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ATCO exists to promote professionalism in the dealing of passenger transport services by local authorities. Open to local authority staff and those individuals supporting them, ATCO seeks to:

- Support excellence in passenger transport services
- Equip individuals to do the job effectively and efficiently

It achieves this through:

- Opportunities for networking, information exchange and sharing of best practice
- Opportunities to learn and develop
- Shaping policy and liaising with other interested parties

ATCO draws its members from across a wide range of passenger transport disciplines in local government – public, education, social care, health and community transport, fleet services, rail, information and ticketing, policy and research.

with the challenges facing passenger transport professionals in local government, it is important to have access to relevant and appropriate advice and good practice. Through its network across the UK, ATCO provides these links. ATCO members offer a wealth of knowledge and information, with opportunities to compare notes and learn from one another in various ways:

- Regional meetings
- Executives and best practice forums
- Annual passenger transport survey
- ATCOList (discussion forum)
- Update (e-bulletin)
- Conferences, workshops and other events

In these ways, ATCO members can keep up-to-date with information, opportunities and legislation, and improve their effectiveness. There are opportunities to gain wider perspectives on matters and to develop collective viewpoints.

For the individual, there are opportunities for learning and training,



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as well as the possibility of gaining formal Passenger Transport qualifications through the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

By playing an active role in ATCO, individuals have real opportunities to raise their profile. This might be through networking with other authorities, getting to meet with other organisations (locally, regionally or nationally) and government ministers and officials, or through opportunities to showcase innovative projects or new ways of working. In working with other parties, members can help shape policy and legislation, and contribute towards future thinking and developments.

As well as developing their technical knowledge, there is every opportunity for members to develop their personal skills through chairing meetings, writing briefing papers, preparing technical papers, undertaking research, or through data collection and analysis.

In summary, ATCO opens up opportunities to improve members' effectiveness at work, develop their careers, provide the ability to innovate and bring new ideas to the workplace, and better understand legal obligations and risks.

ATCO membership not only benefits individuals; employers also gain great value from their staff being involved in ATCO, as follows:

- ✓ Comparison information about other authorities through benchmarking and surveys
- ✓ Lower risks and more effective solutions, knowing that things have been tried before elsewhere
- ✓ Opportunities to raise the profile of the authority and its achievements (e.g. through conferences) and to work jointly with other organisations and shape policy
- ✓ Learning about good practice elsewhere, better equipping employees
- ✓ Opportunities to test ideas out and get quick responses to issues and questions
- ✓ Recruitment channels to find specialist staff
- ✓ Discounted attendance at conferences and events
- ✓ Having an engaged and informed workforce

How to Join

Corporate membership for Local Authorities costs just £350 per year and permits up to 10 members. Individual membership costs just £50. Other membership options are available for retired individuals or commercial organisations.

If you would like to join ATCO or have any questions about membership please email hello@atco.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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