand marketing VP.

The Teleporter is currently touring eight select Marriott properties, with plans to add more destinations based on user suggestions.

Innovators and investors are waking up to the possibility of Oculus Rift VR headsets for both the travel and attractions industry, following the March purchase of Oculus Rift by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg for £1.2bn. Details: http://lei.sr?a=a5G2s

# N Ireland: Dracula to draw visitors

Tourism experts in Northern Ireland have created a map featuring locations from the newly-released Dracula Untold film in a bid to boost tourism in the region by spotlighting some of the awe-inspiring sites where the production was shot.

The film explores the history of the origins of Dracula -based on Bram Stoker's classic novel - by weaving vampire mythology with the factual history of Prince Vlad.

In response to its release, Discover Northern Ireland has devised a map to give

tourists the chance to visit the dramatic locations where Dracula Untold was shot.

Some of the regions include well-known sites such as Divis Mountain, O'Cahan's Rock, the Giant's Causeway, Scrabo Country Park and Roe Valley Country Park. Agency projections estimate that the local economy saw a return of around £13.5m against the £1.6m production funding that was initially provided to Dracula Untold by Northern Ireland Screen.

The release of the film falls just in time for Halloween too, with varying sections of the



The Giant's Causeway is one of the iconic locations included in the film

attractions industry expecting to see seasonal gains ahead of the morbid festivities.

This is not the first time that the region has benefited from the shooting of high-profile film and television productions, with the filming of Game of Thrones in Northern Ireland bringing a multitude of ongoing economic and cultural tourism gains.

Elsewhere, Scotland saw a hike in visitor numbers in the Glencoe area following the release of the James Bond blockbuster Skyfall. Details: http://lei.sr?a=N7S8S

# Airbnb eyes share of wider travel market

Online spare room rental service Airbnb is poised to expand its travel offerings through an online marketplace that would enable locals to sell tours and a range of other experiences related to their city.

The plan, which is part of a strategy to build on Airbnb's success in the accommodation market and transform the company into a hospitality firm, is one of several ways the US-based outfit is bidding to increase its share of traveller's spending. As of the beginning of this year, Airbnb was operating in 34,000 cities across 192 countries, meaning the potential reach for this new marketplace is enormous.

"We think there's huge opportunities for other services on top of accommodation," Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky told The Sunday Telegraph. "If I'm coming to London, what do I do? We think we have an opportunity to enhance your trip and experience."

The fast-growing company recently attracted £306m in venture capital and has been reported to be trialling a number of new services outside of its core accommodation market, such as a service that would



Airbnb co-founder Nathan Blecharczyk is driving growth

allow people to sell seats at their dinner table online. In an interview for the Q1 2014 edition of Leisure Management magazine, Airbnb co-founder Nathan Blecharczyk outlined the company's plans to conquer Asia with sustained investment across 2014.

"We've had properties in Asia for a long time, but for the first time we have critical mass and sustained growth and we're going to continue to invest over there," said Blecharczyk. Details: http://lei.sr?a=G8K8X

## Government must ensure 'Sharing Economy' is fair



**KURT JANSON** is policy director of the Tourism Alliance

he government has recently announced the launch of an inquiry on the Sharing Economy with the hope of making the UK a world leader for this type of businesses.

For those unaware of the "Sharing Economy", this is the range of new technology companies that provide a platform for individuals to sell each other goods or services and includes companies like Uber (taxi services) Airbnb (tourism accommodation) and Fiverr (all types of services for US\$5).

The name "Sharing Economy" is a bit of a misnomer as these are essentially platforms that allow people to utilise assets that they have (skills, a property, a car) to become a micro-business and make money.

While there are undoubtedly advantages to the economy in providing a means by which people can generate additional income from their assets, there are fundamental problems that need to be addressed.

Key is that a lot of these microbusinesses don't comply with the regulations that apply to the businesses they are competing against. This is usually due to either ignorance (people who haven't owned a hotel or B&B won't realise what regulations govern renting out a room in their house) or because it would be unviable to operate if the regulations were followed (e.g.Uber cars aren't wheelchair accessible).

While there is a case that regulation should be proportional to the size of the business being operated, the Sharing Economy companies need to take responsibility for the people who are using their websites to make money. It's not acceptable for companies to say "we're just a tech company that provides a platform and are not responsible for the products people list on the site" in the same way it's not acceptable for football clubs to allow fans to make racist chants, or Ebay to allow the sale of arms.

