

CLIMATE NEWS



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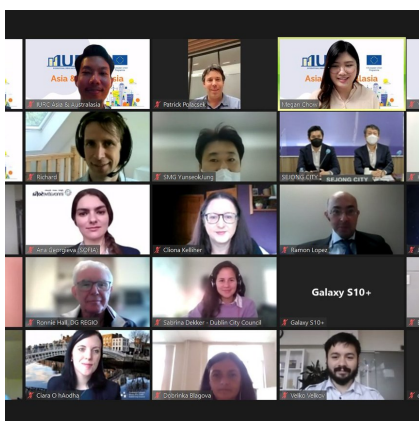
SUCCESSFUL IURC APPLICATION

IURC is the second phase of the International Urban Cooperation Program and we are delighted that Dublin City Council has been accepted onto the program and will work in cooperation with Seoul in South Korea.

The cooperation will be focused on three thematic networks which are Ecological Transition & Green Deal, Urban & Regional Renewal & Social Cohesion and Innovative Sustainable & Carbon Neutral Ecosystems and Strategic Sectors.

Thursday 30th September saw the hosting of the kick-off meeting, which was opened by Patrick Polacsek from the EU Delegation to Korea, and featured presentations from city partners Busan, Sejong, Rotterdam, Sofia, Seoul. Our own Dublin City presentation was given by our Climate Action Officer, Dr. Sabrina Dekker. Covered were topics like business and circular economy, the Climate Action plan and projects like District Heating and active mobility.

The partnership will involve virtual meetings and exchange visits and offers a great opportunity for skill sharing and learning from innovations in other cities.



For further details of the kick-off meeting see
the
[IURC website](#)



BIKE WEEK

Dublin City Councils Active Travel Communication & Promotion Team organized a range of activities for Bike Week which took place from the 12th to the 18th of September.

Pedalpalooza kicked off the week in Fairview park on the 12th September and featured a whole range of activities for all the family including, (to name but a few!):

- Vélocity Challenge
- Yoga
- Bike Maintenance
- Fitness for Kids
- Outdoor Cinema
- Bike Demos

The event attracted over 1,800 participants and was continued through the week with other activities such as lunchtime cycles, school workshops and cycle training.



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MAKE WAY DAY



Make Way Day is a national awareness campaign, which took place on September 24th, and aims to educate and inform the public of the obstacles which have been inadvertently placed in the way of people with disabilities. These obstacles create significant difficulties for people with disabilities when attempting to negotiate their way through towns and cities.

The Active Travel Communication & Promotion Team organised a lunchtime webinar on Tuesday, September 21st 'Make Way Everyday - overcoming everyday obstacles to accessible streets' to hear from about the impact blocked streets have on people with disabilities and learn more about the Make Way Day campaign. The webinar, which was facilitated by Michael Foley of One Open Dialogue, included Panelists:

- Mary Tallent and Naomi Oldenburg, National Disability Authority
- Robbie Sinnott, Voice of Vision Impairment
- Pierce Richardson, Disability Federation of Ireland

If you would like to watch back on the webinar, you will find it [HERE](#)

In addition, Make Way Day posters were placed in a range of DCC buildings and a social media campaign was run to raise awareness of the everyday challenges faced by people with disabilities. A video showcasing some of the key issues was produced and was published on all our social media channels. We also encouraged people to complete the Disability Federation of Ireland survey, detailing any obstacles on the footpaths in their local area. Feedback from the survey will be used to inform officials of key areas in need of intervention.

You can find more details on the Make Way Day [Website](#).

NATIONAL REUSE MONTH

Did you know that October is National Reuse Month?

According to MyWaste.ie 'reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.'

There are lots of ways you can get involved - you can make an extra effort to repair, borrow, upcycle or check out your local charity shop for bargains! See below for some ideas - candle pots can be reused for plants, bamboo toothbrushes make great plant labels, nice bottles make lovely vases and tins can be used for pens or paintbrushes.

Check out [MyWaste.ie](https://mywaste.ie) for lots more tips and toolkits.

