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Andrea is 'Pupils' Choice' at Cycling Scotland Awards Ceremony

South Lanarkshire volunteer wins Pupil's Choice Award at Cycling Scotland's Bikeability Awards

Andrea Williams, who teaches Bikeability Scotland cycle training to pupils at Blackwood Primary School in South Lanarkshire, was honoured at the Cycling Scotland's annual Bikeability Awards which took place at Glasgow City Chambers on 30th October.

Ms Williams was nominated by the P7s at the school who highlighted her ability to teach them something every day, even on the way to school.

Bikeability Scotland is a cycle training programme designed to give children the skills and confidence they need both to cycle safely on the roads, and to encourage them to carry on cycling into adulthood.

P7 Teacher Emma Murray commented, "Andy is kind, caring and an excellent instructor who is enthusiastic about cycling."

The awards, presented by Bailie Philip Braat at a civic reception hosted at Glasgow City Chambers seek to recognise outstanding commitment and success in getting more people cycling across the country.

David Collins, Bikeability Development Officer, said: "There is so much excellent work going on across Scotland to get people, of all ages and abilities, cycling more often. We are very grateful to our volunteers in helping us to grow confidence in our young people and to teach an essential life skill of riding a bike.

"Our thanks go to Transport Scotland and South Lanarkshire Council for helping to recognise the amazing work that goes on at grass roots level to help more people to travel safely and confidently by bike."

Cycling Scotland is the nation's cycling organisation. Find out more about all Cycling Scotland programmes at www.cycling.scot.

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Bikeability Scotland Awards were presented as part of Cycling Scotland's Annual Conference. The Conference is a two day National conference with national and international speakers and audience of 200+. The programme included study visits including to Sighthill, one of the largest city centre regeneration projects in Europe and Paisley, supporting its 2021 City of Culture bid.

Full list of winners:

- **Bikeability Scotland 'Pupils' Choice**
Highly commended: Ann Kerr of Carleton Primary School in Fife
Winner: Andrea Williams, Blackwood Primary School, South Lanarkshire
- **Bikeability Scotland Volunteer of the Year**
Highly Commended: Margaret Voss, Lundin Mill Primary School, Fife
Winner: Deborah Gault, East End Primary School, Moray

Bikeability Scotland

Bikeability Scotland is a cycle training scheme designed to give children the skills and confidence they need both to cycle safely on the roads, and to encourage them to carry on cycling into adulthood. Bikeability Scotland is managed by Cycling Scotland, the national organisation for cycling promotion, on behalf of the Bikeability Scotland Delivery Group.

www.bikeability.scot

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