The Sharing Economy needs to show itself as responsible by ensuring all customers are aware of all the relevant regulations and have certified they are compliant before allowing products onto their sites. After all, trust and a five-star review based on a flat having a comfy bed won't inicate whether the gas boiler is leaking carbon monoxide.





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# Thermal spa for £14m leisure centre

Construction is well underway on the new £14m Abbey Leisure Centre in Barking, east London, which will feature a large luxury spa.

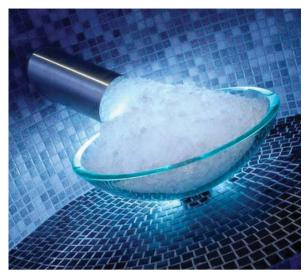
Due to open by the end of 2014, the new centre will replace the existing Abbey Sports Centre and will be operated by Barking and Dagenham Council.

It is being designed by AFLS+P Architects and thermal spa supplier Dalesauna is working with contractor Willmott Dixon to design a range of heat experiences for the 100sq m (1,076sq ft) thermal spa zone.

Wellness features planned

for the spa include a large sauna, an aromatherapy steamroom, crystal steamroom, salt inhalation room, plus a tiled hydrotherapy pool with massage jets, an ice feature, a heated bench and two experience showers.

This is the latest project in a string of thermal zones developed by Dalesauna for the public sector. Other examples include the Verulamium spa at Westminster Lodge



The thermal spa is expected to attract new consumers to the leisure centre

Leisure Centre in St Albans and the One Spa situated inside Wimbledon Leisure Centre.

Dalesauna sales director Gerard McCarthy said: "Ever since we designed the first luxury local authority spa for Pendle Leisure Trust in 2007, we've been creating public sector spas with the same range of experiences and using the same of materials and finishes you'd find in a five-star hotel," Details: http://lei.sr?a=t2p7s

# **Spa Life UK set for Woburn Center Parcs**

The fifth annual Spa Life UK event will take place on 18-19 November at Center Parcs Woburn Forest, featuring a jam-packed schedule of talks from industry experts.

The event will comprise three main parts: the Conference; the Spa Life Forum; and the invitationonly CEO Summit, where the BBC's business guru Dr Paul Thomas will provide key insights into how to increase effectivity in the workplace without losing front-line staff.

There will be two keynote sessions during the event, including one from brand expert professor BJ Cunningham, who will talk about customer loyalty, and how brands represent promises to consumers.

Linda Moir, who helmed the London 2012 Olympic Games delivery team, will also give a speech based on her vast experience from roles at Virgin and British Airways. She will explore how delegates can deliver exceptional performance and customer service.



More than 250 guests are expected to attend the first day of the event

Aldina Duarte-Ramos, global wellbeing director for Accor Hotels, will also make an appearance on stage to explain how she has developed the brand standards for SoSPA across the global estate of Accor properties, and how she has achieved consistency through regular testing and online assessments.

Spa Life Academy education director Michelle Hammond will deliver a presentation on how to stay ahead. Details: http://lei.sr?a=b9Q6g



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### Oceanarium project to bring penguins to Bournemouth

An oceanarium in Bournemouth is to become home to a new colony of penguins following a £1.5m investment, which will increase the aquarium's size by 30 per cenr.

The new development, which is privately funded by owners Parques Reuinidos, will centre around a penguin beach, pool and underwater viewing area, along with a special section where penguins and visitors can mingle during feeding time.

Also included in the two-storey extension, due to open in Q3 of 2015, will be a walk through aviary, sea view terrace, educational exhibits, additional catering facilities and a new staff area. Work on the new development started in mid-October. while plans having been in the works since 2009. Details: http://lei.sr?a=V9n4R



Hemingway Design is behind the exciting plans

## Dreamland set for relaunch after long decade of decay

After 11 years of campaigning, Margate's community can finally believe the fight to save Dreamland is won. The historic seaside attraction has been closed for a decade and become derelict. But supporters now expect the site to reopen by summer 2015.

Thanks to the relentless Save Dreamland campaign, the site has survived everything from arson attacks, through to the threat of being destroyed by developers.

"Dreamland was the heartbeat of Margate," said Eddie Kemsley, director at Dreamland Margate. "It had 2.5 million visitors per year in the 60s and everyone in Margate has memories of the place."

