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CarShare2Cardiff
survey winner!

Welcome to the Summer newsletter
for CarShare2Cardiff.com



Photo from
left Gail
Bodley-Scott,
Sue Proctor
and Miriam
Highgate.

“The Car Share Scheme is a godsend, especially during school term time where spaces in our main car park can be hard to find”
Sue, ipod winner.

The 2009 survey had a very good response rate, with nearly 150 members taking the time to provide feedback. The survey returned some interesting results Over half of respondents were active car sharers. Dedicated car sharer parking spaces and wanting to reduce their environmental impact were the most popular reasons for members joining the scheme. Over 95% of respondents said they would recommend car sharing to others!

New CarShare2Cardiff
member!



CarShare2Cardiff is very pleased to introduce its newest member organisation, Taff Housing Association. Taff, the ninth organisation to join CarShare2Cardiff, is a community based Housing Association with over 1000 homes in Cardiff, as well as a range of specialist supported housing projects and community based support services in Cardiff, The Vale and Newport. Taff's Regeneration & Sustainability group has identified reducing

car usage across staff within all projects as one of its aims and sees promoting car sharing as important in achieving this.

A number of other initiatives are also being supported, including two pool bikes which enable staff to cycle to tenant visits and meetings; a bicycle repayment scheme and showers & lockers for staff use. As well as focusing on transport reduction, the Regeneration & Sustainability group is also working on a number of different projects, such as achieving Green Dragon award level 2 and providing energy efficiency workshops for tenants. Taff are promoting the Car Share Scheme by asking staff to partake in a car share day each month, which will demonstrate to staff the ease and benefits of sharing. This will hopefully encourage staff to continue sharing after the car share day.

UWIC News CarShare2UWIC



The car share scheme has gone from strength to strength throughout the 2009/08 Academic Year with 334 members of staff (95) and students (238) now being registered at

www.carshare2cardiff.com

This makes UWIC the second largest car share operator in South Wales, second only to Cardiff Council. There are 75 active groups, consisting of 53 student groups and 22 staff groups.

Bike2UWIC



A third purchase window in the Governments Cycle to Work Scheme was held in May with the total spend increased to £1000 per employee. The total number of employees who have purchased a bicycle is now 77 which in turn is 5.2% of all

staff. In June the Bike User Group helped arrange a staff lunchtime cycle from Llandaff Campus to Castel Coch along the Taff Trail in support of UWIC's Health & Well Being week. The event was a considerable success with thirteen participants all completing the 45 minute cycle to and from the castle. The BUG also arranged a Bicycle Healthcheck for students and employees. Two Pool Bikes have been purchased and a scheme launched at Howard Garden by the Cardiff School of Art & Design. This was introduced alongside relevant training provided by Cycle Training Wales to ensure that staff could safely travel via bicycle. The Travel Plan Assistant, Menna Hawkins, has undertaken cycling proficiency training and has qualified to be able to teach students and staff how to cycle safely on the road. A programme of cycle proficiency training is scheduled for 2009/10 Academic Year. Menna will be offering to meet staff at their home address and cycle with them to their workplace.

UWIC Rider

The validity of the Rider pass has been increased by a further 5 weeks in response to student demand. It will now allow access to all of Cardiff Buses within Cardiff from September 1st 2009 to 30th June 2010.

From September 14th UWIC staff will be able to use the Rider for free travel between campuses on work related business between the hours of 9am and 5pm by just producing their ID card.

Walk2UWIC

Following the success of the BUG breakfast, the scheme has been enlarged to reward those members of staff who chose to walk to work with a free healthy or cooked breakfast. This promotion attracted 42 walkers. All participants in any Walk2UWIC event have been given a UWIC pedometer to help individuals track their progress via distance travelled and calories burnt.

Hyder News

Hyder will shortly be carrying out a staff travel survey and a review of their travel plan.

National Assembly for Wales

NAfW are also planning a staff travel survey. The cycle to work scheme continues to have a good take up with employees taking up the opportunity. Ongoing feasibility studies looking into potential pool car provision are also being carried out.

WJEC

Developments on the WJEC site are continuing, with the first phase of their new car park now complete. Prior to the completion of the next phase of the car park, a travel questionnaire will be circulated which will provide a new set of regulations for staff with regard to parking, giving a greater emphasis on car sharing or other alternative forms of transport. Visitors are being encouraged to choose an alternative form of transport or to care share. In June, the WJEC launched its "Cyclesolutions" cycle to work scheme. It was extremely well received with a large number of enquiries. Eight members of staff availed themselves of new bicycles and there are plans to run the scheme again in November.

WMC

On 25th June, Wales Millennium Centre held its annual Bike to Work Day. Thanks to support from the Sports Council for Wales, Cycle Training Wales were on hand to dispense advice on commuting to work by bike and also held a Dr Bike workshop for Centre and resident organisation employees to come and have their bikes checked and serviced. The event was organised by the Centre's Bike User Group and was held to provide support and advice about commuting by bike to almost 1000 people who are employed directly by the Centre and its eight resident organisations. Sustrans have been very happy to work with the Wales Millennium Centre on their active travel initiatives over the past few years. Said Lee Waters, 'Their work to promote cycling amongst staff and

residents groups at the Centre has been exemplary, with the increased cycle storage facilities showing their genuine commitment to helping people travel in a sustainable and healthy way. Their initiatives in support of these facilities, including provision of cycle lessons and bike maintenance through Cycle Training Wales have been a great success, as is the ongoing and important work of their Bicycle User Group. We are looking forward to continued work with Wales Millennium Centre, including plans to feature the centre as a case study on the website, and to collaborate on monitoring and evaluation of their initiatives."



Cardiff Council News

A Travel Plan for Brindley Road and Bessemer Close has approved following staff consultation. Dr Bike visited Cardiff Council during Bike Week to offer a free cycle health check. The event proved very popular with staff, with both 'Doctors' (cycle mechanics from Cycle Training Wales) kept very busy.



Sustainable Travel City Grants

As part of the Sustainable Travel City initiative, grants of up to £10,000 are being offered to help organisations across Cardiff fund measures which support sustainable travel and help to develop and implement their Travel Plans.

Applying:

Letters and application packs are available from www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk.

The Active Travel Toolkit, produced by Sustrans Cymru, contains useful information and ideas about possible initiatives to consider when applying for the grant. The Toolkit can be downloaded from the Sustrans website at: www.sustrans.org.uk/what-we-do/active-travel/teithio-byw-cymru-active-travel-cymru

Closing dates:

There will be three opportunities to apply for funding. The closing date for the first round of funding is **30th September**, for the second round it is **30th October** and for the third round, **30th November**.

Sustainable Travel City News

Work is progressing towards the launch of Cardiff's 'Free Bike' scheme, following the appointment of a preferred Provider. The launch of the scheme is planned for the Autumn.

New Poster

Log on to Carshare2Cardiff to find a new journey sharer for the new school year!

Useful Information:

Sustrans Cymru's Active Travel Toolkit:

www.sustrans.org.uk/what-we-do/active-travel/teithio-byw-cymru-active-travel-cymru

Travel Plans:

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

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