

Non-Members Edition

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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

Webinars

2 February 2023, Providing Information about Active Travel

Workshops

22 March 2023, AGM & What's happening in Public Transport Information and Technology?

For booking details see the website.

Working Groups

CCTV Technology & Best Practice
Procurement of Software as a Service

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2 March 2023, Virtual

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NEWS & EVENTS

Newsletter Frequency and Email Alerts

The newsletters are produced on a monthly cycle.

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

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.



RTiG on Twitter

RTiG is now on twitter as @RtigInform

<https://twitter.com/RtigInform>

Photo Library

To help liven up RTiG printed and digital outputs we are interested in receiving any images of public transport information real time or otherwise that you would be happy for us to use.

We will of course credit the appropriate source if published.

If you have any material, you would be able to let us have access to please contact Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk

Working Groups

If anyone wants to become involved in any of the work packages in the business plan then please feel free to discuss or commit by getting in contact with Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk .

Hearing Loops

During the pandemic, bus operators introduced Perspex screens between the driver and passenger to help provide protection from COVID-19. This barrier increased the challenge for passengers and drivers who have hearing problems.

The use of audio induction loops (hearing aid loops) and other solutions will help to alleviate some of the resultant problems.



The requirement will form part of the future vehicle requirements as seen in the new zero-emission buses scheme.

We will be producing an advice note for operators.

If you want to be involved in the group creating this then please let us know.

CCTV Technology & Best Practice



In the 15 years since RTiG last produced guidance on CCTV there have been many changes in the technology available and its capabilities.

We are convening a working group to create updated advice on CCTV. We currently expect this to cover different camera and recording technologies, and good practice advice on management of images, installation and maintenance.

If you want to be involved in the working group exploring this then please let us know. To get involved in this group please get in touch tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk

Procurement of Software as a Service



With an increasing move by software suppliers to supply services on a Software as a Service (SaaS) basis, the approach to procurement needs to change to reflect this shift.

Traditional procurement and contract arrangements need to be updated to reflect the requirements and expectations of SaaS.

We have convened a working group to create guidance on how to better procure SaaS systems.

We've had our first meeting and ideas for the report are being developed.

If you want to be involved in the working group exploring this then please let us know. To get involved in this group please get in touch tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk

Towards Net Zero Carbon

The UK government has introduced ambitious goals for the UK to become net-zero carbon by 2050 and transport is the largest source of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the UK - damaging both the environment and public health.



In addition, the UK government's recent De-Carbonising Transport report outlines a strategy for reducing overall car use, promoting the "natural first choice" to be public transport and emissions-free modes of travel like walking and cycling.

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We all need to address the climate crisis and RTiG is reviewing its activities to take the necessary steps to ensure our own climate impact is reduced; and to assist with and promote, the actions public transport takes to reduce its carbon footprint.

The report that is underway on the Environmental Impact of Displays is the first piece of work.

We want to know what we should do next?
How can we help you and your organisations better understand your impacts?
How can we help you reduce your impact?

Please let us know what we can do to help and what you want us to work on.

Upcoming Webinars

Providing Information about Active Travel



Multi-modality has become a key mantra of transport planning and integrating active travel and public transport is clearly important to reducing car use for reasons of health and environment.

How can you access information about active travel modes and include them in journey planning, apps and other public facing information systems?

Find out about the latest work on standardisation of active travel data, and what already exists and how it is being used.

Thursday, 2 February - 13:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/providing-information-about-active-travel-tickets-503502057207>

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Past Webinars

All our previous webinars have been recorded and available on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.rtig.org.uk/youtube>



Digital Twins - In Real Life



During our last event on Digital twins we looked at the background and theory behind them. This webinar looked at how digital twins are being used in real life to make a difference and we were joined by Prospective and Alchera Technologies.



Prospective talked about the process of building a schedule level digital version of the public transport network, coupling it with additional data and show how it can be helpful for operators and agencies.



Alchera Technologies shared insights into their work with the City of York using a digital twin to help with traffic management.

Recordings are available through the member pages.

Extraordinary General Meeting



We held an Extraordinary General Meeting on 19 January 2023 as part of the move to new governance arrangements.

At the meeting it was agreed to:

1. dissolve the current RTIG-Inform.
2. approve Articles of Association for RTIG Inform Limited
3. appoint Directors for the remainder of 2022-23
4. appoint Directors for 2023-24

This means that we will now proceed to arrange legal transfer of current RTIG-Inform organisation of which you are members to the new RTIG Inform Limited company.

The current committee will become directors of the new company:

Sonya Sparks (Essex);
Graham Davies (WYCA);
George Connell (Stagecoach);
Simon Gold (Reading Buses);
Russell Gard (React Accessibility);
Darren Maher (Journeo); and
Tony Brown (Atkins)

Thank you all for your support in this important step in ensuring a stable future for RTIG.

