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National Network of Older People's Councils

Age Friendly Ireland

- Shared Service of Local Government
- Supports 31 local authority led Age Friendly Programmes
- Older People's Councils established in 31 areas as a core part of the structures
- National Network of Older People's Councils represents the voice of older people across Ireland
- National Convention annually



Transport Subgroup

- Transport is one of eight WHO Domains for Age Friendly Communities
- Subgroup established to focus on transport issues for older people
- Regular engagement with the National Transport Authority
- Consultation with older people on a range of transport issues
- Submissions to bring the voice of older people to national policy makers

Transport Issues for Older People

- Transport to medical appointments
- Rural transport and gaps in service
- Queries on use of free travel pass / booking seats during Covid
- Safety and security on public transport services
- Change in services (eg Cavan bus no longer stops at Mater Hospital)
- Clarity of information on timetables / signage
- Digital divide – accessing information and tickets online
- Accessibility of transport buildings (airports, bus and train stations)
- Routes and frequency of service

Walkability Audits

- Walkability audits are an important element of age friendly public realm development
- They are a central component to developing Age Friendly Towns
- Participants look out for accessibility of footpaths and routes, signage and wayfinding, rest spots, traffic and safety issues, litter, and overall pleasant environment
- Audits identify positive and negative features and help the local authority to plan works



E-scooters Submission

Safety concerns regarding :

- Speed
- lack of noise
- use on footpaths
- Parking
- Signage
- Insurance

Recommendation for safety features
and regulation



Cycling

- Triobike Schemes in many local authorities
- Presentation to Bike Week Webinar on cycling in older age in 2021



Age Friendly Train Station

- MacDonagh Junction in Kilkenny
- Steering group comprises Irish Rail, County Council, Age Friendly, National Transport Authority, Older People's Council
- Walkability audit
- Action plan developed
- Programme of work to enhance Age Friendly Features
- Launch / recognition planned for the summer



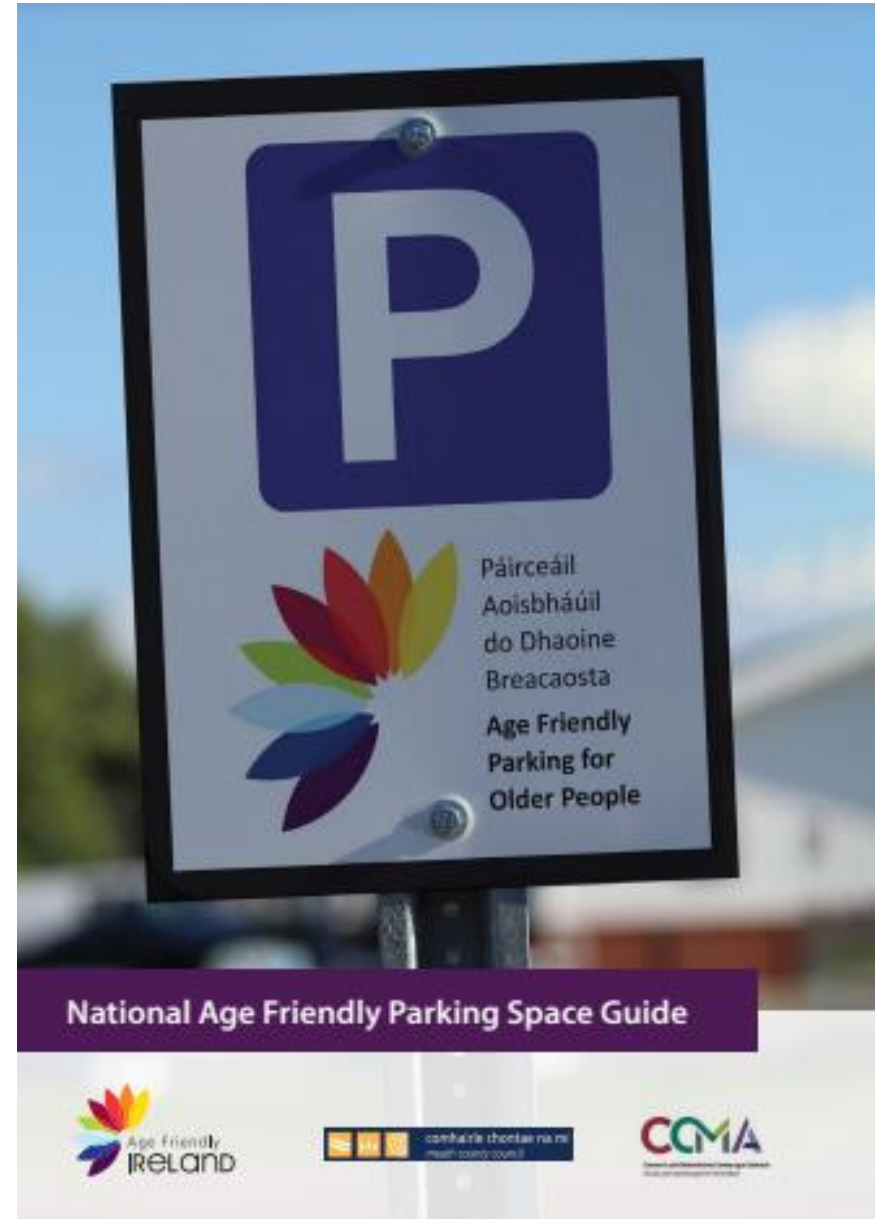
Age Friendly Airports

- Ireland West (Knock) and Shannon Airport
- Walkability Audits
- Physical changes such as covered walkway, signage, seating, parking
- Airport Guidelines produced
- WHO recognition as world's first airports to achieve age friendly recognition



Age Friendly Car Parking

- Age Friendly spaces are being installed by local authorities
- National design template from Age Friendly Ireland
- Supports older people with additional needs to park at convenient locations for post office, pharmacy, hospital, shops...
- Honour system – similar to parent and child spaces
- Recognises range of conditions and disabilities including hidden disabilities



Links with National Transport Authority

- Consultation on Bus Connects
- Presentations on Connecting Ireland
- Updates on accessibility improvements at bus and train stations
- Invitation to take part in mystery shopper
- Queries on use of free travel pass and other areas