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Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring newsletter for CarShare2Cardiff.com

CarShare2Cardiff has
1000 members!



Carshare2Cardiff has recently celebrated signing up its 1000th member! Cardiff Council's journey sharing scheme has been growing steadily since it was first launched as a pilot project for County Hall in 2005. Reaching this milestone is a reflection of ongoing popularity of Carshare2Cardiff and also the support of its member organisations. Well done!

New CarShare2Cardiff member!



Carshare2Cardiff is very pleased to introduce its newest member organisation, WJEC. WJEC, the eighth organisation to join Carshare2Cardiff, is committed to encouraging staff to travel by environmentally friendly means and see their membership as a key way of achieving this. Staff based at WJEC's three sites (Western Avenue, Cathedral Road and Treforest) will be able to search for journey share partners using the scheme. The WJEC has recently moved to occupy Phase 1 of its prestigious new offices. The car share scheme has been introduced to address the loss of parking capacity as

a result of ongoing onsite developments and to support its Travel Plan initiative. The scheme will be promoted through payslips and posters. Lockers and shower facilities have been incorporated in the new building so staff using active modes can now make full use of these. The introduction of covered cycle racks will take place early on in the construction of Phase 2 which is due to start within the next month. The WJEC will be implementing a salary sacrifice scheme with Cyclesolutions. A road show by Cyclesolutions will take place on the 1st June 2009 which will mark the start of the scheme.

UWIC News CarShare2UWIC



UWIC's car share scheme is being relaunched in September 2009 to target the new student intake and maintain the high profile of the scheme. In particular, students from the local area who are not living on campus will be directed towards CarShare2Cardiff to find potential sharers for their journeys to the sites. New tamper proof permits will be issued to assist with monitoring the scheme.

Bike2UWIC



The latest purchase window for the Salary Sacrifice Scheme will be running for 4 weeks with the maximum spend up to £1,000. The scheme has been expanded so staff on fixed term contracts are now able to take advantage of purchasing a cycle at reduced cost. A 'Bike2UWIC' free breakfast week will be held in June in support of National Bike Week.

Other events such as a Llandaff Campus to Castell Coch bike ride will also be held during Bike Week week. A Pilot Scheme is being introduced at Howard Gardens campus, which will include pool bikes for the use of staff, Dr Bike sessions and cycle training. If successful, the scheme will potentially be rolled out to all campuses. Cycle shelters across all campuses now have reinforced security, with the introduction of swipe card access. The BUG group is continuing to grow and now boasts 193 members, which equates to 14% of all UWIC staff.

UWIC Rider

Sales of the UWIC Rider have now surpassed all previous records with over 2000 bus passes purchased. The duration of the pass has now been extended by 5 weeks, making it valid for 10 months of the year on any Cardiff Bus. A Salary Sacrifice Scheme for UWIC employees purchasing Staff Riders is being introduced in September 2009.

UWIC Travel Survey
UWIC's bi-ennial Staff Travel Survey was circulated in April, with

the Student Travel Survey following in May. The Travel Surveys provide key information which is used with both the ongoing monitoring and development of the UWIC Travel Plan.

Walk2UWIC

The first Walk2UWIC event is being held in June, with participants provided with a free breakfast each day they walk throughout the week. Free pedometers will also be issued to participants. UWIC will be entering 30 places in the Autumn 10k Kidney Research run and will be encouraging staff to run to work as part of their training for this event.

WMC News

Wales Millennium Centre will hold a Cycle Awareness Day on the 25th June. This is the second year that the Centre's Bicycle User Group has organised such an event. Last year's activities, with the co-operation of Cycling Training Wales, proved to be a huge hit. This year the group will organise a Dr Bike Session, a bacon and coffee morning for those who ride to work, advise on cycling (e.g. on routes and safe cycling) and a group ride in the evening. It is hoped by organising a day,

not only for the Centre’s own staff but also for the staff of our resident companies, that it will raise the profile of cycling and the health and financial benefits that it brings.

