

## Volunteer wanted for anniversary art

FANCY being part of a special artwork commissioned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Tube?

Art on the Underground is looking for a volunteer to have their photo taken by an artist, which will then be turned into a piece of art to mark a century and a half since the first Underground journey.

The project is part of a range of celebratory events including steam train trips and special edition coin launches (pictured).

The project is open to all UK residents aged over 18. The final artwork, along with the identity of the sitter, will be displayed on the London Underground network later this year.

■ The sitting will take place in early April. Terms and conditions apply. To volunteer, visit [art.tfl.gov.uk](http://art.tfl.gov.uk) by March 20



## Locals get behind plans for new Tube extension

RESULTS from the latest public consultation on proposals to extend the Northern line have confirmed strong support for the planned new Tube link.

The 3km extension from Kennington to Battersea, via Nine Elms, would kick-start regeneration in this area of South London and offer major transport benefits for passengers.

Thousands more people would have access to the Tube network, and journey times to the West End and the City would be cut to around 15 minutes. The extension would also reduce pressure on Vauxhall station and the existing Northern line south of Kennington, and provide wider access to leisure and employment opportunities for local people.

Transport for London (TfL) will finalise the plans ready for an application in the spring for a Transport and Works Act Order to build and operate the extension.



Around three quarters of responses to the consultation were positive or neutral. The main comment, made by almost half of respondents was that the extension was an idea which they supported.

Michèle Dix, managing director of Planning for TfL, said: 'I would like to thank everybody who gave us their views on the proposed Northern line extension.'

'This third public consultation very much confirms that there is, once again, very strong support for this transport link

that will help regenerate Vauxhall and Nine Elms and support up to 25,000 jobs and 16,000 new homes.

If planning approval is obtained from the Government, and a funding package is in place then construction of the Northern line extension could begin in 2015 with the two new stations opening in 2020.

■ For more information about the extension and consultation, plus TfL's responses to key issues, go to [tfl.gov.uk/nle](http://tfl.gov.uk/nle)

## Bright ideas for better transport



DO you have an innovative idea that could help improve the capital's transport network?

Transport for London (TfL) has launched a new section on its website where people can submit potential solutions to future challenges. Ideas will be reviewed by a team of technical experts and rated according to their potential impact, level of innovation and ease of use.

It is part of wider drive to encourage the development of new technology as work continues to modernise London's transport.

It is hoped the best submitted ideas could help TfL achieve faster, more frequent and reliable services, cut the cost and disruption of improvement works, and be more green.

■ Log on and submit ideas at [tfl.gov.uk/innovation](http://tfl.gov.uk/innovation)

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