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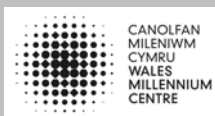
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Welcome to the Summer newsletter For CarShare2Cardiff.com

Sharing your journey to work can help you to save money and help to reduce parking congestion at your work place. You can share journeys by walking, cycling, and public transport as well as car by using this site.

CarShare2Cardiff is Cardiff Council's bi-lingual Journey Share Scheme. The scheme provides its members with a simple way to find a journey companion.

Share your route!

Remember that you can opt to share with employees from both your own and other member organisations who or work

live along the same route you take to work. For instance, by ticking the 'share with members from other organisations' option, employees from Cardiff Council's County Hall site could find a match with members from the WMC, or even from Velindre Hospital if it is on their route to work!

UWIC News



Travel Month.

UWIC plan to launch their Travel Plan during October with a comprehensive series of events to support it. These include the Cycle2Work Scheme, Walk2Work week (free pedometers), and may also include a 'free bus week' and their Vice Chair and Governors participating in the UWIC Rider. There will also be a Car Share Day ('try it once'), and several other schemes.

CarShare2UWIC



This year parking will be even tighter at the UWIC

Llandaff Campus, due to the construction on site. In order to help ease the situation UWIC will be having a major push on encouraging new car share members and existing members to form groups. UWIC Travel Plan Coordinator Menna Hawkins will be contacting existing members with suggestions for sharing partners. As in previous years, the number of spaces will be increased in line with demand from both students and staff.

UWIC Rider



This year the Rider will be operating with an extra service dedicated to run between Roath/Cathays to Llandaff Campus on a loop, providing a service to Llandaff on average every 20 minutes. Rider routes have also been streamlined and will now call directly at or near to a further 4 private halls of residence where UWIC students reside.

To encourage the take-up of staff passes, application forms will be included in payslips and will be supported by the UWIC Staff Travel

Guide. The Staff Travel Guide will be distributed to all 1400 staff via payslips in September, along with the Rider application form.

Cycle2UWIC

There will be a second offer of free breakfasts towards the end of September for those who cycle to work. June's promotion saw 99 members of staff request vouchers and it is hoped that this interest will be repeated. There has been a significant rise in the number of new cyclists through this initiative and car parks have been noticeably quieter and cycle parking busier.

To support the Cycle2UWIC event a second cycle purchase window under the Governments Cycle To Work Scheme will take place in October. Following staff feedback UWIC hopes to be able to increase the individual purchase limit to £1000.

Staff and Student BUG



The Staff Bicycle User Group will launch their new logo in October. Another covered, all weather, swipe access

stand is to be installed before September at Llandaff Campus. This will provide parking 40 cycles. UWIC has begun a process to initiate a student Bicycle User Group this year with the first meeting taking place during the new term. Accommodations and Travel Plan Manager Neil Woollacott will Chair the first meeting and will hand over to the students, encouraging them to take ownership of the group.

Student Travel Guide

The guide has been updated following its huge success last year and again will be sent to every UWIC student during the last week of August explaining why they do not need to bring a car with them. This year UWIC has included a "Bring this with you to the WOW to enter the competition" section to encourage students to bring their guides with them and use the contact details whilst at UWIC.



WOW

The Vice Chancellors Address (WOW) is being held on September 22nd and transport issues will be have a key presence.

A large stand with graphics covering all areas of transport in relation to UWIC will be in place and prizes to students bringing their Student Travel Guides will be given away. The prizes include 4 mountain bikes (with helmets), ipods, pedometers, and fast tents. Cardiff Bus and Traveline will be on hand and a cycle supplier will also be present to give a comprehensive approach on travel issues. **Course Introductions.** Menna Hawkins will be giving 10 minute presentations at many of the UWIC School introductions to first years, outlining the transport options available to students.

WMC News



The Wales Millennium Centre are now live on the journey share scheme. Employees were invited to attend an awareness session given by Cardiff Council in late July, which was well attended. The scheme will now be expanded to include employees from its member organisations and details about their scheme can be obtained by contacting the WMC Journey Share Administrator via carshareadmin@wmc.org.uk

Hyder News



CarShare2Cardiff at the Hyder Consulting Offices in St Mellon's has taken a step forward with the allocation of designated, marked Car Share Bays at its offices. The 5 proposed spaces, which will be for sole use of employees at Hyder, will be located close to the main entrance of the offices and will be in place during late summer.

New Member!



Velindre NHS Trust
 Welcome to Velindre Hospital, our newest member to the scheme. Velindre Hospital is based in Whitchurch in Cardiff and specialises in Cancer Care. Their Travel Plan is shortly to be approved by the Welsh Assembly Government which requires all NHS Hospitals to produce a Travel Plan. The Hospital, which is undergoing a number of improvements that will enhance patient care, is encouraging all its staff to consider how they travel to work each day and make the effort to leave their cars at home wherever possible.



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They believe that Journey Sharing is one of the options that can facilitate increased uptake of sustainable travel by their employees and would encourage as many employees as possible to join the scheme.

Cardiff Council News



The new look website has now been available for a month and the Welsh language upgrade is now live. Members and potential members can access the Welsh site via rhannuceircaerdydd.com.

Increase your chances!

The journey share database continues to grow. Remember that you can increase your opportunities for a match by allowing the system to search for employees from nearby organisations. This applies to all scheme members looking for a journey share match.

Barrage Cycle Path -
Cyclists commuting from the Penarth area to Cardiff and Cardiff Bay in particular have welcomed the opening of the final link of the Cardiff Bay Coastal Barrage Path.

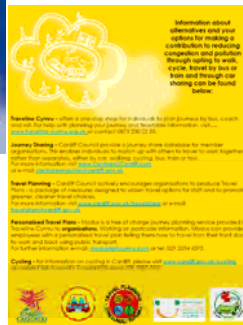


Cardiff Bay Barrage Official Opening by Jane Davidson AM

The path is currently open between 8 am and 8 pm daily. Initially winter opening times may be reduced to take account of health and safety issues in the darker evenings. This situation is subject to review by the Welsh Assembly Government.

European Mobility Week
Cardiff Council is once again inviting members of CarShare2Cardiff.com to make the pledge to leave their cars at home during European Mobility Week on at least one day.

You can find out how easy alternative travel can be by following the links in the 'Useful Information' box below, or by downloading the flier from the website.



New Poster!

Look out for the new Journey Share Poster. Why not encourage friends and colleagues to join the scheme? Remember that sharing your journey can have positive benefits for you, our City and for the planet!

Useful Information:

Road Safety Information: www.roadsafety.cardiff.gov.uk

Travel Companies Direct:

Cardiff Bus: www.cardiffbus.com

Arriva Trains: www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk

National Rail Network: www.nationalrail.co.uk (tel. 08457 48 49 50)

Planning for Travel:

Traveline Cymru: www.traveline-cymru.org.uk

Other Sources:

BBC Travel Links: www.bbc.co.uk/wales/southeast/travel

Information about writing Travel Plans:

Web: www.cardiff.gov.uk/travelplans - e-mail: travelplans@cardiff.gov.uk

Information about the Council's Transport Strategy: www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk