



Galway Centre for Independent Living's

Transport Service

“A person’s quality of life is significantly affected by his or her ability to access the transport network to avail of a choice of modes of transport and to be able to travel easily and with confidence to a chosen destination.” *

One piece of research found that over 40% of people with disabilities reported that they could not use public transport. Of these about 30% of disabled people who could not use public transport said it was because they could not get from their home to the bus stop or access point. Another 30% said it was because they could not physically get on to the bus or train. 25% of people with disabilities who responded to this survey reported having neither access to public transport nor regularly driving a car.**

For those who can neither drive nor use public transport, it is very difficult to get out of the house to go any distance unless given a lift or taking a taxi. This makes it

hard to conduct the normal business of life - going to work, shopping, visiting friends. People with disabilities find it extremely difficult to access, suitable, affordable transport to be able to assist them in independent living. Lack of access to transport severely restricts independence.

Galway Centre for Independent Living has one fully accessible minibus. It can be hired by individuals or groups, for routine journeys or on a one off basis. The bus is available for journeys within Galway City or County, dependent on viability, and all clients will be picked up at an agreed suitable location. Our friendly drivers are all fully trained, and the hours of service for the bus are flexible to meet the requirements of our clients.

We charge a nominal fee for the use of the bus to cover our actual running costs.

Please contact the office for further details and an application form.

* "Transport Access for All" Sectoral Plan for Accessible Transport under the Disability Act 2005, July 2006

** Social Participation and Disability, NDA, November 2004

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