

PRESS RELEASE

CORK BIKE WEEK IS BACK BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

Cork Bike Week returns this June from Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st of June 2015 as part of National Bike Week. With over 40 events scheduled throughout Cork, there are events to suit all ages and abilities including leisure cycles with local clubs and groups, fun games, cycle training, bike buddies promotions, a mystery history tour, a cycling photography competition, lunch time cycles and school events spread throughout Cork City and County.

Speaking recently at the launch of Cork Bike Week, Gillian Vaughan from Cork County Council, outlined what participants can expect from the week long cycling celebration. “There is a fantastic array of events spread throughout Cork this year. Events begin on Friday evening, with a family fun cycle organised by Valley Wheelers Cycling Club from Ballingeary to Inchigeelagh, which includes a picnic with light refreshments in Inchigeelagh”.

Gillian added “It is great to see so many local clubs, groups, schools and communities get involved in Bike Week. Each year, Bike Week increases in popularity and I’m sure this year will be no exception. There are events organised throughout Cork including local community events on Bere Island and the Beara Peninsula, leisure cycles with An Oige, Cork County Cycling Club and West Cork Cycling crew, and a number of family fun cycles and games in Skibbereen, Ballydehob and Bandon”.

For those in and around Cork City during the week, there are a wide variety of city-based events taking place also. Anita Lenihan from Cork City Council, highlighted some of the events planned in and around the city. “One of the highpoints of Cork Bike Week each year is the Passage West to Blackrock Castle family fun cycle. Any child who can sit on a bike seat will enjoy the sights and sounds on the ride and in the castle, where there will be FREE exhibit entry, musical bike, face-painting and refreshments provided”.

Anita added “Another highpoint of the week’s schedule is sure to be the National Cycle to Work/School Day which will take place on Wednesday the 17th of June. This coincides with a lunchtime cycle to Fitzgerald’s Park, where a free open-air concert will take place and limited light refreshments will be provided for those who arrive on bikes”.

Other events taking place in the city throughout the week include; a Mystery History tour to uncover the hidden stories behind Cork Streetscapes, a UCC to CIT cycle and Operation Transportation which includes people, from a range of different cycling backgrounds and abilities, who will take on the challenge of cycling for at least 10 minutes a day for the duration of bike week and will share their cycling experiences online.

For those with a sharp eye for photography, a new competition is included in the week long celebration. Photographs can be taken anywhere in Cork City or County and must have a cycling related theme that captures the beauty, adventure, fun, diversity and inspirational nature of cycling in Cork.

No Cork Bike Week would be complete without the many school events taking place throughout Cork City and County. Schools from all corners of the city and county will be organising fun events that will encompass cycle days, bring your bike, arts and crafts, cycle training, and much more.

This year’s Bike Week will draw to a close with the popular singles and mingles cycle which will start from outside City Hall at 2pm and finishes with a barbeque in the Flying Enterprise, with lots of interactive cycle themed activities in between, to help bikes (and their owners!) make new friends. This is a ticketed event so must be booked in advance by emailing bikeweek@corkcity.ie

For details of all events taking place in Cork this year see: www.corkbikeweek.ie

About Cork Bike Week:

National Bike Week was launched in 2009 to raise the profile of cycling as a healthy and fun mode of transport and physical activity.

The initiative was developed by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and continues to grow each year. Cork Bike Week is coordinated by a multi-agency group comprising of Cork County Council, Cork City Council, Cork Sports Partnership, HSE South Health Promotion Department, Cork Cycling Campaign, Cork Environmental Forum, UCC and An Taisce with support from local clubs, groups, communities and schools.

Over 2,375 participants of all ages and abilities took part in 35 coordinated Cork events during National Bike Week 2014. Events were organised across city and county involving local authorities, schools, cycling clubs, bike shops and cycling enthusiasts of all ages and abilities.

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