

20 mph scheme highly commended by Sustrans



The City of Edinburgh Council's 20 mph scheme has been highly commended by Sustrans during their Raising the Standards annual knowledge sharing day which they use to promote active travel.

Representatives from 25 local authorities and another 49 partner organisations who attended the day long event have all been assisted by the Community Links Programme.

Sustrans Chief Executive Xavier Brice opened the session with reflections on his experiences with Transport for London and his ambitions for Sustrans in all the nations of the UK.

Sustrans Scotland National Director, John Lauder, said : "City of Edinburgh Council has taken a bold step to join the growing number of European and UK cities introducing lower speed limits across the whole city area with its '**20mph for Edinburgh**' scheme.

"Education and awareness were key to success, including involvement of primary schools in a competition to name the 20mph mascot, now called 'The Reducer'.

The [Community Links Programme](#) is one of Sustrans Scotland's grant schemes. Scottish Government funding through Transport Scotland provides for the creation of cycling network infrastructure for everyday journeys. The implementation of this programme is essential in order to achieve the vision of the [Cycling Action Plan for Scotland](#) of 10% of trips to be made by bicycle by 2020.

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