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HELPING LONDON TO GO GREENER



MINI ADVENTURE: Marina with an electric model

WE already have ‘Boris bikes’ and electric cars – now Marina Yannakoudakis is working with the Mayor of London’s team to make the capital even greener.

Marina met Boris Johnson’s Environment Advisor Kulveer Ranger at the European Parliament to discuss how to move towards a low-emission transport system in London.

Marina has already explored a prototype of the new greener Routemaster bus and recently took up the chance to check out an electric Mini. She has pledged to work with the Mayor of London’s office to help develop London as an eco-friendly city.

Marina said: “I am keen to see London develop as one of the world’s green cities. The Boris bikes and plans for greener buses show how much progress we are making.”



TEAM: With Kulveer Ranger

Taking health seriously – from headaches to rheumatoid arthritis

HEADACHES are the most common health disorder – and can often prevent people doing their job properly. Yet they are under-diagnosed and under-treated.

Marina, as a member of the European Parliament’s Health Committee (ENVI), met representatives from the World Health Organisation to look into the subject of headache disorders, including migraines and tension-type pain.

Marina also hosted and chaired a session at the European Parliament to raise awareness of rheumatoid arthritis and share best practice when it comes to treatment.



WHAT’S THE CURE? Marina with rheumatoid arthritis sufferers

Marina out and about in London

●**CAMDEN:** Marina saw the Big Society in action during a recent visit to the Hillside Clubhouse community project in Camden.

The club for people with mental health problems is mainly run by its own members who carry out everyday administration and chores.

The club offers companionship, constructive activities and the chance to go out and get a paid job. It has its own canteen and even offers outside catering to local businesses.

Funding from the EU helps pay for the club— so Marina's visit was a chance to see how the money was being spent. She said: "This is one example of very good work locally being supported by EU funding.

●**KENSINGTON:** Marina joined successful by-election candidate Sam Mackover who was standing for Queen's Gate ward of Kensington and Chelsea council after the sad death of Councillor Andrew Dalton, who had diligently served residents since 1994.



BIG SOCIETY: Marina meeting members and staff at Hillside Clubhouse in Camden

Unanimous support for Marina's policy report

MARINA'S report on female entrepreneurship has been adopted unanimously by the Women's Rights Committee of the European Parliament (FEMM).

Members of the committee from all political groups voted to adopt the report which seeks to address poor levels of female entrepreneurship through best practice recommendations.

In September all MEPS will vote on the report in Strasbourg. If it is successful, the report, Women Entrepreneurship in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises will become the official view of the European Parliament.

Marina said: "I am delighted to have the support of colleagues from all political groups. We can achieve far more when we work together to resolve important issues. We must continue to raise awareness of the value of women entrepreneurs."

If you would like to be sent a copy of the report contact: marina.yannakoudakis@europarl.europa.eu

A boost for Cancer Research



ON THE TILLS: Marina helps out behind the counter at the Cancer Research shop in Finchley during her visit

MARINA acknowledged the fantastic work carried out by volunteers working at Cancer Research UK when she visited the charity's shop in North Finchley.

As an MEP, Marina is used to working on promoting the exchange of best practices across Europe related to combating diseases like cancer.

Marina said: "It takes the hard work and dedication of not only scientists and politicians, but also of everyone in society to tackle cancer, so let us continue to work together on this important issue."

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Cyprus declaration wins support

MARINA'S Written Declaration on the Missing Persons of Cyprus achieved majority support during the parliamentary session in Strasbourg – a rare occurrence.

The Committee of Missing Persons and the UK branch of the World Organisation of Young Overseas Cypriots, NEPOMAK, both helped campaign.

Marina said: "I am extremely grateful to MEPs for backing this resolution. It is a good example of how the EU can help achieve tangible benefits for its citizens, not least the 400,000 people in the Greek and Cypriot communities in London."