The huge refurbishment required is being undertaken by Hemingway Design, known for their vintage, fun-loving style and socially conscious approach to design.

According to Kemsley, the reinvention of the attraction, costing £18m in the first phase, will be "something the attractions sector has not seen before." In recent years, Margate has grown into a trendy destination and the attraction hopes to capitalise on this. Details: http://lei.sr?a=e2J9V

# **Smit eyes global Eden Project tie-ups**

Construction of a Beijing Eden Project is expected to start at the beginning of next year, with a further five projects in the offing, Sir Tim Smit, creator of the UK Eden Project, told Leisure Opportunities.

The Beijing project is being built in conjunction with Chinese property developer Vanke and, according to the company's chair Wang Shi, it could be the largest botanical garden in the world. Feasibility studies are ongoing and central gov-

ernment approval has already been granted. Details of another two projects in China

are still under wraps, while plans for a New Zealand Eden-style project in Christchurch, were recently revealed. The other two projects will be in Canada and Central Europe.

Smit said that none of the upcoming projects would be carbon copies of the Eden Project in Cornwall, southwest England, which opened in 2003. Each will have its own culturally and geographically relevant perspective,



Tim Smit stood inside the Eden Project biodome in Bodelva, Cornwall

and they won't necessarily be all about plants. Each campaign will be run in close association with a number of local partners, Smit added.

"We have two ambitions: to create a global chain of major Eden-type projects which share a culture, but also transfer different cultural perspectives of each of the others," he said. "And, we want to try to influence as many people as possible that there is another way to run the planet." Details: http://lei.sr?a=C3p4Z

# Museum lures millennials with Minecraft

The British Museum in London has revealed plans to recreate the entire facility - complete with all of its exhibits - in virtual form using the popular video game Minecraft.

A part of the Museum of the Future Scheme, which aims to expand the institution's appeal, the museum reached out to Minecraft users via Reddit, though a spokesman for the museum told Leisure Opportunities that plans were still "at an early stage" and the "build" had not yet begun in any official capacity.

The first step of the process will involve digitally creating the Great Court and facade of the building.

In September, Minecraft was sold to Microsoft for US\$2.5bn, mainly thanks to its extreme popularity with a younger audience.

Adam Clarke of The Common People, who spoke at length on how Minecraft can get more kids into museums and galleries at MuseumNext in June and has been widely involved in the use of Minecraft within cultural, heritage and educational settings, told Leisure Opportunities: "This project looks



The museum wants Minecraft users to rebuild the institution in-game

amazing and shows that Minecraft is being taken up by institutions all over the world.

"By engaging with Minecraft in this way, The British Museum will actively inspire a new generation of enquiring minds through gaming. The fact that they are inviting the Minecraft community to get involved with the building of this 'world' really connects to the spirit of the creativity that supports the success of Minecraft." Details: http://lei.sr?a=C3p4Z

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The project has a proposed 2018 completion date

### Warrington makes plans for £52m regeneration scheme

Warrington Borough Council has submitted plans in partnership with developer Muse for a £52m regeneration of retail and leisure offerings in the Bridge Street area.

The project proposes the creation of a revitalised centre offering a family-friendly shopping, restaurant and leisure experience with a contemporary-style market hall at its heart. The development will also spur the creation of a multiplex cinema and a new civic centre. The plans have now been submitted for approval, with a decision expected to be made in December.

If given the go-ahead, initial work is slated to start on-site during January 2015, with an expected completion date of 2018.

The new market in the development is to be built on the site of the area's former Boots Building on Bridge Street, creating a street-front entrance feature for the Grade II listed brick façade of the building. The Leach Rhodes Walker-designed plans then extend from Bridge Street and across the region's existing Time Square development, encompassing the town centre's existing market. Details: http://lei.sr?a=U9k6e

### First phase of £100m South Shields revamp approved

Plans for the first phase of a £100m regeneration project in South Shields have been given the green light by South Tyneside Council's planning committee.

