

RunwayNews

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Welcome

Hello again. Since our last edition, many events have taken place and milestones have been recorded at London City Airport. I am sure you are all aware that the Airport was sold in November 2006 after 10 years of ownership under Dermot Desmond and strong growth in passenger numbers. It was sold to a consortium made up of AIG Financial Products Corp (AIG-FP) and Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP), a joint venture by Credit Suisse and GE Infrastructure. The new owners are keen to work with the existing management team to continue the ongoing success at London City Airport. The year ended on a high, with a record 2.38 million passengers travelling to 34 destinations with 14 airlines.

The last few months have also been filled with many exciting community activities involving Airport employees and our neighbours from the surrounding area. In October employees participated in 'Wear it Pink' day, swapping their usual blue caps for pink caps in support of the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign. At Christmas time, we donated a large 'live' Christmas tree to the eco-garden at St. Luke's Primary School in Canning Town and held our very own Christmas carols concert in the terminal, involving young people from the Newham Music Trust, Eastside Young Leaders Academy and St. Luke's Primary School.

Now that the dreaded winter has arrived; my colleagues who work outdoors face a challenging time; for me, I'm concentrating on keeping myself warm and looking forward to spring, the season of fresh new ideas, and for me, a new project! I will be going on maternity leave from the end of February, at which time Elizabeth Hegarty will be covering my role as Community Relations Manager, and Victoria Jeeves will join the team as Community Relations Executive. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable year and hope it brings you good health, happiness and luck!

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth on 020 7646 0042 or email her at elizabeth@londoncityairport.com or Victoria on 020 7646 0025 or Victoria.Jeeves@londoncityairport.com

Angeline Barnes
Community Relations Manager



Airport Update

A New Chairman Welcomed

London City Airport welcomed their new Chairman, Roy Griffins, in January 2007. Before joining London City Airport, Roy spent the last two years as Director General of Airport's Council International in Brussels. Roy was appointed by the Airport's new owners to work with the existing management team. Richard Gooding, Chief Executive, commented "Roy's commercial experience will be invaluable as the Airport develops over the next few years".

New chairman, Roy Griffins



Record Passenger Numbers

There was reason to celebrate in November 2006 when the busiest month since the Airport opened in October 1987 was recorded. A whopping 222,787 passengers travelled via London City, a 24% increase from the year before. Richard Gooding, Chief Executive predicts, "Looking ahead we are confident that in 2007, passenger numbers will continue to grow". The success during November contributed to the record number of 2.38 million passengers in 2006, again reflecting the Airport's ever growing popularity.

From London City to Italia



The first month of the new year saw another new route for London City Airport. Air One, Italy's first privately owned airline, launched their Rome, Fiumicino service. There are two daily scheduled flights Monday to Friday, with a flight on Saturday and Sunday. Bernard Lavelle, Business Development Deputy Director, is delighted to see Air One extending their route network, "The launch of Rome services demonstrates Air One's commitment to developing a network to serve Italy". So here's to sunshine, pasta and pizza!



London City Airport welcomes Air One

London City Airport Voted Best UK Regional Airport

Readers of 'Buying Business Travel' voted London City Airport the best UK regional Airport in December 2006. London City Airport's concept of saving people time by reducing queuing and check-in times allow passengers to experience a simple, seamless and high-quality travel experience.

Celebrations For our 4 Millionth Passenger

VLM Airlines achieved a milestone in December 2006 after welcoming its 4 millionth passenger through its main hub at London City Airport. This figure highlights the growing popularity of short-haul flights amongst both business and leisure travellers. After joining London City Airport in 1993, VLM now offers services to 10 destinations in the UK and Europe, with an impressive record for quality and efficiency.



Mr Marc Boelens, VLM Airline's Four Millionth Passenger (centre) being seen off in style by (left) Bernard Lavelle, Deputy Director Business Development for London City Airport and (right) Carol Baker, Regional Manager UK at VLM Airlines.

Airbus 318 Returns

Following the successful evaluation flights in May 2006, the Airbus A318 returned to London City Airport in October to perform a series of compatibility tests. Approval for London City Airport will make the Airbus A318 the latest generation airline in the 100-seat class to be able to operate out of the Airport. With the widest and most comfortable cabin, the A318 will bring higher comfort to business routes operating out of the Airport. During this visit the A318 showed that it could meet the steep approach and low noise level requirements at London City Airport, confirming itself as a good neighbour at inner city airports.



Airbus 318 lands at London City Airport

Community Update

Newcomers

The Community Relations team has grown since the last edition of Runway News. Rohima Begum, who is a graduate from Queen Mary University in Tower Hamlets, is on work placement with us until April 2007. She has already participated in and taken charge of several projects and looks forward to many more.

In February 2007, Victoria Jeeves, who was previously on the Airport Graduate Training Scheme, joined the team as the new Community Relations Executive, while Elizabeth Hegarty stands in for Angeline Barnes as Manager. Angeline will be going on maternity leave and we would like to wish her all the best with her new baby.



