



Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust

Community led sustainable regeneration in the West of Glasgow

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Press Release

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Primary pupils safely deliver School Run Summit success!

Local primary school pupils made a significant contribution to the success of the first School Run Summit for west Glasgow [1], which was hosted earlier this week by local charity Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET) and De'il's On Wheels [2] at the Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre.

The pupils, many of whom are Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) [3], joined over 40 other people who attended the School Run Summit, to look at how they could work together more effectively to address the school run issue and make the streets in and around local schools in the G11 to G15 postcode areas safer for all.

The primary school pupils told people about the great initiatives they are involved in including the JRSO programme, BikeAbility, the zig-zag campaign, the parking pledge, walking buses and park and stride schemes. Bankhead, Corpus Christi and Garscadden (now part of Clyde Primary) Primary Schools were all awarded the Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost's Road Safety Award in September. [4]

JRSOs from St Paul's Primary School [5] in Whiteinch said, *"The School Run Summit was a great opportunity for us as JRSOs to think about Road Safety, particularly during the school run. It was a great day and we learned a lot and it gave us lots of ideas. We now have plans for more action on road safety and the school run at our school."*

There was a diverse range of people in attendance including representatives from St Paul's, St Brendan's, Corpus Christi, Clyde, Knightswood, Broomhill, Scotstoun, Hyndland, Hillhead and St Ninian's Primary Schools; local community councils, Glasgow City Council's Road Safety Team, Education Department, Active Schools Team and local Councillors; Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Sustrans Scotland, Living Streets Scotland, Cycling Scotland, Police Scotland and others.

Councillor Michael Cullen, local Councillor for Garscadden/Scotstounhill ward [6] said, *"Today's School Run Summit was an excellent example of a community working together to address a long standing problem. We have all witnessed the impact of the school run in our local community. The children are entirely our future, we don't want them as adults to be sitting around the table discussing the same problems."*

Delegates also heard about a range of other initiatives including Living Streets Scotland's WOW walk to school challenge [7], Cycling Scotland's Cycle Friendly awards schemes [8], Sustrans Scotland's Hands Up Scotland survey [9], the BikeAbility Scotland programme [10] as well as information from Glasgow Centre for Population Health about the benefits to pupils, parents, communities and the environment about walking, cycling and scooting to school [11].

Neil Lovelock, DRCET Project Manager said,
"Our first School Run Summit has proved to be a huge success. Everyone, including the local primary schools, made a great contribution to the success of the event sharing their knowledge and experience. The next step is to set up a small working group to turn these ideas into action to ensure that our young people are able get to school safely and fulfil their potential and become active and healthy citizens."

All the organisations in attendance were encouraged to take part in the national Road Safety Week the UK's biggest road safety event which runs from 20 to 26 November which is coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity. [12]

The event used the hashtag #schoolrunsummit and tweets from the event can be viewed here <https://twitter.com/hashtag/schoolrunsummit> [13]

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---- Photos ----

Photos are available here:

https://dumbartonroad.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/20171114_srs_group01.jpg

https://dumbartonroad.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/20171114_srs_group02.jpg

https://dumbartonroad.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/schoolrunsummit_bookingheader.jpg

---- Notes for Editors ----

[1] School Run Summit for west Glasgow was held on the morning of Tuesday 14 November at the Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre and was hosted by DRCET. The aims of the event were to:

- How can we work more closely across the community to address the school run?
- How can the school run help improve pupil attendance and attainment?
- How can we better promote school initiatives to tackle the school run?
- How can we increase active travel and reduce cars and vans on the school run?

<https://dumbartonroad.wordpress.com/2017/10/18/school-run-summit-for-west-glasgow/>

[2] Dumbarton Road Corridor Environment Trust (DRCET) is a local environmental charity based in Scotstoun that delivers a range of environmental projects and

Evening Times Streets Ahead Best Environmental Initiative Award – Finalist 2015, Winner 2013 | Clean Up Scotland Ditch The Dirt Hero Award – Winner 2014 | RBS Finding Scotland's Real Heroes Awards – Finalist 2013

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services across the west of Glasgow and beyond including the Cycle Friendly Communities and West Glasgow Pedallers We Go Pedal projects, funded by Cycling Scotland. The projects aim to protect and enhance the local environment and increase the wellbeing and resilience of local people and communities
www.dumbartonroad.com DRCET runs De'ls On Wheels, a Revolve accredited community bike workshop www.deilsonwheels.org.uk

[3] Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) programme is an initiative of Road Safety Scotland. The JRSO programme in Scotland puts children in control of highlighting road safety issues within their own school. It is delivered locally by Glasgow City Council's Road Safety Team <http://roadsafetyscotland.org.uk/parents-and-educators/primary-school> and <http://www.jrso.com/>

[4] The Lord Provost's Road Safety Award requires schools to commit to deliver a minimum amount of road safety education and training to every pupil at every stage of their development <http://www.gosafeglasgow.com/lord-provost-award>

[5] St Paul's Primary School in Whiteinch undertakes various road safety related activities. In addition to the JRSO programme the school delivers BikeAbility Level 2 on-road training to it's pupils, has introduced a walking bus and is also a Cycling Scotland Cycle Friendly Primary School. The school also works with DRCET on their Cycle Friendly Communities and We Go Pedal project. <http://www.st-paulswhiteinch-primary.co.uk/>

[6] Councillor Michael Cullen
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/member.asp?id=2406&t=Councillor+Michael+Cullen>

[7] Living Streets Scotland WOW the year-round walk to school challenge
<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/wow>

[8] Sustrans Scotland Hands Up Scotland Survey
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/schools/hands-scotland>

[9] Cycling Scotland Cycle Friendly awards <http://www.cyclinghub.scot/cycle-friendly>

[10] BikeAbility Scotland <https://bikeabilityscotland.org/>

[11] Glasgow Centre for Population Health
http://www.gcph.co.uk/publications/702_active_travel_in_glasgow_what_we_ve_learned_so_far

[12] Road Safety Week <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/>

[13] Twitter - handles and hashtags are [@drcet](https://twitter.com/drcet) [@deilsonwheels](https://twitter.com/deilsonwheels) [#WeGoPedal](https://twitter.com/WeGoPedal) [#SchoolRunSummit](https://twitter.com/SchoolRunSummit)