

Cycling to Suffrage: The Bicycle and Women's Rights, 1890-1914

Women's Cycling Resource List

~ Information and organisations for cyclists in London ~
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Women's Cycling



Breeze Network

A division of British Cycling aimed at increasing cycling among women. Breeze organises local cycle rides for women, which are searchable by post code on their website. Their "Close the Gap" campaign seeks to balance the proportion of cyclists who are female.
www.goskyride.com/breeze



London Women's Cycle Racing League

Established by the women's cycling community in 2010, the London Women's Cycle Racing League is an annual series of cycle races in London and the South East. The group welcomes racers of all ability, from amateurs to experts.
www.londonwomenscycleracing.com



Jagonari Women's Cycling Program

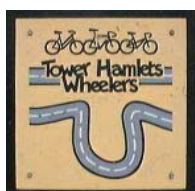
A Muslim women's cycling club based at the Jagonari Women's Educational and Resource Centre in Whitechapel in London. This group offers lessons with female trainers and women's only group rides as well as advising on cultural issues related to cycling.

www.jagonari.org.uk



London Bike Kitchen

A DIY bike shop where you can work on your own bike with the help of staff mechanics. Every Monday evening, the London Bike Kitchen offers a WaG night for women and gender variant cyclists. Located at 28 Whitmore Road, Hackney, N1 5QA.
www.lbk.org.uk



Tower Hamlets Wheelers - Women's Rides

This LCC affiliated East End cycling group's objectives are to encourage more people to cycle, improve conditions for cyclists, and raise the profile of cycling in the East End. The group has recently started organising women's rides.

www.towerhamletswheelers.org.uk/rides/2012-04-01/womens-ride

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Tower Hamlets Women's Cycling Blog

A cooperative initiative between the Tower Hamlets Wheelers, Tower Hamlets Cycling Club and East End Women's Institute encouraging local women, especially of Asian descent, to ride. Cycling advice and event details can be found on their blog.

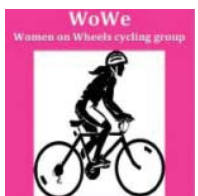
www.towerhamletswomenscycling.com



Tower Hamlets Cycling Club

Local club offering Saturday cycling sessions from 10am-12pm for women and girls of all ages and abilities at Mile End Stadium. They aim to break down barriers to cycling, such those faced by women from ethnic minorities, seniors and those with disabilities.

towerhamletscyclingclub@yahoo.co.uk



Ealing Bike Hub - Women on Wheels in Ealing (WoWE)

WoWe is a cycling club for women run by women in association with the Ealing Bike Hub. It's a cycling club and social body in one that welcomes women of all ages and abilities.

Contact wowe@ealingbikehub.co.uk or find them on facebook for more information.

www.ealingbikehub.co.uk/?page_id=539



Spokeswoman

A blog for women who cycle. This topical site covers women's cycling news, promotes cycling events, applauds champions of women's cycling, and encourages women to get on their bikes. Good for light reading and interest pieces.

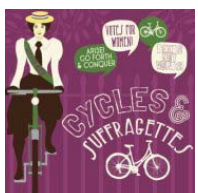
www.spokeswomen.org.uk



Cycling Club Hackney - Women and Girls Rides

Formed in 2007, Cycling Club Hackney is dedicated to promoting cycling and cycle sport at all levels. It is run in partnership with Hackney council and others. The club holds runs specifically for women as part of their wider program. (See also their youth programs)

www.cyclingclubhackney.co.uk/docs/womens.html



Cycles and Suffragettes

A Leicester based group who aim to liberate and empower women by helping them become confident road cyclists. Pioneering wheelwomen of the past inspire their costumed rides with a pro-woman message. See their facebook page for event listings.

www.facebook.com/cyclesandsuffragettes



www.sheilahanlon.com

Website following the research interests of Dr. Sheila Hanlon, Cycling to Suffrage exhibit curator. The site includes short articles on women's cycling past and present, images of women awheel, and exhibit news. Read more about women's cycling history here.

www.sheilahanlon.com

Children's and Family Cycling



Otesha Project UK

A youth-led organisation focused on social and environmental sustainability through everyday activities. Each summer Otesha sponsors cycle tour teams of volunteer peer educators who visit youth events and organisations across the UK.

www.otesha.org.uk



Bikeability

This cycling proficiency scheme for youth is run by the Department of Transportation. Bikeability offers sessions at schools and for individuals through registered trainers. Participants complete three levels of training between the ages of 10 and 18.

www.dft.gov.uk/bikeability



Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign - Walthamstow Family Bike Club

