

Accessible Transport For All in Co. Clare

Research Partnership

Clare Leaders Forum and University of Limerick

Facilitator: Dr Rosie Gowran

Location: Clare Public Partnership, Ennis

9th February 2019

First session: What do we know and what do we need to find out about rights to transport internationally, nationally and locally.

- Workshop held 9th February 2019 11am-12.30pm
- Attended by Dermot Hayes, Noel Kearney and Desserie Stevenson
- Facilitator: Dr Rosie Gowran University of Limerick
- Items on the agenda
 - Understanding the transport context internationally, nationally and locally.
 - Identifying the people / key stakeholders, demographic,
 - What are the issues that needs to be addressed – what works well and not so well?
 - What are the key priorities for research proposal development?

Context

International

- UNCRPD – Rights to accessible transport

National

- Irish Disability Act 2005
- Economic investment in transportation infrastructure – urban Vs rural development – e.g. Luas, Vantastic
- NDA research addresses public transport - **Transport Accessibility Monitoring Study: Report on Phase 1 Pilot** - <http://nda.ie/Publications/Transport/Transport-Publications/Transport-Accessibility-Monitoring-Study-Report-on-Phase-1-Pilot.html>

Local to Co. Clare

- **Currently available:** Clare bus link, limited taxi service, individual organisation transport (estimated 40 pieces of transport available to members of organisation only between certain hours)
- **Plan for assessable transport-** brief discussion by Clare Leaders Forum with local councillors and consideration given to making an application for funding – need concrete research to develop a plan to portray a community message.
- **Consider collaborators:** Joe Carey TD, Councillors Ann Norton, Johnny Flynn, May Howard, NGO's including Older People's Group.

People

- Current population of disabled people in Clare? 14,000
- Current members of Clare Leaders Forum 25-30
- Facebook friends – 500.
- Do we know the type of transport people need? – Survey should be considered
- Do we have a definition of Accessible transport that included all people – who needs transport (wheelchair Users, Mobility issues, Young and older people)
- Are we looking at a co-operative transport system?

Issues

- Consistency of Transport
- Transport available to NGO's but not available to non-members
- Rural Access

Taxis

- Cost of taxis / grants available/ discrimination monitoring?
- System is not responsive
- No agreement with local taxi companies
- No monitoring of the system, can't tell what the problems are??
- Require leadership to move forward

Priorities

- To develop an in-depth understanding of the current transport system
- To explore the transportation experiences of people in Co Clare.
(Survey?)
- To conduct a scoping review of the literature relating to international, national and local accessible transport – what legislation, policy, guidelines, research, actions currently exist.

- Meeting closed at 12.30pm
- Next meeting 14th March 2019 11am CPP