The 365 Master Plan project, drawn up between Muse Developments and South Tyneside Council, will see the transformation of South Shields town centre over a series of phases. Construction work can now begin on the first phase, which features the construction of a new FaulknerBrownsdesigned Central Library and Digital Media Centre near Ferry Street on the Riverside, while improvements are also being made to the area's adjoining Market Place. It is hoped that the building process will begin early next year. Details: http://lei.sr?a=7c4R4

## **US** billionaire pays cut price for N Ireland resort

The five-star Lough Erne Resort in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland - which in 2013 hosted G8 leaders including Barack Obama - has been sold to a US businessman for what is believed to be a fraction of its £30m price tag.

Chicago business man and former market trader, Tony Saliba, is understood to have acquired the hotel for an estimated £8m, according to The Belfast Telegraph.

The resort has been sold to Lough Shore Road, a private hospitality company led by US-based investor Tralee Portfolio Management (TPM), which is an affiliate of the Saliba Family Office. The new owner, TPM, and its operating partner The Prairie Group, are now likely to upgrade the resort grounds and golf facilities as they aim to attract visitors both from the local area and internationally.

Lough Erne Resort is TPM's first hotel acquisition on the emerald isle, having been exploring several other high-profile properties since late last year. The company is known



The resort features a Nick Faldo-designed golf course

to have bid on Mount Juliet and is reported to be actively looking at Adare Manor in Limerick, according to The Irish Times.

The property opened in 2007 but was subsequently placed into administration in 2011. Administrators Stuart Irwin and John Hansen of KPMG believe the deal will help safeguard the future of the resort. Details: http://lei.sr?a=A3x4H

# Rank Group eyes Belfast casino proposal

Gaming giant Rank Group has pitched plans for a new mixed-use leisure development – including a casino – to Belfast City Council, but will require a reversal in Northern Ireland's strict gaming laws if the scheme is to succeed.

Proposals for an £18m leisure and entertainment complex featuring a casino, bars, restaurants, cinema screens, bingo and bowling in Northern Ireland's capital were recently presented to Belfast City Council. The authority has so far main-

tained a poker face on its views of the project, although the country's social development minister Nelson McCausland has laid his cards on the table, saying that he has no plans to legalise casinos in Northern Ireland.

Dan Waugh, Rank Group's strategic development adviser says any such proposals would rely on Belfast City Council's agreement to seek a special dispensation from the Northern Ireland Assembly and additional planning laws allowing it to create its own gambling licence for a casino.

"We want to determine whether or not there is an appetite for a change in the Northern Ireland legislation which would eventually allow for a strictly regulated and monitored gaming operation to anchor a broader entertainment centre," commented Waugh.



An artist's impression of how the Belfast casino might look

The current law, which deems casinos illegal in Northern Ireland, came into effect in 1985. Although plans are in the pipeline to overhaul gaming laws next year, it is believed that this legislation is specifically intended to focus on minimising the harmful effects of gaming.

Northern Ireland is the only area of the UK where casinos are not allowed, although betting shops and slot machines are permitted. Customers can currently stake up to £100 per spin on these games, while Waugh has moved to alleviate the societal concerns surrounding the casino by reportedly indicating that there would be a maximum stake of £5 on the casino games, including poker, roulette and gaming machines. Details: http://lei.sr?a=h4y9C



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# **Activity leaders to reform apprenticeships**

A coalition of leading leisure employers and industry organisations has launched a government-backed programme to revolutionise apprenticeships for the physical activity sector.

Led by Places for People Leisure - in conjunction with CIMSPA and ukactive - the Activity Trailblazer places responsibility for defining apprenticeship standards for PTs and leisure managers in the hands of employers, enabling the industry to streamline training pathways and proactively address skills shortages.

The move follows the government's October 2013 announcement of plans to shake up apprenticeships under the Trailblazers programme, aiming

to make them more rigorous and responsive to the needs of employers. Nationally, apprenticeships schemes support over 500,000 learners and attract in excess of £750m per year in funding. As well as the benefits for employers, sector apprentices will be in line for a more focused programme, with less duplication across units.

The coalition of employers behind the Activity Trailblazer – to be chaired by Places for People Leisure's Richard Millard – includes DLL, Everyone Active, GLL, Carlisle Leisure,



Places for People Leisure's Richard Millard will chair the initiative

Parkwood Leisure, Hilton, 1Life, 1610, Jubilee Hall Trust, ESPH, Fitness Express, Virgin Active, LA fitness and Nuffield Health.

