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**Goals:**

1. To work towards the development and submission of a children’s physical activity and built environment multicountry study
2. To stay abreast with current developments, expertise and research around the world in the area of children’s physical activity and built environment
3. To provide support to each other

**Action Plan (describe specific steps to achieve the goals):**

1. Coordinate study of younger children's physical activity and built environment
2. Conduct environmental audits to relate to children's physical activity
3. Provide support to each other in terms of grant preparation
4. Create a cross-country database with children's PA and environment data
5. Website Development and communication.

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**CEPA Policy**

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**Goals:**

1) to build capacity to do policy-relevant research

2) to monetize the health benefits of active travel into transport cost-benefit frameworks and disseminate global examples

**Action Plan:**

1. ***Peter*** to discuss with Nick Cavill -> work with how HEAT tool how used to advocate for change.
2. ***Greg*** consult Department of Transport Geneva re: transport modelling
3. ***Peter*** to provide framework developed for NSW. ***Charlotte*** and ***Shigeru*** to explore local examples
4. ***Billie*** to circulate literature on economic analysis
5. ***Billie*** to review evidence of life-cycle costs of built environment infrastructure and how affects urban design outcomes
6. ***Britt*** to coordinate a meeting in 4 months time (via skype)
7. ***Billie*** to talk to conference organisers in Rio to arrange a workshop which will include:
	1. Policy makers providing case studies on how they are increasing public transport use
	2. Researchers presenting on doing policy research
	3. Workshop on how to design studies for policy research

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**Goals:**

To stimulate, support and disseminate findings from high quality international research on how urban green space affects physical activity behavior

**Action Plan:**

Stimulate and support research on physical activity and urban green space internationally

1. Prepare a systematic review of studies addressing the relation between physical activity and urban green space, by age group, with a special focus on interventions/natural experiments, and including qualitative studies
2. Prepare a systematic review of the methods used to assess the relation between physical activity and urban green space
3. Assess if the CPAT (Community Park Audit Tool) by Kaczynski et al can be used in multiple countries, and explore opportunities to collect park audit data in multiple countries
4. Assess feasibility of a meta-analyses across countries and/or age groups
5. Look for opportunities for joint (international) grant applications
6. …

Build capacity to use the best available methods for the measurement of physical activity and urban green space

1. Compilation of available self-report and objective methods for the measurement of physical activity in urban green space
2. Provide a mailing-list
3. …

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**Older Adults**

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**Goals:**

To stimulate, support and disseminate findings from high quality international research, on how environmental attributes affect physical activity behaviour in older adults with and witout mobility limitation.

**Action Plan (describe specific steps to achieve the goals):**

1. Recruit new potential study sites for an IPEN older adult multicountry study on PA-Environment;
2. Work on resubmission of a grant application for an IPEN older adult study;
3. Review of objective PA methods in older adults;
4. Review of self report measures in older adults;
5. Compilation of list of available self report and objective methods for the measurement of environmental factors in older adults.

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**Transport Sector Data**

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**Goals:**

1. To develop and build capacity in working with transport-sector data

2. To understand how transport-sector data can be used in public health research

**Action Plan (describe specific steps to achieve the goals):**

A potential topic we consider examining is socioeconomic inequalities in transport mode choice, using household travel surveys from different countries.

1. Conduct literature review on the above topic;

2. Determine research questions based on the review;

3. Identify household travel surveys that are accessible, and conduct analysis;

4. Put together results and write a paper.

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**Early Career Researchers (ECRs)**

**Leader:** Dr Ruth Hunter, Centre for Public Health, Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland

**Sub-Leader**: we welcome volunteers for sub-leader

**IPEN Support**: To help with the development of the web discussion forum and possibly facebook; to contact IPEN members who may be interested in joining this group.

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**Goals:**

1. To connect ECRs interested in research on the built environment and physical activity can communicate with each other;
2. To provide a shared learning environment where ECRs can share information and communicate about relevant issues;
3. To develop and promote research opportunities within the built environment and physical activity;
4. To facilitate mentoring and education for ECRs who have an interest in the built environment and physical activity.

**Action Plan (describe specific steps to achieve the goals):**

1. To create a web forum (and possibly facebook) via the IPEN website for social networking and career and academic discussion;
2. To facilitate the development and promotion of research opportunities via advertisement of relevant opportunities on the web forum;
3. To develop a mentoring scheme in collaboration with senior researchers for ECRs;
4. Other activities that we are considering include organising social events and academic sessions at the annual ICPAPH conference.

We greatly welcome any input, ideas or offers of involvement to help us evolve. If you would like to get in touch please contact Ruth Hunter (ruth.hunter@qub.ac.uk)

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