

Press Release

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Cycle Training UK to close

After 20 years Cycle Training UK is parking its bike for the last time

After 20 years, Cycle Training UK (CTUK) is to cease training at the end of October.

Earlier in the summer it became apparent that there would not be enough large contract work to see CTUK through the quieter winter months. This would be fine if CTUK operated like many of its fellow cycle training providers and only used freelancers, paying on a gig by gig basis. But for over ten years CTUK, a not for profit workers' cooperative, has employed its instructors, paying them a monthly salary. This Autumn, there's just not enough cash in the bank and winter work to guarantee everyone's salaries for the next six months.

Consequently CTUK has this week issued Redundancy Notices to all employees.

For the last few weeks the Directors have been consulting with instructors exploring all options to keep CTUK functioning. A viable solution to the financial situation has not been found so it's been decided it's time to stop.

Thanks to the support of Ealing Borough Council, all the Bikeability courses for this current half term will be completed. Other training and Dr Bike events will continue until late October.

David Dansky commented, "we've come a long way in 20 years. Our aim was to create good realistic cycle training for everyone. Today that's being done across the UK by the thousands of instructors we have trained and guided. It just won't be us delivering it in future."

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Notes for Editors

David Dansky is the Head of Training & Development for Cycle Training UK and a Director

Cycle Training UK

For 20 years, Cycle Training UK has been helping people to enjoy their cycling. We deliver off and on road cycle training from Complete Beginner to Fast Commuter, Maintenance Courses, City & Guild Mechanics Qualifications, Cycling Instructor Training, Dr Bike Surgeries, Driver Awareness Programmes, Workplace Seminars and Consultancy.

CTUK Principles

CTUK has a set of guiding principles:

Cycling Promotion

We promote cycling as a form of transport. We train to increase people's skills and confidence.

Realistic Training

Our road training takes place on real roads in real conditions. When people want to make specific journeys we take them through those journeys,

Inclusiveness

Cycling is for everyone and, whatever their age, level of ability or mobility, we work with people to improve their enjoyment of cycling. We show parents that cycling safely on road is perfectly possible for their children.

Assertive Cycling

Assertive road positioning and behaviour are really important to minimise risk. We teach people to use as much road space as they need to travel safely and effectively. We do not believe that cycle lanes are a requirement for safe cycling.

Simplicity

To cycle all you need is a bike. You do not need special clothes to cycle.

Sustainability

In the future we anticipate that many more people will cycle, there will be more public acceptance of cycling and conditions for cyclists will improve.

The Co-operative Advantage

CTUK is a not-for-profit workers' co-operative with company ownership shared equally across all Members. This means that we re-invest our funds into the business rather than pay dividends to Directors and that there is a high level of conscientiousness due to the very real companywide understanding that the company belongs to everyone. This results in all the benefits that pride and the identification of a company as one's own brings; in particular excellent delivery.

Our Instructors

Everyone employed by Cycle Training UK is a qualified cycling instructor and the instructors are Members of the cooperative. Our instructors are committed, experienced and highly trained with additional appropriate qualifications. All Cycle Training UK Instructors have an Enhanced DBS Check and hold a current First Aid Certificate. All our instructors' activities are fully insured and Cycle Training UK has £5,000,000 Public Liability Insurance.

Our instructors' knowledge & experience is why CTUK is so actively involved with the development of the National Standards for Cycle Training and the Bikeability syllabus. It is why we are the third largest Instructor Trainer Organisation in the UK. It is why we are consulted by countries around the world establishing cycle training schemes.

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