Between October and February, a consultation on the draft standards will be conducted with training providers, awarding organisations and employers. The defined standards for leisure manager and PT apprenticeships will be submitted to the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS). Details: http://lei.sr?a=c4H9D

# Parkour Gens launches coaching course

Parkour Generations has launched new CYQaccredited qualifications to the UK market, enabling personal trainers to capitalise on the thriving activity by offering structured sessions.

Parkour has been growing in popularity across the UK and activity pioneer Sébastien Foucan recently extolled its virtues at ukactive's Flame Conference, noting there's still much gyms and health clubs can learn from the discipline.

There are more than 1,000 parkour professionals already delivering classes worldwide,

however this is the first parkour fitness certification accredited by the CYO in the UK.

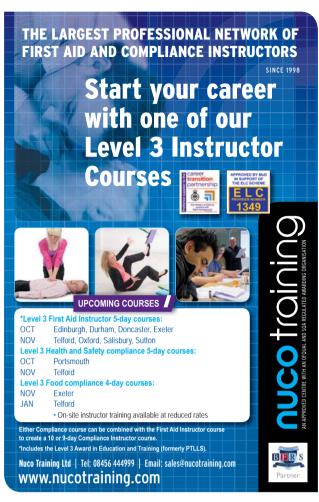
"Parkour is an art of movement, a holistic training discipline that allows for free movement through and over terrain," said co-founder of Parkour Generations Dan Edwardes. "Responding to the speed of its growth and popularity, we recognised the



More than 1,000 parkour professionals are already delivering classes

need to ensure trainers were fully qualified to a high level - ensuring safety and consistency."

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#### **Lifeguard Instructor**

Required: 3 Males

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#### Youth Leader

Required: 3 Male

Salary: £1,500 / month TAX FREE

Three (3) years related working experience. B. S. in Education or Youth Services. Must have experience in coordinating youth programs and activities and must have a valid CPR/First Aid Certificate. Shall be capable of earning the respect of the Saudi Aramco community.

## **Swimming Instructor**

Required: 2 Male & 2 Female

Salary: £1,800-£2,000 / month TAX FREE

Five years related working experience. Full swimming teachers certificate With lifeguard trainer/assessors certificate being an advantage. Must have experience in teaching swimming to all age groups. Be able to maintain on-going training schedules to lifeguards in accordance with the SAUDI ARAMCO lifeguard training modules, Must be competent and experienced at administering a large, comprehensive 'learn to swim' program for all ages and abilities and have patience to handle customers/patrons which will include adults, children and infants. Must have valid lifeguard qualification.

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Required: 2 Male

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#### Golf Coach

Required: 3 Male

Salary: £1,800-£2,000 / month TAX FREE

Five years related working experience. Must have a Diploma/Certificate in related area. Instructor must have a practical and documented experience of at least 5 years in the related field. The Instructors should have references showing his/her competence in training in the respective field. Will be responsible for supervising the course and green-keepers

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Required: 4 (either Male or Female)
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Company: Parkwood Leisure Location: Bicester, UK

#### Support Advisor

Company: City University London Location: London, UK

#### Senior Receptionist

Company: City University London Location: London, UK

#### **Recreation Assistant**

Company: City University London Location: London, UK

#### Freelance Personal Trainer

Company: Everyone Active

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Location: London, UK

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#### Membership Consultant

Company: Everyone Active Location: Nuneaton, UK

#### Sports Development Manager

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#### Assistant General Manager

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#### Customer services assistant

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Company: GLL

Location: Various location, UK

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Company: Pure Gym Limited Location: Poole, UK

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#### Sports Centre Duty Manager

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Company: énergie group Location: Nationwide, UK

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Company: Everyone Active Location: Fareham Leisure Centre, UK

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Company: Legacy Leisure Location: Southend, UK

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Company: Fusion Location: Braintree, UK

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Company: Parkwood Leisure Location: Southend, UK

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#### Company: Everyone Active

Location: Fareham, UK

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Company: Oldham Community Leisure Location: Oldham, UK

#### **Healthy Enfield Coordinator**

Company: Enfield Council Location: Enfield, UK

#### **Assistant Fitness Manager**

Company: Everyone Active Location: Fareham, UK

#### Recreation Assistant

Company: YMCA Club Location: Central London, UK

Company: Legacy Leisure

#### **Duty Manager**

Location: Southend, UK Leisure Manager

#### Company: LED Leisure Management Ltd Location: Sidmouth, East Devon, UK

**Duty Manager** Company: Parkwood Leisure

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Retail Store Manager Company: Fitness Superstore

