

# Velo-city 2019

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INTERNATIONAL CYCLING CONFERENCE VELO-CITY COMES TO DUBLIN

HOSTED BY DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL.

25th - 28th June 2019.

14 May 2019: Dublin City Council is hosting the Velo-city 2019 international cycling conference in Dublin from the 25th – 28th June 2019 in the Convention Centre Dublin. The Velo-city conference is the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) annual global cycling summit, and Dublin are proud to be hosting it. It is the world's largest conference dedicated to cycling, cycling infrastructure, bicycle innovations, bicycle safety, and the social and cultural changes driven by cycling on a global scale. Delegates attending the conference will be involved in the areas of delivering safe cycling facilities, technology, health, behavioural change, urban and infrastructure policies and mobility.

Approximately 1500 delegates are scheduled to attend the event over the four-day period, providing a significant boost to the local economy. The conference title is '[Cycling for the Ages](#)' and will explore visions for the cycling city of the future and how we get there from the cycling city of today; how can we support and design to ensure measures taken are inclusive for all ages, gender, abilities and nationalities.

"I'm very happy to lend my support to this important international conference. It's an exciting event and it's great that Dublin City Council are hosting it. Encouraging and supporting people to walk and cycle is crucial to help meet our climate action challenge, tackling congestion and making our cities more liveable places. That's why this Government is increasing the funding available to support the development of safe cycling infrastructure across the country both in urban areas, like Dublin city, and rural areas, through our new Greenways Strategy", said Shane Ross TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

"This increased investment is supporting the delivery of a number of major projects in Dublin this year and over the coming years as the National Transport Authority continues to implement the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, including the delivery of 200km of cycling infrastructure as part of the BusConnects programme," he said.

One of the key social activities that Dublin City Council has organised for the delegates is a Bike Parade, which will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday the 26th of June. Delegates will travel along the Sutton to Sandycove (S2S) cycle route - one of Dublin City Council's and the National Transport Authority's flagship cycling projects, towards St. Anne's Park. Joining them in the cycle parade will be a host of community groups, schoolchildren and cycling enthusiasts along the UNESCO designated Biosphere, a location that is one of the most highly designated and ecologically sensitive sites in the world. Upon arriving at the Park, there will be free family entertainment for all as well as a farmers' market with foods such as artisan cheeses and preserves, organic meat, fresh baked bread, cakes and treats.

"We are delighted to host Velo-city 2019 and look forward to interesting and informative discussions from leaders in the cycling world", said Owen Keegan, Chief Executive, Dublin City Council. "As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainable transport and delivering on our commitments to combating climate change, construction contracts will be awarded on three major cycleway projects in the city centre this year; the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway, the Fitzwilliam Street Cycleway and the Royal Canal Way project; while design work is ongoing on the Dodder greenway, Clonskeagh to City Centre, and the remaining sections of the Sutton to Sandycove Route (S2S). With the Liffey cycle route now out for public consultation, all of these projects represent an important and exciting future for the city."

"As a Smart City, we also constantly explore how technology can help increase cycling levels and we have worked in partnership with several companies and organisations trialling unique and smart solutions to promote and encourage cycling", he further commented.

To coincide with Velo-city, Dublin City Council in partnership with Cycle Industries Europe and the European Cycling Federation, has announced the 'Smart Pedal Pitch', a search for the most innovative cycle tech solutions. Winning entries will get the chance to pitch to a global cycle audience as well as a panel of international judges from the tech and cycling world.

Over the course of the Velo-city Conference, sessions will focus on a broad range of engaging topics including; "Cycling & Climate Change – the opportunity", "Cycling Road Space Design – to Share or Segregate", Explaining and convincing for a better cycling city". Keynote speakers at the Conference include; Owen Keegan, Chief Executive Dublin City Council, Anne Graham, CEO National Transport Authority, Philippe Crist, Advisor for Innovation and Foresight for the International Transport Forum (ITF) at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), former professional cyclist, Chris Boardman, Greater Manchester's first ever Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Lucy Saunders, public health specialist, urbanist and transport planner, creator of healthy Streets approach, Klaus Bondam, CEO of the Danish Cyclists' Federation since 2014 and Amanda Ngabirano is an urban and regional planner, lecturing at Makerere University in Kampala and Vice President of the World Cycling Alliance in Africa. For more details on all the speakers and their topics, <https://www.velo-city2019.com/>.

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