



PRESS RELEASE

Young people of the world unite in Geneva for sustainable mobility

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Six years after a group of young people came together to campaign for a better quality of life through the use of sustainable mobility, the Youth For Public Transport Foundation (Y4PT) has gained NGO status, as revealed today at a press conference at the 60th UITP World Congress and Mobility & City Transport Exhibition. The move opens the door for greater international cooperation between young people campaigning for sustainable development.

With the sale of cars declining in many parts of the world, the granting of NGO status to Y4PT is an historic moment as the Foundation is unique in promoting the active participation of young people in advocating sustainable mobility. Six years of tireless work and the establishment of branches all around the world has proved that there is an increasingly large percentage of young people who are starting to dream of sustainable living and mobility instead of car ownership.

"This group really gives me the sense that I'm not alone, sitting at my desk, working by myself. The spirit of cooperation and information is far more than any other "group of the net" ever joined!" said **Alessandra Gorini**, Founder of Y4PT. "The foundation status means we can really move forwards with this project and take it to the next level."

The granting of Foundation status to Y4PT will open up funding opportunities allowing it to focus on future projects, such as the launch of a job bank on the Y4PT website promoting job opportunities for young people in the sustainable mobility field as well as a series of educational programmes aimed at increasing awareness of sustainable transport.

Y4PT in Geneva

Some of the most innovative young thinkers, speakers and activists are attending the UITP World Congress in Geneva (May 26-30) for the **3rd Y4PT World Youth Meeting on Public Transport**. The meeting acts as a platform for young people to put forward ideas on public transport. All outcomes will be addressed to major representatives from PT-related operators, authorities, industries, associations, universities, research institutes, NGOs, and IGOs all over the world.



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Youth For Public Transport is a passionate international non-governmental youth organisation (NGO) that promotes the active participation of young people in advocating sustainable mobility by promoting the integrated use of public transport with other means of transport in order to seek greater welfare and a better quality of life for all people around the world.

What does Y4PT do?

Advocacy – the voice of youth in transport planning and policy making

Communication – the connection between youth and public transport stakeholders

Education – then mentor of youth on sustainable transport

Employment – the provider of jobs in the transport sector through the Youth Job Bank

www.youthforpt.org

RTA (Road and Transport Authority, Dubai) is the first Honorary Founding Member of the Y4PT Foundation. Honorary Founding Members will actively help the foundation with insight and innovations and create opportunities for wider recognition of the Foundation.

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The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is the international network for public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, scientific institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. It is a platform for worldwide cooperation, business development and the sharing of know-how between its **3,400** members from **92** countries. UITP is the global advocate of public transport and sustainable mobility, and the promoter of innovations in the sector. Visit our website www.uitp.org

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Geneva Public Transport (TPG) is the benchmark public transport operator in the Geneva region. Its objective is to contribute to the management of mobility in the region, proposing a quality service with respect for sustainable development. In serving the community, TPG aims for excellence in all of its activities. TPG works within the framework of a contract allowance, negotiated every four years with the State of Geneva.

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Swiss Association of Public Transport (APT) is the national umbrella organisation of public transport companies. It counts **143 passenger and freight traffic companies**, 11 associated members who directly participate in the making of public transport and 178 commercial and industrial companies as amicable members. APT has (amongst others) the following duties: to represent its members' shared interest in relation to politicians, authorities and third parties; to inform the public and authorities about the importance and the concerns of public transport; to organise the formation of opinion within the public transport sector and to promote training and further education of employees of all levels.



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