Based in East London, this LCC branch holds family bike rides on the 2nd Sunday of each month exploring the borough's open spaces. The pace and distance are set by participants, and there is usually a stop for food mid ride.

www.greengas.u-net.com/Walthamstow_Family_Bike_Club



LCC Schools and Families Page

Provides information and advice about topics including riding for families, children's safety gear, child seats, trailers, cycling to school, and youth cycling groups. Good starting place for families just getting into cycling.

lcc.org.uk/pages/schools-and-family-cycling



Youth Cycling Clubs

London is home to a growing number of local youth cycling clubs including:

Young Southwark Cyclists, meets Tuesdays 4:30, Burgess Park, 02075251101

Herne Hill Youth CC, meets Saturdays 11-1, contact secretary Bill Wright 07930397245

Islington by Bike, youth/family rides, david.shannon@islington.gov.uk, 02075274082



Bike Club

A government-backed scheme focused on getting 10-20 year olds cycling for transportation and recreation. Bike Club branches have been formed across the UK.

Visit their website to find one near you.

www.bikeclub.org.uk



Young Lewisham and Greenwich Cyclists (YLGC)

YLGC arranges Bikeability tests and hosts rides for local youth and families, but participants from other boroughs are welcome. All rides are suitable for families and distance/difficulty graded from easy to extreme. Bike loans are available.

www.britishschoolofcycling.com

Cycling for All



Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC)

Founded in 1878, the CTC is the UK's largest cycling charity. It provides advice on cycling to individuals and communities, protects cyclists' interests, and promotes the benefits of cycling for people, society, and the economy.

www.ctc.org.uk



London Cycling Campaign (LCC)

A cycling membership charity dedicated to providing a voice to those who cycle or want to cycle in Greater London. Their "Love London, Go Dutch" campaign calls on 2012 mayoral election candidates to commit to continental-standard cycling infrastructure.

www.lcc.org.uk



Transport for London (TFL)

TFL is the local government body responsible for most aspects of the transport system in Greater London including policy. Cycling is one of its dedicated areas. Among its initiatives are the Barclays Cycle hire scheme and excellent free cycle maps.

www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/11598.aspx



Barclays Cycle Hire

Also known as Boris bikes in honour of current London mayor and cycling advocate Boris Johnson, Barclays bicycles are available for hire at docks throughout central London. Users must register for the scheme and pay modest fees to access the bicycles.

www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/14808.aspx



Sustrans

A leading UK charity dedicated to enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys they make every day. Sustrans aims to help people make smarter choices about transport, including cycling.

www.sustrans.org.uk



Cycle Nation

A national federation of cycle campaign groups. Cycle Nation's website provides the latest cycle news and links to local organisations including a search for your nearest Bicycle User Group (BUG) employer-based cycle group.

www.cyclenation.org.uk



Bikely

Bikely is a free bicycle route mapping and sharing website. This community based resource allows cyclists to upload routes from a GPS device or draw cycle routes and download other user's bike routes.

www.bikely.com

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go by Bike

Go By Bike

A partnership of cycle trainers and mechanics offering cycle services to businesses and individuals. Go By Bike instructors are all fully accredited to the National Standards, first aid trained, fully insured and CRB checked.

www.gobybike.org.uk/7101.html



Cycle Training UK (CTUK)

The UK's largest independent cycle training organisation. CTUK offers on-road lessons to individuals, workplaces, and schools as well as instructor and maintenance training.

Dr. Bike safety and basic repair clinics can be arranged for on-site visits.

www.cycletraining.co.uk



Bike Week

Bike Week is an annual celebration of cycling that consists of a network of events across the nation. The aim is to promote everyday cycling for everyone and to get more people cycling, more often. Held 16-23 June 2012.

www.bikeweek.org.uk/index.php



Bike Hub

BikeHub.co.uk is a joint initiative of the Bicycle Association and the Association of Cycle Traders via the Bike Hub levy scheme. See their website for information and advice on cycling health, commuting, family rides, and advocacy.

www.bikehub.co.uk/about-us



Summer of Cycling

From March to October 2012 this national campaign aims to double the number of cyclists. Joint project between the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, The Bicycle Association and 23 other cycling groups. Pledge to get a friend riding on their website.

www.summerofcycling.net



Cycle Streets

Plan your cycle journey using this helpful website. The site describes itself as designed by cyclists, for cyclists, and caters for the needs of both confident and less confident cyclists. Provides fast, balanced, and quiet route options plus elevation maps.

www.cyclestreets.net



Critical Mass

An international bicycle activist group intent on ensuring cyclists and other non-motorists get their share of the road and that their rights are acknowledged. The London Mass meets at 6.00pm on the last Friday of every month on the South Bank.

www.criticalmasslondon.org.uk