

What's on

The calendar below shows key events over the next few months, from RTiG and our associates. For further details of RTiG events please contact secretariat@rtig.org.uk

Workshop

12 March 2019 (in combination with the AGM), Birmingham
On the topic of Preparing for the Bus Services Act

Committee

14 May 2019, London

PTIC

18 June 2019, Location TBA

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Business Plan 2019

The proposed business plan for 2019/20 has been circulated to members as part of the AGM documentation pack.

If you have anything that you would like to see RTiG involved in, producing or organising during 2019 then please get in touch with Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk

Newsletter Frequency and Email Alerts

The production on Newsletters is now back on a monthly cycle.

They will be posted on the RTiG website and emailed out to the newsletter contact list.

The email list has been re-started having been reduced to core RTiG member contacts to ensure it is compliant with data protection laws.

If you think a colleague or contact would benefit from receiving the RTiG newsletter then please ask them to fill out the form on the website or use the QR Code.



Newsletters will be emailed out once per month.

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Preparing for the Bus Services Act Workshop & AGM

The next workshop will be held on 12th March 2019 at the West Midlands Combined Authority in Birmingham. During lunch (which is kindly being sponsored by 21st Century) the annual general meeting will be held.

To book tickets for this event visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-for-the-bus-services-act-tickets-55468286137?aff=news>.

The outline for the day is currently includes:

Bus Services Act

Bus Open Data & the Digital Project

(Meera Nayyar, DfT with KMPG and ITOWorld)

Accessible Information

(Robert Johnson, DfT)

Transport for the West Midlands

Current system and the options review

(Denise Thompson, TfWM)

Real Journey Time Project

(Phil Evans, TfWM)

The Challenges of Installing equipment on vehicles

(Michael Kelly, VIX)

Opportunities and Experience with Open Data

(speaker invited)

Supporting small operators

(Sonya Sparks, Essex; other speakers invited)

Data: - Getting the Foundations Right Workshop

This workshop was held on 7th February in Manchester and was well attended.

The day focused on the core building block of real time information with talks building on the core data with introductions to the data sets and the

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experiences of operators, authorities and suppliers presented.

A huge thank you to all the speakers for the insights and a thank you to those who attended.

The slides from the presentations are available to members in the documents section of the website.

'Dummies Guide' to real time system and procurement

The committee is working on a 'Dummies Guide' to real time systems and best practice when procuring a new or replacing a system.

If any members have recently carried out a procurement and have any advice or experience you wish you knew before you started then please get in contact with Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk .

NEWS
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EVENTS**Current Working Groups**

The following Working Groups are currently active:

- **PTIC** (joint with ATCO and Traveline) – met at CPT in London, on 5 February 2019, with its usual wide ranging discussion on standards issues with a particular focus on the work being carried out on the TransXChange profile, NeTEX profiles and Bus Service Act. The next meeting has been arranged for 18th June 2019, the location is TBD.
- **Dummies Guide** The committee is working on a 'Dummies Guide' to real time systems and best practice when procuring a new or replacing a system. If any members have recently carried out a procurement and have any advice or experience you wish you knew before you started then please get in contact with Tim tim.rivet@rtig.org.uk

If you don't yet participate in one of these groups but would like to do so, please contact us at secretariat@rtig.org.uk .

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Bus Services Act (2017)

The latest updates from the DfT Bus Open Data Programme are:

Public Consultation response

We realise that operators, local authorities and other industry groups are awaiting the results of the consultation to make informed decisions about their public transport information systems.

Following recent ministerial clearance, the response to the Bus Open Data public consultation is due to be published imminently. It is anticipated the response will be published in mid-March now and potentially supported by a Ministerial visit however confirmation of the exact date to publish is still awaited.

National Fares Data Build Tool

Transport for the North (TfN) has launched a procurement for a National Fares Data Build Tool due to close on 01 March 2019.

<https://www.digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk/digital-outcomes-and-specialists/opportunities/9072>

The tool is being developed as part of a collaborative partnership between the DfT Bus Open Data programme, TfN's Integrated and Smart Travel programme and Traveline to complement shared ambitions for better provision of fares data on buses.

The proposed Fares Data Build Tool solution will collate public transport operator fares and rules data, and export it in the emerging NeTEx format. The data will enable single, return, day and season ticket fares for bus, ferry and light rail to be displayed in journey planners. The tool will also connect with TfN's Open Data Hub, which is currently in development.

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Initially the tool will be launched in TfN's North of England region, with scope to roll out on a national basis. The bid information is now live on the Digital Market Place. The successful supplier will be selected in late Spring 2019, with development expected to commence in June 2019.

Legislation and Guidance

The DfT is working to finalize the Statutory Instrument, which will be laid in June 2019. Following stakeholder feedback from our last Programme Board, DfT officials have recently met with CPT officials to discuss the Statutory Instrument.

