

TOWARDS CARFREE CITIES IX

YORK 2010



CARFREE UK and its local and national partners are hosting the Towards Carfree Cities IX conference from **28 June to 1 July 2010** in York – the first time the conference will come to the UK.

The conference aims to bring together people from around the world who are promoting practical alternatives to car dependence – walking, cycling and public transport, and ultimately the transformation of cities, towns and villages into human-scaled environments rich in public space and community life.

The focus is on strategy, collaboration and exchange, assisting the practical work of conference participants – whether it be organising carfree days, promoting urban cycling, or building the carfree cities of the future.

This year's conference theme **'How Do We Get There?'** complements our positive vision of the future with a practical focus on bringing carfree communities to life.

We'd like to bring together those with an existing or potential interest in implementing carfree development in the UK and Europe. By learning all we can from successful (and less successful) projects realised so far, it is then possible to find the most promising strategies and adapt them to fit our local contexts.

Many agree that, of all the countries in the world, conditions in the UK are the ripest for carfree development. So we'd like to sit down with architects, planners, developers and urban designers and see what we can achieve.

We will also be learning from and seeking inspiration from the past, looking at how a medieval pedestrian city was organised spatially, and how the lessons can be applied to future settlements.

Registration is now open, and programme proposals are invited from anyone with an idea for a presentation, workshop, discussion, debate or other conference activity. Please see our website for details. We hope to see you in York next June. ■

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