

Spokes Action Update 11.06.18

... This is a circular to emailable Spokes members. If you recently sent us a change of email address it may not yet be in our database, so this message may go to your old address or possibly to both.
... **Please check below carefully for everything that concerns you, then follow it up.**

Apologies for another circular so soon after the [previous one](#) – we normally only send out email circulars 'roughly monthly.' However, Edinburgh Council has just announced the major event below for Clean Air Day, Thurs 21 June. **It needs lots of public support, so please put in your diary and tell friends & colleagues.**

We've also included a reminder of the [4 Spokes EdFoC events](#) – see section (2) overleaf – and see you there!!

1. Clean Air Day, Edinburgh Council Events, Thursday 21 June

The Council has often been asked to follow the example of other cities in Europe and run traffic-free events on the City's streets. At last, they are doing so, on Thursday 21 June, which is Clean Air Day for [Scotland](#) and [UK](#). **The Mound and North Hanover St** will be closed (except to walk/bike) 9.30-1.30 and the **east section of George Street** from 9.30am till midnight.

If the day goes well and is well supported, it will encourage the Council to do more – for example there has been talk of city centre (or wider) '[Ciccolvia](#)' *Car Free Days* now seen in cities across the world. Support will also encourage the Council to be bold in the [City Centre Transformation](#) project – again following [other cities](#).

There is more on the background to the day on the Council website here...

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/blog/newsblog/post/1329/edinburgh-to-mark-uk-clean-air-day-with-fume-free-celebrations-on-city-centre-streets

A full draft programme is on the Spokes website – see website *Events column*, entry 06.21 or click [here](#).

Some of the *highlights* are...

- ◆ 9.30 – 10.00 Mound Precinct – **procession (with Transport Minister & Council Leader)**. We imagine you'll need to push your bike if you have it with you.
- ◆ 10:30 – 12:00 The Mound - Hart's Cyclery – **E-bike and Cargo bike try-outs up The Mound**
- ◆ 10:00 – 17:00 **Stalls** on George Street – unfortunately Spokes didn't have the volunteer organisational capacity to have a stall here, but Sustrans and some other cycling bodies will be there
- ◆ 11:00 – 14:00 East George Street **Balance bikes try-outs** for pre-school kids and All-Ability Cycling **Adaptive bikes** from Edinburgh ABC.
- ◆ 12:00 – 22:00 Enjoy **relaxing in an urban garden space** in George Street while the children play. A new space to sit and relax with temporary landscaping and seating - demonstrating the benefits of greening on placemaking and air quality. Bring your own picnic lunch.
- ◆ 12:00 – 17:00 East George Street **Challenges** for adults and children, to power lights and scalextric cars by pedal power
- ◆ Thurs a.m.; Thurs p.m.; Fri a.m. - **Indoor seminars, talks and workshops** – see page 2 of the [draft programme](#). You need to book (free) for these events – see the programme for email address. Spaces are limited, so you may not get a place.

What you can do...

- ◆ **Put the date in your diary and tell friends & colleagues.** The more people who take part, the more chance of the Council putting on more and bigger car-free events in future
- ◆ **Book for any of the indoor seminars/ workshops etc** - see last bullet point above
- ◆ **Volunteer** – the Council needs marshalls for some of the morning events. For more info and to volunteer, email to emailtracyfoster@gmail.com.

2. Reminder – Spokes events in EdFoC

Most members will have received their summer Spokes mailing by this weekend. If you have not, the **Bulletin** (and its supplements on **Edinburgh Bike Share** and **Edinburgh Transformation**) is now online – see the article on our website spokes.org.uk [here](#). We've also [tweeted it](#) – please retweet!

Mailings also include the EdFoC Festival of Cycling brochure. If you've not yet received it, go to their website at edfoc.org.uk. And do remember the 4 great events that Spokes volunteers are putting on during EdFoC. Please come along to chat/ debate/ listen – see below and posters at end of this circular.

- ◆ [Our 4-event poster – click to download pdf with times, places, etc](#)
- ◆ June 13: **Public Meeting** – City Centre Transformation [if tweeting, use #SpokesMtg]
- ◆ June 13: **Bike Breakfast** [tweets: use #SpokesBB] – latest news is that we now expect some demo Edinburgh bike share bikes to try out!!
- ◆ June 12: **Tour of local cycling infrastructure** - past, present, future [tweets: use #SpokesInfra]
- ◆ June 18: **Seminar with video & exhibition** – from zero to 200 miles of cycleroute [tweets: #Spokes40]

