

the stove network

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Open Public Meeting to Discuss Transport Issues within Dumfries

The Stove Network, 100 High Street, will host an open public meeting on the evening of Thursday 15th June in which local people are invited to think and talk about transport issues in the town and imagine a future Dumfries with transportation systems that work for all our citizens and visitors. The public meeting is part of the Stove's 'Takeover' project; a series of events over the month of June which includes an artwork unveiling, discussions from professional artists and a film screening.

Matt Baker from the Stove Network commented, "We've been talking about a vision for the town centre for many years now, and a topic which keeps coming up is transport and the many complex issues which are involved with this. This event will be a chance to bring all those issues and ideas together. We expect some of the discussions in the evening will be focused on the Southern Bypass, public transport, the White Sands and traffic in the town and the High Street."

The event, 'Act as if We Own the Place', is hosted in partnership with the Electoral Reform Society, and is part of a National Programme in which they are looking to encourage and support local communities to get involved in decisions which effect their local area. They want members of the public to take an active role in influencing local issues by forming their own 'town council for a day' through important conversations. Discussions will include topics such as cycling, walking, parking, pedestrianisation, local businesses, railways, youth perspective, community transport and access for people with disabilities. The session will be supported by experts in different aspects of transport and with local knowledge.

The event will begin at 6pm at The Stove Network on Thursday 15th June. Free tickets are available in advance from The Stove Café. All members of the public are welcome to come along and contribute to open discussions.

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Notes

The Stove Network is an artist-led organisation based in Dumfries and creating new activity and opportunities in the town centre based around The Stove, 100 High Street.

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