

The Active Travel Act: Information for Young People



What is the Active Travel Act?

In 2013 the Welsh Government decided to make it easier for people to travel actively around Wales and they created a new law called the Active Travel Act.

The Active Travel Act will make journeys on foot, bike or scooter easier because it requires all local authorities to plan routes for walking and cycling.

How will routes be planned?

First all the existing routes in each area need to be recorded on a map and local people need to be asked what they think of the existing routes.

Next, local authorities in each area of Wales need to ask the public where they would like new routes to be built. This information will be used to plan new paths and roads for the future.

What could it mean for you?

The Active Travel Act is the first law in the world that makes road planners consider walkers and cyclists. It could make Wales one of the best countries to travel by walking, cycling or scooting.

The Act also means that you have a chance to share your opinions about your local routes with the authorities.

You can tell your local authority your opinions about current routes and also let them know where you think new routes should be built. You can find out how to do this by contacting: schoolswales@sustrans.org.uk

Why is active travel beneficial?

If you walk, cycle or scoot, then you:

- have fun and see friends
- get regular exercise and improve your health
- develop your independence
- breathe less air pollution
- reduce the use of fossil fuels that damage the environment.

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