

Region Newsletter

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Introduction and Welcome



I hope that this message finds you and your families safe and well.

2020 has been a year that no one expected. A year of change and challenge, of Zoom meetings and new ways of working.

At CIHT we have moved fast to adapt. Our AGM was held virtually this year and we had a great attendance. I am delighted to say the drive for a younger more dynamic ROI committee continues with only one grey haired member elected! Our committee is a balance now of Clients, Young Professionals, Consultants, Academia and Contractors.

Looking forward to 2021 I would like to thank all those members that responded to our LinkedIn poll on subjects of interest to you. We have reflected the feedback in a comprehensive list of webinars to be held this coming year (see page 2 of this newsletter). Climate change, Virtual Consultations, Diversity and Major Project reports are all covered. We are delighted that on 22 January Sue Stevens, CIHT Director of Education will be holding a webinar to advise of routes to Professional Qualifications with CIHT.

In the past year we have found the virtual way of working has brought us closer to the 14,000 CIHT members across the globe. The challenges faced and networking opportunities; particularly with our colleagues in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, have helped us share best practice and to rise to the challenges we currently face.

Looking forward to 2021 we will keep flexible around networking and CPD events. Virtual engagement is planned but, as the vaccines are rolled out, we hope to develop events where we can safely see you all in person again.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and exciting 2021.

Best wishes,

Andy Campbell

Chair, Republic of Ireland CIHT Branch
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2020-2021 Committee

The Republic of Ireland CIHT committee was elected on the Annual General Meeting that took place in June this year. The following CIHT members were elected:

- Chair: Andy Campbell
- Treasurer & Vice-Chairperson: Saurabh Gupta
- Secretary: Mark O'Sullivan
- Events Officer: Sarah McDonagh
- Communications/Web Officer: Luciana Pires
- Membership/Recruitment Officer: Paraic Carroll
- Regional Member of CIHT Council: Matt Steele
- Committee members: John Fleming, Lorraine D'Arcy, Cathal Fahy, Quentin O'Connor and Colin Acton

If you want to know more about the committee members, please take a look at the [Who's Who](#) page on the CIHT website.



We are always looking for people who want to get involved. At this moment the position for **Young Professionals Chair** is vacant!

All CIHT members are eligible to participate on the committee. Involvement in the committee counts towards your Continuing Professional Development and can lead, in the long term, to participating in national CIHT activities.

Let us know if you want to get involved!

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LinkedIn: search for "CIHT Republic of Ireland"

Follow CIHT on Twitter [@CIHTUK](#)

Events Update

We are delighted to announce that the CIHT Republic of Ireland webinar series was launched! We hosted two webinars in October and November this year. In our first webinar, **Mark O'Sullivan**, Transport Planner at Jacobs Engineering Ireland and our Secretary, showcased how transport operations of a division of the Health Service Executive (HSE) were surveyed, how routes were mapped and how potential integration options were identified.

On our second webinar, **Dr Lorraine D'Arcy**, Senior Lecture at the School of Transport Engineering, Environment and Planning – TU Dublin, discussed walkability and its central role in mobility.

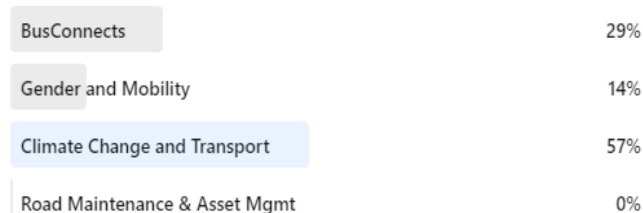
This webinar is available on the CIHT Members Area. Under Resources, you can find past recorded events

from our region as well as webinars hosted by other CIHT Regions.

We are planning to host more webinars over the next year. The results from the online poll we run on the [CIHT Republic of Ireland LinkedIn Group](#) show that, from the topics listed, Climate Change and Transport and BusConnects were the most voted.

Which one of these topics you would like to see on a webinar?

You can see how people vote. [Learn more](#)



2021 Webinars Agenda

We are planning to continue the webinar series over the next year. The events planned can be found in the table below. Due to the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, these events are subjected to change, so please check our [Events Page](#) for regular updates.

Month	Title	Speaker
14 Jan	Micromobility solutions in urban areas. Panel discussion with providers to explore benefits, challenges and opportunities.	Moderated by Paraic Carroll UCD, Assistant Professor School of Engineering
22 Jan	Overview of routes to qualifications through CIHT and the benefits of becoming qualified	Sue Stevens CIHT, Director of Education and membership
25 Feb	Engagement going digital and getting the most value out of consultation	Marielle O'Lone WSP, Associate Director, Planning Information and Management
16 Apr	BusConnects: Designing for Movement of People	John Fleming NTA, Director Bus Connects Infrastructure Dublin
20 May	Findings from the H2020 DIAMOND project: Fairness and Inclusion in Transport Systems. Public Transport, Bike Share, Autonomous Vehicles and Working in Transport systems.	Lorraine D'Arcy TU Dublin, Senior Lecturer Sustainable Transport and Mobility
May	Encouraging Behavioural Change to Encourage Active Travel Solutions	Paraic Carroll UCD, Assistant Professor School of Engineering
Jun	Delivering Climate Change solutions in Local Authorities	David Symonds WSP, Future Ready Lead
Jul	Active Travel Opportunities	Tara O'Leary SWECO, Active Travel Lead NM20
Aug	Fast track Road maintenance solutions	Cathal Fahy Tarstone Road Maintenance, MD
Sep	'CIHT ROI Annual Learned Society Lecture' - Autonomous cars – what does the future hold	Member of the Technical Leadership group at CIHT
Oct	Kia Kaha - Reconnecting Communities after the New Zealand Earthquakes	Mark Devenny Opus, Project Leader
Nov	Stage F Road Safety Audits – Guidance, Reality and Lessons Learnt	Matt Steele TTRSA, MD

December - Christmas Quiz! Free CIHT membership for winner.

