



Newsletter

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CTAI takes over responsibility for CTAIS staff

THE Community Transport Association of Ireland (CTAI) has taken over responsibility for employing the staff of the Community Transport Advice & Information Service (CTAIS) from the beginning of 2007.

As a result of this and the range of activities being funded in addition to the CTAIS, the CTAI has restructured the

staff team and recently recruited two new members of staff.

The staff team now comprises Graham Lightfoot (Projects Manager), Damien O'Neill (Advice & Information Officer), Celia Killeney (Advice & Information Officer) and Anita Conlon (Project Assistant). Damien and Celia will be job sharing their position to give full-time

coverage on advice, information and training. Graham and Anita will be working part-time.

Graham is responsible for managing the staff team, and co-ordinates the CT Training Network (see Newsletter 3 - Autumn 2006) and the research study on cross border local transport services (see Newsletter 4 - Winter 2006). ■

New members of staff at CTAI

Celia Killeney has joined the CTAI as Advice & Information Officer (Job share) and will commence work on 1 March. Celia lives near the CTAI office, has a Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) and has managed Community Employment Schemes in Dublin and Co. Cavan for the past 9 years.

Anita Conlon has joined the CTAI as Project Assistant (Part-time) and commenced work on 29 January. Anita is from Clones, Co. Monaghan, has undertaken support work for the Department of Community & Enterprise at Monaghan County Council and has a BA in Rural Development. ■



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Events

CTAI AGM 2007

Thursday, 8 February

RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin

Seminar on Integrated Transport Solutions

Thursday, 8 February

RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin

Access & Mobility Exhibition 2007 9 & 10 February

RDS, Dublin

CTAI Regional Training Days 2007

Friday, 9 February, RDS, Dublin

Thursday, 29 March, Limerick City

Wednesday, 30 May, Cavan

Sustainable Community

Transport 2007 (Part of Convergence)

Friday, 20 April

Dublin City Centre

EASILIFT & RANT secure funding for D Licence training

EASILIFT, the rural community transport provider for the Strabane area, Rural Areas Networking Together (RANT) in Raphoe, Co. Donegal and St. Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource Centre, St. Johnston, Co. Donegal have secured funding for their "Drive to Employment" Training Programme, which will take place consecutively over the next sixteen months. The Programme is funded by the EU INTERREG IIIA Programme Ireland/Northern Ireland and is available to individuals from the Strabane District Council area and East Donegal area. The first stage has



already commenced and involves 30 participants (15 North and 15 South) training towards the PCV D Licence, along with additional training in Child

Protection, First Aid, Interview & Application Skills and Digital Tacograph Familiarisation, this will enable successful participants to drive passenger carrying vehicles with up to 52 seats. The second course is due to start later this year and will also involve 30 participants (15 North and 15 South) training towards the PCV D Licence. For additional information please contact Ashley Wray, Training Co-ordinator at Easilift on 028 7188 3282 (from N.I.) or 048 7188 3282 (from R.O.I.) or alternatively via email at ashley@easilift.com. ■

Community Transport Training Network

TRAINING PROVIDED by the Community Transport Training Network (CTTN) commenced in November 2006 when 12 trainees attended the first session of the course for Social Audit Technicians at the CTAIS office in Stradone, Co. Cavan. This Certificate course is accredited by the Institute of Social Auditing of Ireland and is being run by Partas. The 12 trainees were from 6 community transport organisations in the Republic of Ireland and 6 of the rural community transport partnerships in Northern Ireland. In addition to the CTAI, the groups represented on the course are Rural LIFT, SW Cavan RTI, Laois TRIP, Wicklow Rural Transport, Síob Teo from the Republic and Armagh

Rural Transport, Rural Link (Mid Tyrone), Rural LIFT for SW Fermanagh, Accessible Community Travel Services, Dungannon & District Community Transport and FAST from Northern Ireland.

Five trainees successfully completed a training course for Passenger Assistant Trainers, which was held in St. Munchin's Community Centre, Limerick City over four days in January 2007.

The successful individuals are Mary Caffrey (St. Gabriel's Centre, Limerick), Anne Kildea (Enable Ireland Clare), Donal Hurley (Enable Ireland Cork), Tony O'Donnell and Quentin Imbusch (both from Enable Ireland Limerick). Training was delivered by Tony Regan of

Transport & Mobility Consultants Ireland, the CTAUK's only accredited training agent in the Republic of Ireland for MiDAS and PATS. Training material used during the course has been "localised" for use in the Republic of Ireland.

The CTTN comprises nearly 40 organisations throughout Ireland and is funded under the Training Links Programme, which is administered by The Wheel on behalf of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. CTTN training will be delivered until the end of May at various locations around Ireland. For more information click on www.communitytransport.ie ■

ELTIS web site is re-launched

www.eltis.org the web site of ELTIS – European Local Transport Information Service has been re-launched and updated. ELTIS is an initiative of the Clean Transport and Sustainable Development Unit at the European Commission's Directorate General for Energy and Transport.

