

Region Newsletter

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From the Communication Officer



My name is Vincent McCarthy and I am the CIHT Communications Officer for the ROI branch for 2022 / 23. I would like to give you all a brief update on the work CIHT is doing in the Republic of Ireland and our plans for the remainder of the year.

New Board: One of our most important actions was to nominate a new committee for the forthcoming year. The following people put themselves forward and were elected;

Chair: Matt Steele

Vice Chair: Lucy Curtis

Secretary: Colm Kelly

Treasurer: Sarah McDonagh

Communications: Vincent McCarthy

Membership: Glenn Hingerty

Events: Andy Campbell

General Committee Members: Carl Courtney, John Fleming, Shreya Dey, Cathal Fahy, Brendan Meskell

Co-Opted Member: Paraic Carroll, Lorraine Darcy

We wish the board every success for the forthcoming year.

Online Events: In April, Philip McAleese from See.Sense Lights gave a presentation on the use of data from See.Sense bicycle lights, to inform discussions around Sustainable Mobility patterns and the needs of Cyclists in particular. Over 120 of you attended and we thank you for the support.

Free Membership Upgrade: CIHT offered free membership upgrades during the month of August and I wish those who availed of the opportunity every success in their application.

Online Information: I am acutely aware that the information on the ROI webpage is in need of housekeeping and this is a priority for me in the coming weeks. My aim is to ensure you have content tailored to

your needs as a CIHT member and if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

To finish off, my contact details are below. I am keen to hear what you need from the board to develop your knowledge and career, through your membership of CIHT in the Republic of Ireland. Thank you

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Opportunities to get involved!!!

Your Region needs you!

Although most of the vacancies were filled at the 2022 AGM, we still have a few board positions available.

We are on the lookout for talent / future talent to fill the position of Young Professional Chair.

If you are interested in joining the committee or want to find out more, then we are happy to discuss the committee roles and answer any questions you might have.

The time requirement for these roles are not overly taxing. These positions will provide your CV with invaluable experience and / or give you the opportunity to give back your experience and learnings to the ROI members.

Please contact republicofireland@ciht.org.uk for more information.

Events Update

If there are any topics you would particularly like to see covered, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach the committee via email at: republicofireland@ciht.org.uk

As a CIHT Member you have access to a number of resources, including Professional Development or other Knowledge & Resources. This is available at <https://www.ciht.org.uk>

News

Walk 21: The 22nd International Walk21 Conference was recently held at TU Dublin from 19 – 23 September 2022.

Walk21 promotes the profile of walking and the value of walking as a public policy tool in the areas of transport, health, climate change, local liveability, personal wellbeing and social vibrancy.

The event was well attended both in person and online. Further information can be found at the Walk21 website <https://walk21ireland.com>

Public Transport Fares: One of the more popular announcements this year is the fare reduction for young people on public transport.

All adults aged 19 to 23 can avail of a range of fare discounts across the public transport network. Further information can be found at <https://www.transportforireland.ie/fares>

Be Heard: There has never been a better time to have your voice heard in your local community. Many local authorities are seeking the input of the communities they serve via public consultations. Details of these can usually be found on the websites / social media channels of local authorities across Ireland.

A person on a bike: A final food for thought to this newsletter relates to a discussion doing the rounds online. The Dutch use the phrase 'Wielrenner' to describe competitive cycling, while 'fietser' describes everyday cycling.

The English language uses the catchall phrase 'cyclist' to describe any act of using a bicycle. What words could be used / introduced to the English language to differentiate between competitive and everyday cycling?