If members have any ideas on events they would like to see in the programme, or would like to host an event, please contact us and we will look to include you as future programs. We will also run more online polls to check your interest in topics. [Stay tuned on our social media channels and get involved!](#)

Feature Article

Travelling in a Woman's Shoes

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has published the report Travelling in Woman's Shoes - understanding women's travel needs in Ireland to inform the future of sustainability transport policy and design, a study which investigates the needs and travel behaviour:

"The study explores the drivers of car dependency for women including transport infrastructure, significant caregiving responsibilities, safety concerns and equality of access to quality services. Throughout the report policy opportunities are identified to provide a way forward. This study shows us that designing transport that people will use and love requires new ideas and new level of gender sensitivity in policy and practice."

According to TII CEO Michael Nolan, the study is the first of its kind in Ireland and tells real-life stories that demonstrates the characteristics of women's mobility in Ireland. Exploring the experiences of women travelling in the country, their mobility barriers, and the challenges they face, is a critical part of the sustainability agenda.



Key summary points:

- While women view cycling as good for health, this is negated by unsafe experiences and perception that it is the least and safe way to travel because of a lack of quality infrastructure.
- Attitudes and perceptions of transport are shaped by families from an early age.
- Mothers pass on their experiences and strategies to their children, teaching them to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings. This can perpetuate a car culture and limit choices.
- There is a general concern for climate change, however the link between individual transport behaviours and sustainability is not well understood.

- Cost of parking is a strong incentive to reduce car usage, whilst the full cost of running a car is often underestimated.
- Women in Dublin are the least likely to use a car and are most willing to reduce their car usage even further.
- Behaviour change requires the full support of society and families.
- Beyond Covid-19 flexible working arrangements could influence the distribution of household duties and travel demand.

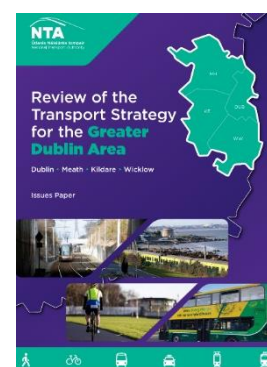
The report is available at the following link [Travelling in a Woman's Shoes Report](#)

One of our planned next year webinars will discuss **Mobility and Gender! Stay tuned!**

News

Review of the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has commenced review of the 2016-2035 Transport Strategy. This review will assess current plan implementation and guide a strategy update which sets out a transport infrastructure and service investment framework for Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow to 2042.



Submission deadline for this round of consultation is Friday 22nd January 2021.

You can find more information at the [NTA website](#).

Opening of new pedestrian and cycleway crossing at Dunkettle Interchange

The 1.2km stretch of shared pedestrian and cycleway infrastructure has been delivered by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and Cork City and County Councils as part of advanced works being undertaken on the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade Scheme.

The scheme aims to minimise environmental impacts and improve cycling and pedestrian facilities. It also allows for access to a future railway station in the vicinity and associated park and ride facilities. [Source](#)

A Day in the Life of:



John Fleming

Job Title:

Director BusConnects
Infrastructure Dublin, NTA

Terms of Reference:

Delivery of 16 Core Bus Corridors through Statutory Planning Consent & Construction in

Greater Dublin Area.

Suitability for the job:

Chartered Civil Engineer, Masters in Business Administration, and over 39 years' experience in planning and construction administration of major transport infrastructure projects.

Where are you based:

National Transport Authority Offices, Dublin.

Transport to work:

25-minute walk along the Grand Canal.

Top of in-tray:

Finalise the preparation of the 12 Statutory Planning applications for submission to An Bord Pleanála next Spring.

Best aspect of job:

Working with a wonderful team of professionals on a very special body of work. Challenging each other to design for the 'movement of people' rather than cars is taking us out of our comfort zone. Not business as usual.

Worst aspect:

The city-wide scale of the programme is generating typical fear of change and consequently there are many diverse perspectives and opinions to be considered and managed.

What is the most important transport issue today?

Ensuring that the public consultation process is enabling meaningful engagement with the public despite Covid restrictions. Virtual access to meaningful information seems to be reaching deeper than traditional methods of consultation. The silent majority can engage remotely.

How do you relax?

I enjoy walking and am getting to know historical streets of inner areas of Dublin since moving from the suburbs.

Ambition:

To see BusConnects meet its objectives.

Committee Updates

During the past year we have recognised the similar challenges our Celtic colleagues have been experiencing in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The demographic and population spread often mean we face similar issues. In the year ahead we will be working to strengthen links with the Celtic branches to share experiences on transport issues. Our membership has remained steady in the past 2 years. **We are keen to grow.**

Over the coming year we will add to the useful content, case studies and webinar content available exclusively for members in the [Resources](#) section of our website. We will be rolling out new initiatives including online CPD recording and a new online community discussion forum for members to share and discuss hot topics and issues. We have also refreshed our [benefits for members pages](#) to highlight the range available – there may be some that you are unaware of so please take a look.

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of the [Republic of Ireland branch of CIHT](#) for the support that you have continued to give to the institution. Hopefully, we will get to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.