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Towards Carfree Cities X

Conference dates: 5 to 9 September 2011

Location: Guadalajara, Mexico

Call for Programme Proposals

The international conference Towards Carfree Cities is the flagship event of the World Carfree Network (WCN), a network of organisations and individuals dedicated to promoting radical transformations in cities in the quest towards urban sustainability. The conference focuses on alternatives to car dependence and to the urban planning and management policies and practices which reinforce that dependence. The reduction of human impacts on the environment and the improvement of quality of life are the main objectives.

The tenth edition of the conference will take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, in September 2011, and is entitled “Building Carfree Cities for the People, by the People”. Guadalajara shows a pattern of development common to many cities across the world, particularly in the global South: a rapid increase in car use in the context of accelerated urban expansion, limited urban planning, privatisation of public space, unconsolidated local democracies and deficient land management. This will be the second occasion that a TCC conference has taken place in Latin America [TCC VI took place in Bogota in 2004].

As well as an emphasis on liberating cities from cars so that people can once again be at the centre of their communities, the conference aims to empower civil society to campaign for policy reform. One of the main objectives is the sharing of experiences between people across the globe who have mobilised in their own communities in favour of ways of living which are environmentally sound, democratic, and that put forward alternatives to the consumer lifestyle which is leading us towards an energy and environmental crisis.

WCN and the local coordinators Ciudad para Todos and GDL en Bici are now calling on those interested in providing inputs into the programme to submit proposals. Carfree development and sustainable mobility are the core themes, although related issues – such as climate change mitigation and the social appropriation of the public realm – can also be addressed.

Proposals can be put forwards for any of the following categories:

- [1] presentations and talks,
- [2] debates/strategic discussions/project development meetings,
- [3] interactive workshops, lectures [see appendix] and



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[4] actions/activities in public spaces, including the presentation of short films, which promote people's empowerment for the transformation of communities and cities.

For inspiration, please visit www.worldcarfree.net/conference/archive.php to view programmes and presentations from previous Towards Carfree Cities conferences.

Programme proposals up to two pages in length can be sent in English or Spanish to info@carfree.mx until 28 February, and should include:

- a title,
- a description of the proposed activity,
- duration,
- number of desired participants,
- desired/expected results,
- relevant personal/academic information,
- a list of resources required for workshops and outdoor activities, and
- contact details.

Please write to the same address in case of recommendations of individuals or organisations who should be involved or for any other suggestions.

Registration will open in March on www.carfree.mx, where you will also find practical travel and accommodation information.

¡Sean bienvenidos!

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Call for papers

Towards Carfree Cities invites academic paper submissions for presentation at the Congress. Submissions are welcome on a range of issues and disciplines related to alternative ways of transport to automobiles, civil society participation in decision making and public policy design. Selection will be based on the paper's contribution to critical discussion for the Congress and for synergies within sessions.

Details of submission:

- All submissions must be written in English or Spanish. Preference will be given to previously unpublished material.
- Final submissions can be no longer than 4000 words, excluding endnotes.
- All papers will be reviewed and commented by at least two peers prior to selection.
- Authors of accepted papers will be invited to present them at the Congress and the paper will be published through different media [both printed and digital]. The authors will be required to complete copyright forms.

Submission instructions:

- Expression of interest to present a paper at the Congress must be sent to callforpapers@carfree.mx between December 2010 and February 2011, stating the author(s) name(s) and the general topic the paper will most directly address.
- In order to assure the highest academic quality, the selection process for papers for presentation at the Congress will be divided into two phases. The first phase is the review and selection of abstracts. Authors whose abstracts are selected will be asked to complete their paper. The completed papers will undergo a final double-blind peer-review process in order to select the presentations for the Congress and for publication. So that the submissions can be objectively assessed, please do not reference the author's name or institution in the file name or text of the paper or abstract.
- An abstract of the proposed paper in English, no more than 500 words, must be submitted as a Microsoft Word attachment to callforpapers@carfree.mx by February 25th 2011. The subject line of the e-mail should be the title of the paper. The body of the e-mail should include the author's name, e-mail address and phone number. The curriculum vitae of each author [no more than one page per author] should be attached to the email.
- Completed papers must be submitted to callforpapers@carfree.mx by June 24th 2011. They must be in English, no longer than 4000 words [Microsoft Word format, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt font] and conform to the style, spelling, usage, citation and illustration guidelines on our website www.carfree.mx
- Speakers chosen for the Congress will pay no fees but must cover their own travel expenses. Accommodation will be offered in some cases depending on available funds.
- Please send any questions to Oscar Castro callforpapers@carfree.mx

Key dates & deadlines:

Call for papers	January 2010
Expression of interest	December 2010 / February 2011
Deadline for submission of abstracts	25 February 2011
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	18 March 2011
Deadline for submission of complete paper	24 June 2011
Notification of acceptance for conference presentation	22 July 2011
Towards Carfree Cities X Congress	5-9 September 2011