The aim of ELTIS is to provide information and support a practical transfer of knowledge and exchange of experience in the field of urban and regional transport in Europe. It gives the user the opportunity to explore best practices from European cities and regions, to search for specific transport solutions and to be informed about the state of the art in a given transport application. In turn this should help create a more sustainable living environment, one which provides greater accessibility and mobility to its inhabitants.

ELTIS contains:

News flashes offering a regular round up of the latest transport news at local, regional and European levels.

Details of upcoming **events** in the field of urban transport with on-line registration facilities for the events where possible.

EU Initiatives and Policies providing access to relevant papers, communications and initiatives defining the framework for further action in this field on national, regional and local levels. Summary information is available in each case, with links available for further information.

Calls and tenders contains information on future research activities and calls for proposals.

A **Contacts Directory** containing contact information for selected organisations and institutions active in the field of urban



transport, and also gives information on how to contact EC officials.

Case Studies providing facts and illustrations on urban and regional transport activities in Europe. The ELTIS database incorporates an ever-growing number of transport case studies, concepts and documentation and bibliographical references, which can be found by using pre-selected specifications. A wide range of topics is covered, but the main emphasis is on practical approaches. The case studies are grouped under the following categories:

Clean and energy-efficient vehicles

Cycling

Demand management and pricing

Flexible mobility services

Integration, intermodality,

organisation of transport

Mobility management & travel

awareness

Public passenger transport

Safety and security

Traffic management

Transport and land use planning

Transport for people with reduced mobility

Urban goods traffic / city logistics

Walking

The **ELTIS User Association**, which enables people to subscribe to an electronic newsletter. ■

Seminar on Integrated Transport Solutions

RDS, Thursday, 8 February 2007 from 1400-1700.

This seminar will look at progress made in taking an integrated approach to the delivery of local passenger transport services. It will bring together stakeholders from a variety of sectors to examine how working together can deliver the transport services which local communities and individuals need. The presentations will involve reviews of developments in Ireland, Britain and Sweden as well as case studies from Ireland, England and Sweden. Details of a workshop on transport co-ordination held over three days in the USA in 2006 will also be presented.

Speakers

Bryan Myles, Director Northern Ireland, Community Transport Association UK

Garth Goddard, Programme Director – Transport, Centre of Excellence NW, England.

Tracy Jessop, Head of Passenger Transport, Planning & Transportation Department, Norfolk County Council, England.

Lena Fredriksson, Trivector Consultants, Sweden.

Laura Ward, Manager, Clare Accessible Transport, Ireland.

Amy Conrick, Community Transport Association of America.

Fees

CTAI Members €35 per delegate

Non Members €65 per delegate

Fees are inclusive of tea/coffee and a light lunch.

For a booking form please visit www.communitytransport.ie or e-mail Damien@communitytransport.ie ■

Community Transport Training

Community transport training day

Limerick City, 29 March 2007

This regional training day has been organised as part of the CT Training Network's programme. The programme for the day is set out below and includes practical workshops aimed at the various actors involved in making community transport groups successful organisations. It will take place at St. Munchin's Community Centre in Limerick City.

Programme

0930 - 1000	Registration	
1000 - 1300	Minibus Emergency & Evacuation Procedures	Vehicle Brokerage
1300 - 1400	Lunch	
1400 - 1630	Minibus Emergency & Evacuation Procedures	Good governance for charitable organisations

Fees

CTTN Members - €50 per delegate

CTAI Members - €75 per delegate

Non Members - €100 per delegate

Fees are inclusive of tea/coffee and a light lunch.

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Minibus Emergency and Evacuation Procedures training in progress.

Sustainable Community Transport Training Day: Living, working and playing without owning a car

20 April 2007

This event is being organised jointly with Cultivate and is part of their annual Convergence Festival. It will take place at Cultivate, 15-19 Essex Street West, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

It will showcase a number of community-based transport and mobility actions, which are guided by the need to plan and implement sustainable services. The workshops in the afternoon will utilise the unique "world café" method, which is structured around a number of discussion tables at which participants focus on dealing with a specific number of questions. The presentations in the morning will provide material to inform the "world café" discussions as well as the knowledge and experience of the participants.

Programme

1000 Registration

**1030 Setting the Context:
Community Powerdown & Energy Descent planning**

**1045 What is the framework needed to facilitate
more sustainable mobility options?**

Integrated approach: Example of Bremen, Germany

Community actions

(examples from Ireland and other EU countries):

- Mobility information/resource centre
- Car sharing
- Local bus services
- Community Rail Partnerships
- Biofuels

Question & Answer session

1300 Lunch

1400 World café

What can our sector do?

- Local authority and national government table(s)
- Businesses/schools/hospitals table(s)
- Community & individuals table(s)

What can we do together?

- Mixed tables

Feedback

1600 Tea/coffee – networking and depart

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