



PRESS INVITATION CYCLING FOR LIBRARIES

REMINDER

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2013 - 10 AM - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BRUSSELS

MEP's WELCOME 100 CYCLING LIBRARIANS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS

From 18 - 26 June 2013 over a hundred enthusiastic librarians from around the world will get on their bikes and take part in the 3rd annual Cycling for Libraries tour in order to share ideas, discuss issues and form friendships while visiting libraries, satellite events and of course, cycling.

Belgium and Netherlands play an important role in forming library policy and the highlight of the tour between Amsterdam and Brussels will be the group's arrival at the European Parliament on the morning of the 26 June. Through this, Cycling for Libraries will continue to put library matters on the agenda of the European Union and further underline the social and economic impact of libraries all over the world.

On the morning of the 26 June MEP's from the European Parliament's Education & Culture Committee will hand a copy of the newly registered Written Declaration on "The Impact of Public Libraries in European Communities" to the cyclists as they arrive at the steps of the European Parliament. The Declaration is designed to raise political awareness of recently published research on public library usage across the EU which demonstrates that public libraries provide essential services to marginalised and disadvantaged groups which can assist with EU2020 policy objectives, particularly in relation to digital inclusion, social inclusion, lifelong learning and pathways to employment.

Organizers Jukka Pennanen and Mace Ojala, both from Finland say: "Cycling for Libraries is an open concept, an unconference in the form of a bicycle tour in which the physical and intellectual contribution of each participant counts".

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

We kindly invite you to the press event on the 26th of June, 10 AM outside of the European Parliament (between Altiero Spinelli entrance and the Luxembourg train station).

Please subscribe before June 24, 2013 by mail or phone.

PROGRAM

10 AM - 10:30 AM MEP's present a registered copy of the Written Declaration to the Cycling for Libraries group.

Location: Wiertzstraat 60 – 1047 Brussels – Belgium

Attending this press event will be over 100 librarian cyclists (including the organizers of Cycling for Libraries: Jukka Pennanen and Mace Ojala), and Education and Culture MEP's including Mr Hannu Takkula MEP who is hosting a Cycling for Libraries dinner in Parliament in the evening.

In addition, the various Belgian and Dutch co-organizers of participating libraries are happy to give you some more information. Associated partners such as Civic Agenda will be available to offer further information on the Written Declaration on public libraries.

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