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London Leaders' big plans for a greener London Envision Manager named as one of 15 inspirational leaders making a change in 2010

Leaders from all walks of life met at SouthBank venue The Hatfields last night as they launched their plans to make London a greener, more sustainable city in 2010.

The 'London Leaders' programme 2010 was launched with the announcement of 15 individuals from all walks of London life including the voluntary sector, academia, arts and entertainment, charities, environmentalists, sport and health.

Rachel Urquhart, Head of Development at youth empowerment charity Envision, is one of the 15 London Leaders. She plans to run a Young London leaders programme capitalising on the success of the Envision youth leadership programme which has been running in London for the last 10 years. She will establish a 'Future London Group' made up of young people, and coordinate training and development events to make sure these young people are ready to be leaders in sustainable development.

The London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) selects 15 people each year who commit to running projects to help make London a global benchmark sustainable city by 2020.

Each Leader presented their plans for making London more sustainable, through environmental action, economic change or empowering communities during the next 18 months with support from the LSDC.

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, said: "Each year the London Leaders bring to life a fantastic range of initiatives, from creating green roofs to helping fledgling creative businesses get off the ground in tough economic times. I look forward to seeing the 2010 London Leaders make their mark on the capital."

Rachel says, "I know hundreds of young people who are passionate about the future of London and have great ideas to develop their communities. They need support and encouragement to launch their ideas in the same way Envision's London schools programme supports teams of young activists to make a difference. I plan to help launch these young agents for action and their projects with the support of the London Leaders network."

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Envision volunteers support young people to make a change in their community. To learn more about volunteering with Envision, go to www.envision.org.uk/volunteers or speak to **Emily Pickering** on 0207 253 1677 or at Emily@envision.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

Envision

- Envision provides young people with the opportunity to make a difference. The charity was established in 2000 by four young people who wanted to challenge the stereotype that young people are apathetic and disengaged.
- Today Envision's flagship programme supports 16-19 year olds from over 100 schools and colleges in Birmingham, Greater London, Leeds and around the country, helping them design their own local community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change.
- The experience builds confidence, aspirations and skills – inspiring the next generation of young community leaders.
- Envision has been recognised as a GoldStar Exemplar Project for its best practice in recruiting and supporting volunteers.

London Leaders

- **The London Leaders Programme** was set up by the London Sustainable Development Commission and launched in October 2007. The programme brings together 15 sustainability leaders from across London's sectors and from all walks of life, each committing to undertake a project or an action to demonstrate sustainability in action.
- The London Leaders programme aims to inspire, motivate and catalyse change to help realise the vision of London as a world class sustainable city. More information on the London Leaders can be found here:
<http://www.londonsdc.org/londonleaders/default.aspx>

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