Tweets during our interchange matters seminar on 1 December 2016



Natalie Doig @thehappysa... Dec 1 Looking forward to the talks today at #interchangematters at @LonTravelWatch



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Our CEO, Janet Cooke 'so often interchanges r weakest link in a journey'. Want a situation where people don't notice them. #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Attending @LonTravelWatch seminar on #interchangematters.







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Janet Cooke - interchanges matter most to those with mobility needs. These people need to be confident when travelling. #interchangematters



Transport for All @transp... Dec 1 We're @LonTravelWatch's #interchangematters seminar this morning talking about accessibility!







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 London Underground MD, Mark Wild is our first speaker. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild: Accessibility is a measure where LU doesn't score well when compared to other major metro systems. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 With only 70 step free LU stations, only Moscow of they key comparison metros has fewer step free stations. #interchangematters







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild: 'it is the system which disables people' - he sees improving LU accessibility as a personal challenge. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild: The Vauxhall interchange is sub-optimal. Underground only just step free but hard for anyone to get around. #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Moscow is only metro with worse step free access than London #interchangematters







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild is looking for innovative ways of filling the gap btwn train & platform #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 The latest innovation is the 'please offer me a seat' badge which launched in September. #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Honest appraisal from Mark Wild of @TfL on failures and successes of underground #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild - many in the room will have fought for all 40 Crossrail stations to be accessible.

#interchangematters



Natalie Doig @thehappysa... Dec 1 Really reassuring talk by Mark Wild of @TfL on accessibility. Real commitment to improve #interchangematters @LonTravelWatch









London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild in response 2 qu frm @thehappysalmon turn up & go assistance going OK but he takes failure instances very seriously #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Every failure of turn up and go is reported to MD of LU #interchangematters







Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 National Rail running project to implement turn up and go #interchangematters







Rica @RicaUK Dec 1 #Access and the Tube: @LonTravelWatch is hosting the #interchangematters seminar today. How easy is changing trains for #disabled people?







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Wild - must reduce excess journey time 4 those with accessibility needs so they have access 2 jobs & other opportunities #interchangematters







London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Our next speakers are John Gill from @networkrail & Micky Ball from @RailDeliveryGrp #interchangematters



Natalie Doig @thehappysa... Dec 1 Key lesson is for LU staff and train companies to communicate better over assistance for disabled people #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 John Gill - accessibility is very high on the agenda, particularly since the @ParalympicsGB homecoming event. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 This really made him understand the important accessibility issues. eg trains cld only accommodate 3 wheelchairs. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Two charter Caledonian Sleeper trains enabled 40 wheelchair users to travel. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 This experience made @networkrail realise national rail stations don't make it easy 4 those with wheelchairs to travel. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Micky Ball soon realised when he took on accessibility issues at RDG that 'we're in a position 2 change people's lives' #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Great story from Network Rail about transporting 40 wheelchair using paralympic athletes to London #interchangematters it can be done





London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Micky Ball: in this age of apps & technology, the human element is still so important. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Ball - there is currently no consistent info on which stations you can get turn up & go assistance. #interchangematters



Alan Benson @AlansTweets Dec 1 Google Street View coming for 85 stations #interchangematters





London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Nat Rail operators looking 2 intro updated, easy 2 use, fully functioning maps as part of their stations made easy prog #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Our Chair, Stephen Locke makes pt that timetabling changes 4 engineering works sld take into account accessibility issues #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 We now move onto our #interchangematters panel; @thehappysalmon from @RNIB . @AgeUKLondon BD & @transportforall #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Faryal Velmi from @transportforall - accessibility is a civil rights issue. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 @transportforall helped force a u-turn on Crossrail, ensuring the 40m stations will be accessible. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 In an aging society we need to future proof our transport eg more mobility scooter users, an aging population. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 It is confusing that u have to book 1 type of assistance on one form of transport & another for a different mode.

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London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Faryal from @transportforall: Having 1 management team at interchanges as advocated in our report, would be great help. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 .@thehappysalmon Natalie Doig is picking up some issues that the @RNIB encounter - transport is the no 1 issue. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 She tells of a man who was visiting London & got lost trying to find his wife in the assistance room @NetworkRailPAD #interchangematters





London TravelWatch @L... Dec1
After he badgered the station
they eventually put up signage
hvg 1st been worried that people
w/o disabilities wld use it
#interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 .@thehappysalmon : Accessibility issues can link with mental heath issues if pax aren't given confidence abt travelling. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Station staff need to recognise that people with disabilities may want to choose a quieter and less busy service.

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London TravelWatch @L... Dec1 Gordon Deuchars from @AgeUKLondon_BD stations need an adequate seating, evenly spaced & perhaps priority seating #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1
Toilets are also really important
too - some stations have them
but others don't.
#interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1
There's still a lot of confusion
about bus request stops in the
outer London boroughs says
@thehappysalmon
#interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 In S London where transport links are often poor, it's v difficult 2 book social transport services say @transportforall #interchangematters





London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1
.@AgeUKLondon_BD add that
freedom pass restrictions also
often adversely affect those in S
London. #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1
People are sometimes treated
like packages rather than people
says @thehappysalmon
#interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Need 2share best practice frm aro the country eg join up btwn shopping centres & transport services say @transportforall #interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1
The panel agree that staff
training involving disabled and
older people can really help
improve services.
#interchangematters



London TravelWatch @L... Dec 1 Julian Drury from @c2c_Rail is just summing up our event. #interchangematters



Enda Casey @casey_enda Dec 2
RT @LonTravelWatch "With only
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