



**Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation
Republic of Ireland, Presidential Visit
Conference Schedule
Thursday 24 September 2026**

**CIHT Republic of Ireland Conference 2026: Mobility Safety for All,
Schedule**

08:30 – 09:10 *Conference Registration and Refreshments*

09:10 – 09:45 Opening Address

09:10 – 09:15 Welcome by **John Fleming** CIHT ROI Chair

09:15 – 09:25 Address by **Sue Percy** CIHT CE

09:25 – 09:45 Keynote Address – **Kate Carpenter**, CIHT President

**09:45 – 10:45 “Integrating Active Travel in Universal Design in Ireland: New
Standards and Real-World Delivery” Part 1: Designer/Planner
Perspective**

John Fleming – Moderator

- **Dr Suzanne Meade – Road Safety Specialist, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)**
Safety reviews showing gaps between technically compliant designs and actual user experience; insights from Empowering Women to Cycle on perceived safety, design barriers, and overlooked tactile/crossing elements.
- **Sarah O’Donnell – Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)**
Mobility expertise and practical considerations for integrating accessibility into active travel schemes.
- **Joe Seymour – National Transport Authority (NTA)**
National accessibility and Universal Design standards: strengthened frameworks and persistent implementation challenges at local authority level.

10:45 – 11:15 *Refreshments and Exhibition Stands*

11:15 – 12:15 “Integrating Active Travel in Universal Design in Ireland: New Standards and Real-World Delivery” Part 2: User Perspective

Vicent McCarthy – Moderator

- **Dr Sarah Rock – Technical University Dublin (TU Dublin)**
Evidence-based findings from the Blackrock Main Street study: increases in footfall and vibrancy, user responses to materials and layout, and how lived experience reveals needs not captured by standards.
- **Jamie Millar – Vision Ireland (VI)**
Visual impairment, tactile guidance, crossings, shared spaces, and how new standards respond to visually impaired users.
- **John Fulham – Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA)**
Lived experience of mobility barriers in current Active Travel schemes, practical recommendations.

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch, Networking and Exhibition Stands*

13:30 – 15:00 Emerging Professionals, 4 shortlisted presentations

Moderator: Glenn Hingerty

- **Ciara Gilroy**
- **Philip Stewart**
- **Leia Denisse Torres Chaves**
- **Hadley Scott**

15:00 – 15:10 *Comfort Break, Networking and Exhibition Stands*

15:10 – 15:15 Awards - Emerging Professionals Competition

1. **15:15 – 16:00 Afternoon Panel – Influence Road Safety in the Republic of Ireland with a focus on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion - Part 4: Panel Discussion** – Takeaways & Actions from Part 1: Designer/Planner Perspective, Part 2: User Perspective, & Emerging Professionals Presentations

Sue Percy, CIHT CE – Panel Discussion Moderator

Kate Carpenter, CIHT President
Anne Shaw, NTA CEO
Anne Graham, RSA Chairperson
Matt Steele - SoRSA
Dr Suzanne Meade – TII
Glenn Hingerty – TU Dublin