

Cardiff Pedal Power Needs Your Help

You may have heard that Cardiff Council provide Pedal Power with a small amount of funding each year of £23,000. Unfortunately, this year they have proposed to cut this money by £10,000. We at Pedal Power believe that this conflicts with the council's duty to its residents to support them undertaking health and wellbeing/preventative services. This money enables us to provide the service we do at the current prices, free assessments and free rides for carers.

We are asking our service users, organisations that use our services and anyone else that agrees that such a small amount of money in the council's budget is little to pay for what we offer, to write to their councillors, MPs and/or AMs to ask them to stop this cut. To do so you can visit <https://www.writetothem.com/> pop in your postcode and use the below template to help us keep this funding.

Cardiff Pedal Power gets many small grants that help us keep going, however few grants help us cover our core costs and most have restrictions on what we can use them for. This grant enables us to provide free assessments and free rides for carers and so is very important to our service users.

What does this cut mean for Pedal Power?

Pedal Power want to be very clear that this does not mean we will have to close nor does it mean we will stop offering services. However, there are likely going to be knock on effects.

What this means for service users of Pedal Power?

We may have to increase prices

We may have to start charging for assessments that enable accessible riders (those with disabilities and long term conditions) to find the right bike for them

We may have to start charging for Carers that currently ride for free

Pedal Power would rather not do any of these and would hope that Cardiff council sees how this small amount of funding, which goes such a long to supporting over 8000 accessible rides each year, helps them achieve their goals under their What Matters Strategy and soon to be legal duties under the Future Wellbeing Act and enables so many riders to enjoy the benefits of cycling each year.

We are asking you to help us keep our service as accessible as possible, please feel free to use the below template when contacting you AM MP.

Dear (Insert name of Councillor, MP or AM here)

Cardiff Pedal Power is currently facing £10,000 cuts this coming year from Cardiff Council. Please can you revisit this decision as it will likely only impart costs onto the most disadvantaged people in our communities. This money helps Cardiff Pedal Power work with disadvantaged people from all walks of life enabling them to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of cycling. We urge that this small amount of funding remains with Pedal Power to support people in Cardiff accessing the benefits of cycling no matter what their ability or disability.

Regards

(insert name)