Rohima Begum and Victoria Jeeves

The Real Santa Claus!

London City Airport prepared for Christmas with St Luke's Primary School by planting a massive 6ft Christmas tree in the school's Eco Garden. This formed part of the school's green environment programme for which they recently won an award – The National Green Flag. Richard Gooding, Chief Executive, demonstrated his gardening skills by helping the children dig the ground to plant the tree. Kwaku, Year Five Eco Group Team Leader said, "Having trees is really important to St Luke's. They provide clean air and help us cut down on pollution". London City Airport has supported St Luke's for many years on various initiatives benefiting many of the students, and it was a pleasure to be able to bring some Christmas spirit this time round.



Richard Gooding (London City Airport), Theresa Aanonson (Head Teacher) and students from St Luke's Primary School

Deck the Terminal with Boughs of Holly...

In true Christmas spirit, passengers and staff at London City Airport were treated to a festive display of choirs from St Luke's Primary School. Theresa Aanonson, Head Teacher said "London City Airport is very much a friend of the school, so when they asked if the children would perform a carol concert, we were only happy to help". As well as St Luke's School, passengers and staff were also entertained by Drew Primary School and Newham Music Trust.

Despite the unusual venue, everyone enjoyed the cheer of Christmas, and the groups raised valuable funds for their chosen charities. On behalf of London City Airport, we would like to thank everyone for taking part and look forward to welcoming them back next year.

Hats Off to London City Airport Staff



Ground Services wear it pink!

Friday 27 October 2006 marked 'Wear it Pink' day, a day when the colour pink conquered the UK. Pink definitely took over the Airport as staff modelled the new one-day uniform – bright pink caps! The 'Wear it Pink' campaign was in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Angeline Barnes, Community Relations Manager, said, "The response to the campaign was great, not just from staff but passengers were also very keen to get involved". On the ramp, it's usually Hi-viz jackets that catch your eye, but for one day only, our passengers got a far brighter sight in the form of pink caps.

As a result, personal donations from staff raised £1000 for the charity.

Airport Volunteers Get Stuck In

Here at the Airport, we encourage employees to volunteer their time and take part in 'Team Challenges'. Since the last edition, we've had a mixed bag of challenges including gardening at Scott Wilkie Primary School and painting a room for the River Christian Centre, plus an extra special challenge for Christmas.



LCY volunteers wish Ascension Church a Merry Christmas

A group of volunteers visited the Ascension Church Centre, Custom House and decorated the Church Hall in time for their Christmas party. It was a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Competition Corner

WIN TWO RETURN FLIGHTS TO ANTWERP FLYING FROM LONDON CITY AIRPORT

To enter all you need to do is answer the question below. Complete your details and post this form to Rohima Begum, London City Airport, Royal Docks, London, E16 2PB, or, hand your completed form in at the Information Desk in the Airport terminal.

Which new European route began in 8 January 2007 from London City Airport?

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| a. Berlin | c. Athens |
| b. Prague | d. Rome |

Name:

Address:

Contact daytime phone number:

Question answer:

Terms and conditions

Competition is not open to employees at London City Airport. Entrants must be aged 18 or over. Flights are on scheduled services with the airline. Flights are return, economy class, non transferable and subject to availability. Should the prize as stated become unavailable, a prize of equal or greater value will be offered. The winner will be chosen at random and notified of the result by email, telephone or mail. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Prize must be booked through the provided contact person at least 3 weeks prior to travel and within 6 months of the winner being announced. Passports, travel insurance and other documentation remain the responsibility of the prize-winner. The promoter is London City Airport Ltd, City Aviation House, Royal Docks, London E16 2PB. Competition opens 19 February 2007 and closes 31 March 2007.

Ascension Eagles Cheerleaders Need You!

Based locally in Custom House, the Ascension Eagles Cheerleaders, who are good friends of London City Airport, are currently fundraising for their trip to the World Championships this year. They not only represent East London, but they also represent the UK. But they need our help to get there...

Please help this fantastic local team live their dream by texting CHEER to 84424. In doing so, you will be donating £1.50 which will go straight towards their fundraising campaign. Your support will help take this team to the top!

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Mr Peter Brooks from Canning Town who answered last edition's competition question correctly. Mr Brooks won two return tickets to Dublin flying from London City Airport.



Peter Brooks collects his winning tickets

A Date for your Diary

After the success of last year's Fun Day, we wouldn't want you to miss it this year. It's tipped to be bigger and better so make sure you're available on 7 July 2007!

Donations

While the Airport's fundraising efforts are focused on Richard House Children's Hospice, we have recently made several donations to local organisations both in Newham and the surrounding boroughs. Some of the groups in receipt of financial donations include Rippleway U9s Football Club, Breast Cancer Campaign, Neighbours in Poplar and Tower Hamlets Community Transport.

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