The Bus Open Data Programme Board decided not to make use of the option to exempt some small operators from offering location data. The Board also decided to not include a requirement for operators to provide vehicle accessibility data and local authorities to provide stop accessibility data. The Bus Open Data Implementation Group will be meeting again at the end of the month and the DfT will host a location data brainstorming session during the meeting to gather recommendations from the Implementation Group and inform the ongoing development of the guidance.

Digital Project

Following a Government Digital Service workshop in December 2018, the digital project team are delivering some additional user research with data consumers during February. Having tackled bus operators and app developers, our team is now looking at a rarer but still important user group – those who use bus data to build tools for academics, town planners, property developers, engineering consultancies and other non-passenger end-uses.

As a result, we anticipate a two month delay to the commencement of the Bus Open Data beta project and the delivery timescales for complete routes and timetables functionality will now span April –

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September 2019 during private beta. This will include routes and timetables publishing functionality, delivery of TransXchange tools, data quality assurance reporting for TransXchange and a review of naptan data. Remaining functionality for location data and fares and tickets information will be addressed during the public beta phase which will commence during Autumn 2019.

We are still confident that required functionality will be delivered to align with the requirements coming into effect and are currently considering how a transitional phase will work during 2020. Over the coming weeks, we will be in contact with operators and local authorities to convene early adopters on the Bus Open Data digital service who will help us test and develop the service during 2019 ahead of rollout next year.

Get in touch and follow us

If you would like to take part in testing the service during the next phase or you are interested in becoming an early adopter, please email us at busopendata@dft.gov.uk. We have attracted almost 400 since the launch of our Bus Open Data Twitter channel in July last year. To be informed of updates and other news, follow us at @busopendata

NTA Procurement

The National Transport Authority for Ireland has asked us to highlight to you their recent issue of a PQQ for the "...Operation, Content Management, Maintenance and Provision of Multi-Operator Real Time Passenger Information Displays".

You will find details on the Ireland eTender web site <https://www.etenders.gov.ie> Reference no. 146380 dated 15/02/19.

MEMBERS NEWS

Keeping in touch with you

As well as keeping you up-to-date with all the latest news from RTiG, this newsletter aims to provide a community forum for members. We therefore offer RTiG members the opportunity to submit a short article here on any issue or innovation that might be of interest to the community.

There are two ways of becoming involved in this:

- ▶ Email pieces to us when you have them – press release format is fine and pictures are welcome.
- ▶ Nominate a marketing contact who will be included in the editor's monthly process of 'chivvying'.



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Hogia - Another Record Year

For the third year in a row, Swedish IT company Hogia has had a record year: Sales increased from SEK 565 million to SEK 605 million. For the 10th consecutive year employees numbers increased by 25 people bringing the company total to 675. Net profit rose from 34 to SEK 36 million, which is a profit margin of 6%, says Bert-Inge Hogsved, Hogia's founder and CEO.

The business area with the greatest growth in 2018 was the transport sector. Today, this business sector accounts for 30% of the Hogia Group's total revenue. The fastest sales growth being Hogia Ferry Systems.

"Ferries is our most international transport branch with ferry operators using our systems right around the world," says Bert-Inge Hogsved.

"We do not endeavour to maximize profit. Our goal is for the profitability to be just over 4%, which we have achieved for the last twelve years in a row. We invest SEK 200 million a year into the development of our software." says Bert-Inge Hogsved.

Hogia is also investing SEK 160 million in a new office building at their head office in Stenungsund, Sweden. The building will be inaugurated in autumn 2019 and will house a further 200 workplaces.

"Over the last 28 years we have not had a single unprofitable year. We have a very solid financial situation, which means that we can continue to invest long-term. We invest in our products; both the refinement of existing products, and the launches of new cloud-based products. We also continue to attract and develop our expertise. Our year on year growth in personnel of 25 people will

continue in the future,” Bert-Inge Hogsved concludes.

Lothian Buses – Valentine’s Day On a Bus

Lothian Buses this year found an innovative way to engage with their customers and show their love for them on the 14th February.

All you had to do was tweet then a Valentine’s message for a loved one and the bus they travel on, and they re-tweeted the ones they thought were the loveliest.

The tweets appeared on their twitter feed and on their buses that had on board information screens.



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Management Committee Members

The Management Committee for the year 2018-19 was appointed at the AGM on 19 March 2018. Membership is currently as follows:

Chair: Andrew Wilson (Solent)

Members: David Gill (WYCA), Russell Gard (Nimbus), Darren Maher (21st Century), Tony Brown (Atkins), Chas Allen (Stagecoach), Tony Pettitt (Reading Buses), Meera Nayyar (DfT)

Darren Maher has replaced Dr Richard Holland as the 21st Century representative on the Committee.

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