

## Partnering Overseas to Improve Fleet at Home

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Fleet is a global industry. As we pursue improvements in safe and sustainable fleet design, it is critical that we partner far and wide on these changes.

In this spirit, on January 22, DCAS, the City of London Corporation, City of London Police, the City of Montreal, Local Authority Plant and Vehicles (LAPV) Magazine and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) held our fourth annual Future Fleets Forum in London.

Begun as a NYC and London partnership, we were joined this year by fleet leaders from Calgary and Edmonton in Canada and from Dundee, Scotland.

The United Kingdom and Europe were inspirations in our development of the truck side-guard project. We are now working together as we look to expand high vision and electric trucking, like the one shown here, and safety innovations like intelligent speed assistance (ISA).

The forum featured fleet presentations from each city as well as Together for Safer Roads (TSR), Transport for London, and the University of Leeds. There was also a mini-fleet show at historic Guildhall in London with 40 different vendors displaying UK's latest in clean and safe fleet technologies. London also offered a tour and review of their fleet and waste operations.



As much as we took back in best practices from overseas, we also discussed some of our leading efforts. DCAS and NYC Parks presented on our safe and clean fleet transition plans and Paris Apollon gave a very well received presentation on the real world challenges in implementing electric vehicles. NYC Parks also received the international forum's City Mark Award for Fleet Operator of the Year for their leadership in electric and fuel efficient fleet.

Thanks to Member of Parliament Barry Sheerman and Councilman Jeremy Simons for their participation in the awards event and to Rugby World Cup winner Kieran Bracken for his hosting. Special thanks to Ann Marie Knecht, Vincent Dignam, Jason Pidgeon, Arend Mouton, Aidan O'Donovan, and Sheila Moules for all their hospitality and work on this event. Also, special recognition to our fleet partners from around the globe including Peter Binham, Sharon Fleming, Steve Rapanos, Christina Churchill, and Karianne Parent.

We will be posting more from the event and the presentations on our website.

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