

Motions 2011

Motions submitted by members for discussion at the IWA Annual Conference Saturday 21st May in The Heritage, Killenard, Co. Laois

1 'Drogheda Wheelchair Branch would like to put forward a proposal for Health & Safety reasons in the interest of disabled clients and taxi drivers that a full width ramp (like what is used at railway stations) should be used in wheelchair accessible taxis. Could we also ensure that wheelchair clamping in the taxi is also adhered to?'

Proposed by: Oliver Murphy
Seconded by: Paddy Gogarty, David Walsh, Angela Rice

2 'That IWA lobbies the relevant department that children under 16 years of age with physical disabilities be given free travel passes as are children of the same age who have sensory disabilities'

Proposed by: Ger O'Gorman
Seconded by: Brigid O'Gorman, Joan O'Gorman, Michael Scannell

3 'That the IWA intensifies it's lobbying on behalf of Wheelchair users, where lack of adequate funding under the present scheme of motoring concessions prohibits choice of an accessible vehicle best suited to their requirements'

Proposed by: Liam Deasy
Seconded by: Martin McCarthy, Michael Crowley, Mena Clinton

4 'That the IWA should continue to promote a universal concessionary travel scheme on an international basis liaising with other Wheelchair organisations through Europe'

Proposed by: Martin McCarthy
Seconded by: Liam Deasy, Michael Crowley, Mena Clinton

5 'That the IWA immediately engage with the relevant Ministers in government to heighten awareness and further advance current and future concerns and requirement of people with physical and sensory disabilities'

Proposed by: Mena Clinton
Seconded by: Liam Deasy, Michael Crowley, Martin McCarthy

6 'That the IWA should seek an update on the implementation of the Barcelona Declaration in so far as it applies to local authorities and government departments through the twenty six counties'

Proposed by: Michael Crowley
Seconded by: Martin McCarthy, Liam Deasy, Mena Clinton

7 'IWA calls on Willie Penrose Minister of State Department of the Environment with responsibility for Housing to publish the Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities as committed within the Sectoral Plan of the Department under the terms of the Disability Act 2005'

Proposed by: Dolores Murphy
Seconded by: Vijoy Chakraborty, Bridget Boyle, Sinead Foskin

8 'IWA calls on Minister for Housing Willie Penrose to require local Councils to identify units of accommodation from within the unfinished, empty and unsold private sector properties, that would be potentially suitable to be used by people with disabilities and that the Minister would correspondingly allocate appropriate funding for any required adaptation or extension to these properties'

Proposed by: Zoe Egner
Seconded by: Bridge Boyle, Daragh Kennedy, Bronagh Lee

9 'IWA calls on the Department of the Environment to reinstate the 2011 20% reduction in funding to the Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes and to allow a more flexible use of adaptation funding. These adaptation schemes are critical to supporting many people with disabilities to remain living in their own homes and are central to a housing policy which has recognised the importance of community and maintaining people within their known and desired environments'

Proposed by: Chris Hoey
Seconded by: Rita Doyle, Fiona Cooney, Bronagh Lee

10 'IWA lobbies all appropriate Government Departments and Ministers to put in place a strategy to ensure that there is a significant increase in the number of accessible taxis as a matter of urgency'

Proposed by: Michael Doyle
Seconded by: Martin Costello, Sinead Foskin, Christopher Hoey

11 'The Association prioritises the raising of awareness with local authorities and the general public in relation to the abuse of dedicated parking spaces for people with disabilities'

Proposed by: Eileen O'Mahony
Seconded by: Patsy Lane, PJ Gorey, Michael Doyle

12 'The Association lobbies to improve the opportunities for people with disabilities to access meaningful employment'

Proposed by: Patsy Lane
Seconded by: Eileen O'Mahony, PJ Gorey, Christopher Hoey

13 'The Association lobbies Government at the highest level to ensure that there are no more reductions to the income of people with disabilities'

Proposed by: Michael Doyle
Seconded by: Tony Coy, Sinead Foskin, Martin Costello