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“Traffic Kills” Association’s proposal: on Saturday night two buses will take clubbers to ten different locations

“Leave your car, traffic kills” The night crowd travels via bus

Let’s see a show of hands from who often goes out at night to return in the morning and has never thought about having the possibility of taking the bus at night, leaving superfluous cars in the garage and heading for clubs and events without running into traffic jams, wild parking and drunks behind the wheel.

This is however a scenario the city has difficulty acknowledging, despite its flourishing night life, apart a few exceptions: amongst these, free shuttles in occasion of venues like “Traffic” festival or “Club to club”, or occasionally for New Year’s celebrations. However, something is moving from the “underground”.

In fact, on Saturday night, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. two free buses which can hold up to 29 people each will be crossing the city from North to South and linking more than ten clubs, starting from Moncalieri and reaching all the way to the northern part of the city circumferential. The promoter of this initiative is the online eco-community Traffic Kills.

Open to everyone, and explicit starting from its name: the TK staff claims they “try to make people more aware and create information on sustainable transport and alternatives in mobility. Cars are not the actual problem, it’s a matter of how they are used.

A lot is spent on driving license and alcohol controls, but how much is invested to offer an alternative for transportation? It is a reflection which starts from urban transport and leads towards many different perspectives.

Our name has in itself an intriguing communicative power which brings people together through issues which surround us every day. Traffic Kills is based in Torino, and involves more than a thousand aggregations in the largest Italian cities.”

In Milano night buses are already a reality, and the community’s activity consists in petitions to intensify this service; however, in Torino a concrete solution is to be created from square one. Expenses for around a thousand Euro, and an itinerary which covers the city nightlife: heading north, the bus leaves from Faster/Fabrik Club in Moncalieri and crosses the city all the way to Evadamo Club in Via Schiapparelli, which is hosting Twisted Vision psytrance party; amongst other stops Hiroshima Mon Amour, where Offlaga from Emilia Romagna will be playing their gig.

Further stops at Disco Pax, Porta Susa, Porta Nuova (Baku Bar), piazza Madama Cristina (Velvet Club), Corso Cairoli right next to the Murazzi clubbing area (Puddhu Bar), Piazza Vittorio (La Drogheria), Via Po (King Kong Microplex), Piazza della Repubblica, Corso Vigevano in occasion of United Club’s mini hardcore-punk festival, via Cigna for Swedish band Shout Out Louds’ gig at Spazio 211, corso Giulio Cesare for the Sneakers concert and Andy from Bluvertigo’s dj set at Ossigeno Club. And viceversa.

“We didn’t have the possibility to contact a bigger number of clubs, unlike public institutions or Gtt, who have the means for doing so, – organizers say – but this is only

because the whole initiative was set up in very little time. Our intention is not to provoke: actually, if the initiative is a success, from Monday onwards we would like authorities to become interlocutors for us and whoever else supports the same cause.”

Some time ago, a bipartisan proposition coming from a group of city councilmen under 30 urged the Committee to start initiatives aimed at encouraging the use of public transport among clubbers.

The idea is still in its planning stage, thanks to the usual lack of funds. There are plenty of hypothesis on what to work on.

One of the most popular is six or seven main Gtt bus lines running every hour to cover the gap which goes from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. However, this still remains a dream. Traffic Kills' initiative could be what will get things on the move again, since the community was able to organize an alternative to cars on such short notice. The economic issue is not such an unsurmountable obstacle.

Saturday night will be an important test: if clubbers travelling to and from over ten clubs will give positive responses, the service will be confirmed.

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