2023-24 Business Plan



Now we are in the latter part of the 2022-23 business plan year it is time to start to consider what RTiG should be doing for the period from April 2023.

If you have anything that you would like to see RTiG involved in, producing or organising during 2023- 24 then please get in touch with Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk .

Annual General Meeting 2023



The AGM will be on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 13:00 and will be part of a wider face to face workshop

The AGM will review the work of RTiG over the years as a celebration of what has gone and look to a new organisation with the 2023-24 business plan.

The AGM is open to all Subscribing Members and Affiliate Members of RTiG who have committed to subscribing for FY22-23.

More details will be published nearer the time with agenda and papers being circulated to all member contacts by email.

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What's happening in Public Transport Information and Technology?

On Wednesday 22nd March 2023 around the AGM we will as normal have a day conference. We are negotiating a venue and will announce this as soon as it is agreed.

This year we will be covering What's happening in Public Transport Information and Technology.

We will be hearing about developments in:

- Content Management to Display Interface
- On vehicle equipment
- Lots of other topics

We are looking for speakers to share their innovations and developments in technology and or information with attendees

Please get in touch with tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk if you would like a slot.

3G is on the way out, act now!

This is something we have covered a few times over the last couple of years, when something is a few years away its easy to put it to the back of the pile of things that need doing. Its now months away and so needs to get to the top of the pile pretty quick with operators announcing switch off dates.

If you have got 3G connected devices and or SIMs in your displays and or vehicles then you need to be working out what you need to do to upgrade them or replace them now.

UITP - Public Transport Benefits

Following the success of the European campaign, UITP decided to launch a global public transport benefits toolbox. The toolbox contains brochures, posters, visuals and much more, to help members communicate this message to the public, policy makers and other stakeholders.

Public transport makes our cities, our lives and our planet better. Besides walking and cycling, public transport is the most climate friendly and sustainable way to travel, while stimulating the economy and making our roads safer. As public transport and combined mobility professionals we are proud of our contribution to the world. And the new 'public transport benefits toolbox' helps the entire sector, from individuals to companies, show its added value.

<https://www.uitp.org/pt-benefits/>

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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'.



A Navaho Transport systems destination blind on the ADL Enviro 400 EV

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Supporting the First All-Electric City Bus Service in Ireland

Athlone has become the first town in Ireland to implement an all-electric bus service. Subsidised by the National Transport Authority, the vehicles are operated by Bus Éireann.

Buses in Athlone travel over 540,000km each year, and with over 10,000 passengers now using the service weekly, the vehicles will reduce annual carbon emissions by 400,000kg and create quieter, cleaner bus service.

Trapeze is proud to support the rollout of all-electric vehicles by integrating those vehicles into the overall combined network, promoting consistent information for passengers. Since 2005, we have provided the on board Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) solution. Installed across the entire fleet, our system allows Bus Éireann to optimise their operational performance and service quality.

<https://trapezegroup.co.uk/article/supporting-electric-bus-service/>

Newport Transport protects road users with Journeo digital wing mirrors

Newport Transport has retrofitted 31 Yutong Electric buses with Journeo digital wing mirrors, with a further 12 vehicles set to have the technology installed. The initial installations followed a trial period, where the Journeo Camera Monitor System (CMS) impressed Newport Transport with its robust construction and performance.

The Newport Transport team was particularly pleased with the unique features of the Journeo CMS, including the automatic adjustment between day- and night-time settings that needs no action on the part of the driver. Engineers also saw the benefits of the design, which keeps all computing components inside the vehicle, making it easy to replace or repair if the digital wing camera becomes damaged.

The Journeo CMS is an established solution that improves driving safety and increases awareness of other road users. Using high-definition cameras it eradicates blind spots and increases visibility

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in all road conditions, with many drivers commenting on how much it improves the view of their surroundings. Because the cameras are far smaller than wing mirrors, they are also much less likely to hit trees, street furniture and other objects.

The system can be retrofitted to many types of vehicle, as well as installed to new buses in factories. This allows operators to standardise on one system across their fleet, backed by Journeo's training, support and nationwide field service team.

A D M I N

Management Committee Members

The Management Committee for the year 2022-2024 was appointed at the EGM on 19 January 2023. Membership is currently as follows:

Chair: Tony Brown

Members: Sonya Sparks (Essex), Graham Davies (WYCA), Russell Gard (React Accessibility), Darren Maher (21st Century), Tony Brown (Atkins), George Connell (Stagecoach), Simon Gold (Reading Buses), Meera Nayyar (DfT)

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