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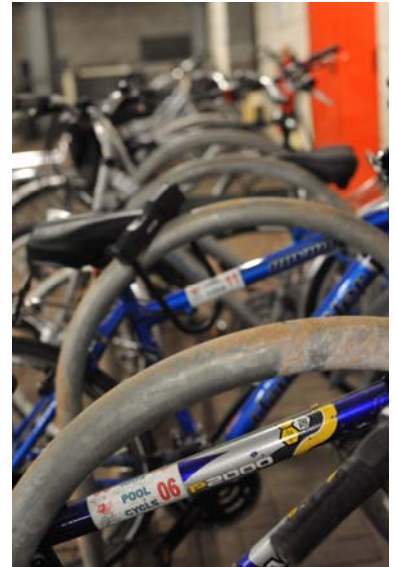
Welcome to the Winter newsletter for CarShare2Cardiff.com

New CarShare2Cardiff
member!



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CarShare2Cardiff is very pleased to introduce its newest member organisation, Voluntary Action Cardiff. Voluntary Action Cardiff (VAC), the eleventh organisation to join CarShare2Cardiff, is the County Voluntary Council (CVC) for Cardiff. It is a membership organisation which is open to all voluntary and community organisations (known as the third sector) in Cardiff. VAC's mission is to promote social justice by supporting the development of a vibrant and flourishing Third Sector in Cardiff. All organisations that are members of VAC are able to join the VAC Carshare2Cardiff group.



Sustainable Travel City Travel Plan Grants

The third round of the Keeping Cardiff Moving Grants received a large number of applications from a broad range of organisations. UWIC, Eglwys Newydd Primary School, Cwrt yr Ala Junior School, Atkins, St Patrick's Primary School, Bryn Deri Primary School, Gabalfa Primary School, Trelai Primary School, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, St Francis Primary School, Ninian Park Primary School, Cathays



New Feature!

Carshare2Cardiff has a new feature! The system now has an 'Events' facility which supports the use of the site for one off journeys such as meetings. Events (e.g. meetings) can be added to the system. Individual members can then register a journey to any of these events using the 'Journeys' tab on their home page and then following the 'Events' tab. If you wanted to make use of this facility and would like to a particular event to be registered, please contact the Carshare Administrator on carshareenquiries@cardiff.gov.uk.

High School, Baden Powell Primary School, Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Environment Agency Wales and Coleg Glan Hafren have all been awarded funding for measures including cycle storage, marketing campaigns promoting sustainable travel, a weekly student 'Shopper Bus' and pool bikes. Congratulations

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The second buying window for the cycle to work scheme was successful, with a number of staff from across the Council purchasing new cycles. A third window is planned for the summer.

Cardiff Council is continuing to work on its Green Dragon Award. The Environmental Management Action Programme is currently being reviewed and will contain a number of travel and

transport related actions, such as measuring the carbon footprint of the Council's fleet vehicles. We are also awaiting the results of an Energy Saving Trust Green Fleet Review which was carried out at the end of last year.

National Assembly for Wales

Travel Survey

The survey was live for a 3 week period over November and December 2009, via an online format. The response rate was excellent with 51% of all staff completing the survey. The results have been analysed and generated into a report and the findings are now being used to create relevant initiatives and promote those forms of sustainable travel that

staff indicated were the most popular alternatives to using the car.

Pool Car

The Assembly now has a brand new pool car for staff use. The Fiesta EOnetic emits only 98g/km CO₂ and has better fuel efficiency than a hybrid!

It is also so environmentally friendly that it has 'nil' tax. The pool car will be available to staff from 15th February and will be promoted in preference to using a hire car but always after considering the hierarchy of business travel which promotes not travelling at all firstly, using video/tele conferencing for the meeting, walking or cycling to the meeting or travelling by public transport.

Hire Car Contract

The Assembly has recently awarded a new hire car contract and in an effort to reduce their carbon footprint, the successful supplier does not have a car in its fleet over 160g/km CO₂. We also promote the use of small cars where possible. Once again, the travel hierarchy as outlined above applies.

Cycle to work scheme

The cycle to work scheme continues to grow in popularity with more staff and Assembly Members



applying for bikes through the scheme.

WJEC CBAC News

The WJEC is in its final stages of decanting to Phase 2 of its new building. This will mean an extra 35 staff working at Western Avenue. Most WJEC staff have now completed a travel questionnaire which should enable management to have a clearer view of the transport issues staff encounter getting to work, and in turn, will enable a clearer view on what alternative transport means are available to be used.

After the second cycle scheme buying window run by Wheelies Direct a few additional staff have taken the plunge. A further purchasing opportunity will be available in May/June 2010. The new secure bicycle shelter has been fully installed and all who use it have been very impressed; this should also help encourage staff to "bike it" on a more frequent basis.

UWIC News

The recently launched UWIC Shopper is proving to be a huge success. The free bus service takes students from their halls of residence or student houses to a supermarket on Western Avenue.



Funded by a Keeping Cardiff Moving Grant, the service runs between 6pm and 10pm every Tuesday evening. The route encompasses all UWIC student halls, while also travelling through the main student areas in Roath and Cathays. The service is free for all students, whether they are studying at UWIC, Cardiff University or the University of Glamorgan. All that's needed to board is a student ID card. Research shows 1 in 4 students are car owners and that one of the main reasons they bring their car to University is to assist with their weekly Shopping. The UWIC Shopper service aims to encourage more students to leave their cars at home by providing them with an alternative. More information about the UWIC Shopper is available from www.uwic.ac.uk/uwicrider.

Coleg Glan Hafren

CGH have been awarded funding through the Keeping Cardiff Moving grants to provide cycle parking at their Trowbridge site and also cycle training for staff. This supports existing initiatives such as the cycle to work scheme.

Walk to Work Week

Walk to Work Week (April 26- 30) is an ideal opportunity to promote active travel. The theme for this year is 'get fit without the hassle'. The organisation Walking Works are offering an online tool (available at www.walkingworks.org.uk from the beginning of April) to track the impact of the Week and enable individual employees to track their own progress. Walking Works also offers

free online resources (e.g. posters). They have set five challenges for this year's Walk to Work Week:

1. Try walking all or part of the way to work
2. Try walking all or part of the way home from work
3. Hold a walking meeting
4. Walk all or part of the way to a meeting
5. Take a walk during your lunch break

Sustainable Travel Events

Taking part in sustainable travel events is a great way to raise awareness and promote your travel plan. Other events promoting active and sustainable travel which are coming up include:

- Bike to School Week**
April 26th - 30th
- Walk to School Week**
May 17th - 21st
- National Work from Home Day**
May 15th
- Bike Week**
June 13th - 21st

A calendar of active and sustainable travel events dates is available from www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk/travelplans.

New Poster

Log on to Carshare2Cardiff to find someone to share your journey with and to cut your travel costs!



Useful Information:

Planning for Travel:

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

Walking and cycling:

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

Travel Plans:

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

Cardiff Bike:

www.OYBIke.com

Cycle to work Schemes:

www.dft.gov.uk/sustainable/cycle/cycletoworkguide

Cycle Solutions:

www.cyclesolutions.co.uk/ccs

Walk to Work Week:

www.walkingworks.org.uk