#### Location: Chelmsford, UK

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#### Location: Aberdeen, UK Women & Girls Activator

Company: GLL Location: South Oxfordshire, UK

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#### Location: St Albans, UK Creche Lead

Company: GLL Location: Thame, UK

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#### Company: énergie group Location: Long Eaton, Nottingham, UK

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#### **Recreation Assistants**

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#### Swimming Teachers x3

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#### Receptionist (full-time)

Company: Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust Location: Selby, UK

#### Fitness Apprenticeship

Company: Ènergie Group Location: Finchley, UK

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#### **Fitness Instructor**

Company: Aspire Leisure Centre Location: Stanmore, UK

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Company: énergie group Location: Preston, UK

#### Speedflex Receptionist

Company: Speedflex

Location: West Byfleet, Surrey, UK

#### Fitness Instructor (part time)

Company: Energie Group Location: Chesham, UK, UK

#### **Duty Manager**

Company: Parkwood Leisure Location: North Solihull, UK

#### Fitness Apprenticeship

Company: Ènergie Group Location: Chesham, UK, UK

#### Sales & Membership Manager

Company: Speedflex Location: Newcastle, UK

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#### **Golf Coach**

Company: MH Barghash Location: Saudi Arabia

#### Fitness Consultant (Supervisor)

Company: MH Barghash Location: Saudi Arabia

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Company: Xercise 4 Less Location: Nationwide, UK

#### Membership Consultant

Company: Xercise 4 Less Location: Nationwide, UK General Manager

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# **Everyman Theatre bags Stirling Prize**

Haworth Tompkins' Everyman Theatre has beaten the likes of the London Aquatic Centre and the Shard to be crowned this year's RIBA Stirling Prize winner.

The London-based practice had to fight off stiff competition from other illustrious firms and their projects including Zaha Hadid's aforementioned Aquatic Centre and Renzo Piano's Shard, as well as Mecanoo's Library of Birmingham, O'Donnell + Tuomey's Saw Swee Hock and Feilden Clegg Bradley

Studios' Manchester School of Art.

More than 4,500 people visited the theatre on its first day alone, with the total figure passing 30,000 since the Everyman opened in March.

Situated in Liverpool, the Everyman was built to replace its 19th century predecessor, formerly an icon for the city. The most eyecatching element of the structure is the main facade, which consists of a large scale piece of public art, with 105 metal sheets showing images of contemporary Liverpool residents.

Speaking at the Stirling Awards, RIBA president Stephen Hodder said: "The success



Haworth Tompkins won the Stirling Prize for the Everyman Theatre

of this exceptional new building lies in the architect's close involvement with the local community throughout the project. This is reflected, not only in the community centred facade, but also through the building's primary use of serving the wider public."

With a total spend of approximately £28m on the overall project - following a decade of planning and construction it appears that the Stirling Prize winner Everyman Theatre has proven to be well worth both the wait and its considerable cost. Details: http://lei.sr?a=y9M9V

# Floating deckway for London cycling?

For how best to cater for cyclists in the UK's capital, more ideas are being "floated" than ever. The latest is the Thames Deckway, a 7-mile (11km) cycle path that would float alongside the banks of London's famed river.

Thames Deckway is a concept proposed by River Cycleway Consortium, which is led by architect David Nixon and environmental entrepreneur Anna Hill, in conjunction with Arup and David Broughton Architects. Running from Battersea to Canary Wharf, the waterside cycle path would decrease journey times by up to 30 minutes, the consortium predicted. One of the downsides of the seven miles of floating decking, which would potentially have to carry thousands of commuting cyclists, would be its prohibitive costs.

At an estimated £600m, the consortium sug-

gested off-setting the costs by charging cyclists

£1.50 per journey. A single Tube journey, by

comparison, currently costs passengers £4.70.

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The proposed floating bikeway passes City Hall

German Dector-Vega, London director for sustainable transport charity Sustrans, expressed concerns. "It's exciting to see innovation and new ideas focused so much on cycling, perhaps for the first time in our generation," he told Leisure Opportunites. "But, despite being well intentioned, this scheme wouldn't provide good value for money." *Details: http://lei.sr?a=d9c5y* 

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