



# UK COACH OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

# SUB-GROUP UPDATE

- PSVAR & AIR
- Drivers Hours / Training
- Fuel & Decarbonisation
- School Services
- Women in Bus & Coach
- Driver Academy
- Holiday Bonding
- Marketing



# DRIVER'S HOURS / TRAINING

- Developing the Sub-Group – Volunteer members identified, collating ideas, and first meeting to be held imminently.
- Legislative Review – We are identifying potential changes that maximise benefits to coach operators.
- Member Engagement is Key – Your insights and feedback are crucial in shaping our approach. What specific legislative changes or challenges would you like us to address?

# FUEL & DECARBONISATION

## ZEMO Members & TSC Meetings

### Items Raised by Richard Telling

- Lack of Zero Emission coach makes & models.
- Design issues with current models – Reduced seating / luggage space and increased weight compared to diesel equivalents.
- Insufficient rapid charging infrastructure
- Huge costs involved to install required electrical supplies at depots
- Increased costs to switch to HVO (£160+ pv/pm)
- No funding support

# WOMEN IN BUS & COACH

- Event at London Transport Museum this evening
- Margaret O'Kane in attendance
- Blue Plaque unveiling honouring Jill Viner
- The first female bus driver for London Transport (TfL) in 1974

# DRIVER ACADEMY

- Simplified guidance developed and waiting to be signed off by DWVP
- Funding available nationally (upon DWVP assessment)
- No lower or upper limit on vacancies
- £2500avg saving on training per driver
- Driver remains on benefits until training completed
- Carl Widdowson, DWVP's Recruitment and Employment Sales Manager will be speaking future members meeting to address concerns and highlight benefits.



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