



Consultation Response Draft Disability Action Plan 2026-2028

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Purpose of this Consultation

Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA 1995), as amended by Article 5 of the Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 requires Waterways Ireland, when carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and
- encourage participation by disabled people in public life

Waterways Ireland is committed to the fulfillment of its disability duties in relation to its business functions, and in making these duties central to our aim of creating the right conditions to support inclusion, equality of opportunity and increasing public participation and appreciation of the waterways' environment.

As a North-South Body, it is also intended that delivery of the measures in this Action Plan will address our statutory obligations under the Disability Act 2005 in Ireland.

The Draft Disability Action Plan outlines the positive action measures Waterways Ireland will deliver during 2026-2028.

How to Respond

We are happy to receive feedback by:

Consultation Response document

Completing this Response document and returning by:

Post to: Equality Unit, Corporate Services
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Meeting in Person or Virtual

If you prefer a meeting with us to give your comments face-to-face or virtual we will do our best to meet your request. Please phone 028 6632 3004 and ask to speak to Caroline McLoone or email equality.user@waterwaysireland.org

Consultation Open Days

We are planning to hold a number of Consultation Open Days between 4th September and the 8th October 2025 where the Action Plan will be available to view and discuss with us. Details of dates and times will be advertised on our website [Waterways Ireland | Home](#) and social media channels once finalised.

Alternative Format

Copies of this document are available on the Waterways Ireland website and in paper format. Documentation will be made available on request in formats such as Easy Read, Braille, audio formats, large print or minority languages to meet the needs of those for whom English is not their first language.

Consultation on this document will commence on Monday 1st September 2025 and close on Monday 24th November 2025 at 4 pm.

For more information contact Caroline on telephone 028 6632 3004 or by email at equality.user@waterwaysireland.org

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Consultee Information

I am responding as:

Individual ☐

Organisation ☐

My details are as follows:

Name	
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If you would like to be added to our Equality Database for future consultation processes, please check this box: ☐

Consultation Response Questionnaire to Waterways Ireland's Draft Disability Action Plan 2026-2028

The Draft Disability Action Plan 2026-2028 outlines how Waterways Ireland intends to fulfil its statutory disability duties through its business functions.

The two themes within the Draft Disability Action Plan are outlined in this questionnaire for your consideration and feedback

Do you Agree or Disagree with the following theme, and associated actions outlined within the Draft Disability Action Plan 2026-2028

Theme 1: Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people

Staff Training and Awareness (Actions 1-4)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

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Communications (Actions 5-8)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

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Theme 2: Encourage participation by disabled people in public life

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why:

Are there any other actions, or themes, which you believe should be included within the Disability Action Plan 2026-2028?

Do you have any additional comments on the content of the Draft Disability Action Plan for 2026-2028?

Thank you.