

Press Release

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Wexford County Council and Gorey Pedestrian and Cycling Association support 'Make Way Day' Campaign.

'Make Way Day' is an annual campaign led by the Disability Federation of Ireland that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we share. It is a unique collaboration across Ireland with the voluntary and local government sectors but most of all it's about people with disabilities

To make this year's campaign, last Friday (27th Sept) Wexford County Council's Access Team together with elected members joined by Senator Malcom Byrne joined forces with Gorey Pedestrian and Cycling Association and community groups in carrying out a walkability audit to raise awareness about everyday obstacles on footpaths that hinder accessibility for people with disabilities.



Speaking at the event , Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, Cllr. Pip Breen. said *"I am proud to be here on Make Way Day to raise awareness of the issues for the people of Gorey on our public footpaths. This is a very worthwhile exercise, to ensure we are not taking for granted accessibility in the town and always endeavour to do all we can to make our footpaths easy to use for all our citizens."*

As well as detailing the issues faced by people with disabilities , it offers an opportunity for stakeholders to work together in creating solutions.

Some of the most common issues that affect people with disabilities include cars parked on footpaths, bicycles illegally parked, bins left out on footpaths. While most often these issues are unintentional oversights by individuals, Make Way Day aims to encourage everyone to think about their actions and how they can affect other people using the shared spaces in the towns and villages.



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