

Run Away With the Circus

The Clonakilty Bike Circus has openings for bike enthusiasts to become apprentice bike mechanics. The training covers all aspects of basic bicycle maintenance and repair, including:

Bicycle nomenclature

Shop safety & etiquette

Use of primary bicycle tools & tool care

How to ‘M Check’ a bicycle

Puncture repair & tyre mounting

Bicycle cleaning & lubrication

Brake maintenance & repair

Derailleur maintenance & repair

Chain cleaning, testing, removal & replacement

Bicycle wheel construction & repair

Bearing cleaning & replacement

Introduction to E-bikes

 There is no tuition charge, however each student must complete all the instructional segments, fulfil 100 hours of hands-on bike repair, and completely take down and assemble a bicycle.

 The Clonakilty Bike Circus is a membership public workshop responsible for maintaining the rental fleet of the Clon Bike Hire Scheme. Jack, its chief mechanic has more than fifty years’ experience working on bikes. He is assisted by Jane and Graeme, also experienced bicycle mechanics.

 During their free time students are invited to work on their own bikes or, if they like, enter the Bike Circus’ VolksBike Contest with a potential of winning €500 at the 2020 Clonakilty Bicycle Festival. (Details available on request.)

 Apprenticeships are open to anyone sixteen years of age or older. Under sixteens will be considered if sincere and responsible. For further information, contact Jack at *cisco\_moran@yahoo.com*.