Hyder News

A review of the car sharing spaces is currently being undertaken to further increase the number of car sharers and to continue to improve the parking situation on site. Hyder will also be celebrating National Liftshare Day on 9 June and Bike Week from 13 to 21st June.

National Assembly for Wales Membership of

Carshare2Cardiff is increasing, with the scheme being promoted to staff through events and regular communications. The National Assembly’s Cycle to Work scheme has also just been launched, with a week of events which included a display of bikes in the staff canteen.

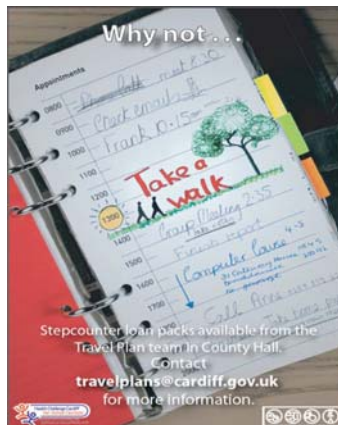
Velindre NHS Trust

The Velindre Cancer Centre scheme now has seven car sharing groups, with 82 members in total and more anticipated when new parking permit arrangements are introduced. Whilst the main staff car park in Velindre Cancer Centre is being upgraded, the car sharers will be asked to park in the temporary car park at

Whitchurch Hospital along with other members of staff. However, dedicated car sharer bays for members of staff are likely to be introduced when the car park is completed.

Cardiff Council News

A Step Counter loan scheme has been rolled out and has proved very popular with staff from across the Council, at several different sites. Staff can borrow a step counter for six weeks to try to increase their walking levels. The launch of this coincided with the first Walk to Work Week, which was held between 27 April - 1 May.



To support the pool bike schemes at City Hall and County Hall, one-to-one cycling skills training and cycle maintenance training has been made available for staff.

The new City Hall cycle shelter is now open and available for cyclists to use. The pool bike scheme at City Hall has also been launched, providing Council employees based at City Hall with access to cycles for both business and leisure use.

The first buying window for the Council’s Cycle To Work scheme was held in February, with over 150 from across staff across Cardiff Council taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase bikes and cycling equipment at reduced cost.



Cycle training at County Hall

Sustainable Travel City
Cardiff has been named as Wales's first Sustainable Travel City. Funding from the Welsh Assembly and Cardiff Council is to be used to support public transport, walking and cycling through developments such as the Pont-y-Werin bridge linking Penarth and the International Sports Village and a 'Paris Style' free bike scheme for the city. An operator has been appointed and it is hoped it will be launched in the Autumn.

Welsh Assembly's Physical Activity Strategy launch
Several Cardiff Council employees who have benefited from the Council's Active Travel programme turned out to help with the launch of the consultation on the Welsh Assembly's Physical Activity Action Plan, which aims to encourage people across Wales to be more active. The Action Plan highlights the need to incorporate physical activity in our daily lives, with walking and cycling seen as ideal ways of achieving this.



Heritage Minister Alun Ffred Jones and Chief Medical Officer, Tony Jewell at County Hall for the launch of the Assembly's Physical Activity Action Plan

Bike week

New Poster

Log on to Carshare2Cardiff to find someone to share your 10,000 steps with!



Useful Information:

Planning for Travel:

Traveline Cymru: www.traveline-cymru.info (tel. 0871 200 22 33)

Walking and cycling:

Sustrans: www.sustrans.org.uk

Cycle Cardiff: www.cyclecardiff.org.uk

Ramblers: www.ramblers.org.uk/wales/

Walking for Health Cardiff: www.cardiffwalkingforhealth.org

Outdoor Cardiff: www.cardiff.gov.uk/outdoorcardiff

Travel Plans:

www.cardiff.gov.uk/travelplans or www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk

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