

Step-free travel reaches new heights at Greenford

AN INNOVATIVE lift, which travels on a gradient alongside the escalator and stairs, has opened at Greenford Tube station.

It joins the growing number of Tube stations that are now step-free between street and platform, making life easier

for the millions of people who use the Underground.

Building the lift on an incline saved money too, as TfL was able to use an existing escalator space instead of excavating a lift shaft. Using half as much power as a standard lift, it is more efficient to run.

Deputy Mayor for Transport, Isabel Dedring, said: 'The Mayor has set an ambitious target of ensuring that more than half of TfL's stations are step-free by 2018. This lift is the first of its kind in the UK and a great example of one of the many innovative projects now under way to achieve that.'

Around 40 more Underground and Overground stations will become step-free over the next ten years as part of a £326million investment into accessibility, including funding from the Mayor and London Underground.

The number of journeys made by step-free routes each year is expected to almost treble between now and 2023, from 77million to 227million.



First section of North-South cycle superhighway opens

A segregated cycle route running from Elephant and Castle to Blackfriars Road, via St George's Road, has now opened.



THE 800metre-stretch is the first section of Mayor Boris Johnson's North-South cycle superhighway to be completed, six months after he helped dig out the first piece of tarmac in May. When finished in spring next year, it will run as far as Farringdon and, in the future, will be extended to King's Cross.

The Mayor said: 'This is another key moment in the evolution of cycling in our great city. We promised

world-class facilities and that's exactly what's being delivered on the ground.

'The opening of this section of superhighway is an important part of our mission to get more Londoners cycling safely, offering a fantastic new segregated route for thousands of people making a trip from North to South.'

The route is the latest milestone in the creation of the Mayor and TfL's

new cycle networks, which include new superhighways – East-West running from Lancaster Gate to Tower Hill, and CS5 running from Oval to Pimlico. These will eventually connect to a network of backstreet cycle routes called Quietways, designed for cyclists who prefer to travel at a slower pace.

■ **Find out more at** tfl.gov.uk/northsouth

Art on the Underground nurtures young talent

BUDDING curators are being invited to take part in a creative project run by Art on the Underground and artist Ania Bas this half term.

Participants will go behind the scenes at the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton and William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow to help create a unique newspaper using a variety of printing and design techniques. The completed work will be displayed next year.

The 'object exchange' project is open to people aged between 16 and 22 and runs from Monday October 26 to Friday October 30.

■ **To get involved, visit** art.tfl.gov.uk/projects/object-exchange



Transport fun for families this half term

THIS half term there's a host of family-friendly activities to keep children entertained at London Transport Museum in Covent Garden.

Little ones can take part in daily creative workshops or go to storytelling sessions based on the museum's new exhibition 'Night Shift – London After Dark'.

They can also learn about London's iconic transport vehicles in the 'All Aboard' play zone where they can be a conductor on a real bus, repair a mini Tube, and explore the 'Lost Property' office.

■ **Entry is free for children aged 17 and under. Adult tickets are £16 and allow admission for a year. Find out more at** www.ltmuseum.co.uk

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