3. Other Dates [* = Spokes stall expected at this event - helpers needed!]

- ◆ **June 7-24: Edinburgh Festival of Cycling**, including 4 Spokes events instead of our usual two – see section (1) above.
- ◆ **June 15: Loanhead Path Extension to Lasswade Road** – 10am official opening of [new 3km Sustrans route](#). Meet at Shawfair Rail Station EH22 1SE at 9.45, from where you will be directed (10mins if you are walking).
- ◆ ***June 16: Pop-up Events in George Street parking bays** 11am-2pm. **It is important to support this event, as if successful it adds to the case for bigger events such as car-free city centre Sundays.**
- ◆ **June 19: Causey Development Trust public meeting** (after AGM) with speaker Daisy Narayanan about the [Central Edinburgh Transformation project](#). Buccleuch Church, 10 West Crosscauseway, 7pm.
- ◆ **June 23-24: Bikes for Refugees weekend fundraiser** NB - there's a brief item about BFR in the [new Spokes Bulletin](#) on page 3.
- ◆ *Edinburgh Council Locality offices are organising 3 walk/bike festivals with local communities this summer, as below. There may be another in Portobello, details not yet known ...*
- ◆ ***Aug 12 Liberton/G'ton Walking/Cycling Festival** 11am-4pm. Tom.l.Scott@ea.edin.sch.uk 664.3793
- ◆ ***Sep 2 Inverleith Walking/Cycling Festival**, 1.30-4, Inverleith Park. Elaine.Lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk
- ◆ ***Sep 23 Drumbrae Walking/Cycling Festival** Steven.Kipanda @edinburgh.gov.uk 529.5050
- ◆ ***Sep 22 Spokes stall** at Castle Terrace [Farmers' Market](#), 9am-1pm.

4. Spokes office manager/organiser

We've not yet had any volunteers for this vital role – see details in section 7 of [previous circular](#).

5. Finally

- ◆ Remember to check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk.
- ◆ We are active on **Twitter** [@SpokesLothian](#). Follow us and RT tweets you support. Check our 'favourites' for important or interesting tweets. Recent tweets also appear on our website.
- ◆ If you use **Facebook**, please like, share, etc the [Spokes Facebook page](#). We hope soon to restart the automatic twitter feed to Facebook.
- ◆ The **Spokes Bulletin** is one of our main means of spreading knowledge of Spokes, of what is happening in cycling development, and how people can help. Can you use a supply (large or small) to leaflet bikes at your workplace or on bikes parked around any areas of the city [not Haymarket or Waverley which we already cover] – or would your local cafe, barber, etc like 5 or 10 copies? If you'd like a supply of the current bulletin, and/or if you'd like a regular supply of future copies, email updates AT spokes.org.uk.

Join us on your bike, June 2018

Wednesday 13 June

Transforming Our City Centres – public meeting

TIMES 19:30 - 21:30 (doors open 6.45)

VENUE Augustine United Church,
George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

- Daisy Narayanan, Leader of Central Edinburgh Transformation Project
- Prof David Begg, Leader of Glasgow Connectivity Commission
- Cllr Adam McVey, Leader of City of Edinburgh Council

#SpokesMtg



Tuesday 12 June

Spokes Cycling Velorution Tour

TIMES 18:15 - 20:00

VENUE Meet top of Middle Meadow Walk

- Guided tour of local infrastructure evolution
- Past, present, possible future
- Slow & fairly central

Numbers limited;
advance booking
essential. Email:
bycyclinged@gmail.com



#SpokesInfra

Wednesday 13 June

Spokes Bike Breakfast 2018

TIMES 07:45 - 09:00

VENUE Edinburgh City Chambers,
High Street, EH1 1YJ

#SpokesBB

- Free breakfast
- Free Spokes map for first 20 arrivals after 7.45
- Bike Security marking, Police Scotland
- Chain clean & lube, Edinburgh Bicycle
- Councillor & MSP speeches, 8.30-ish
- Wide range of stalls and attractions



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Monday 18 June

From zero to 200 miles of cycle route: 40 years of cycle campaigning – seminar

TIMES 19:00 - 21:00

VENUE Augustine United Church,
George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

#Spokes40

- From eccentricity to everyday transport
- Work trips from 1% to 2% to 4% to 8% to ?
- Talk/exhibition/video/discussion



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online at
edfoc.org.uk

More details of all events at: spokes.org.uk + edfoc.org.uk

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

Spring Public Meeting : all welcome : Weds 13 June

City Centre Transformation!

Edinburgh City's Transformation Project aims to *"prioritise access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users"* in the city centre.

Glasgow City's Connectivity Commission seeks to *"get more people onto public transport, walking and cycling"* in the city centre.

Both see these transport measures as central to an improved public realm, creating a city centre more attractive for business and leisure.

- ◆ What transport changes will we see in practice? - and when?
- ◆ What will be the role of cycling as a transport mode?
- ◆ What happens to the cars?
- ◆ What can the cities learn from each other - and from other cities?

Daisy Narayanan

Leader, Edinburgh Transformation Project
seconded from Sustrans Scotland (Deputy Director)

Prof David Begg

Leader, Glasgow Connectivity Commission
CEO of transport consultancy Portobello Partnership, publisher of Transport Times, and Transport Convener of Lothian Region and Edinburgh City Councils in the 1990s

Response to the presentations
Cllr Adam McVey

Leader, City of Edinburgh Council
Former Transport Vice-Convener and Cycling Champion at Edinburgh City Council

Audience QA / panel discussion chaired by **Kirsty Lewin** Sustrans UK Board

Starts 7.30 Ends 9.30

Doors Open 6.45

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Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Meeting tweeting [@SpokesLothian] - Use hashtag #SpokesMtg

Facebook [Spokes Lothian] - We hope to live stream the meeting

 **Come early**  **coffee**  **Spokes stall**  **exhibition**  **chat**

Organised by **Spokes The Lothian Cycle Campaign**
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