

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS)



Annual Report Summary



This document is a summary report of a year's work by the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland, known as MACS.



MACS is an advisory non departmental public body.



The Convener and Members are appointed by the Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf MSP.



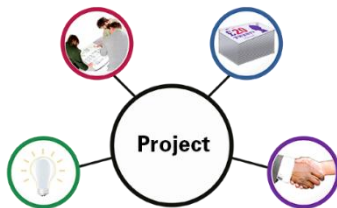
The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) has 15 members.



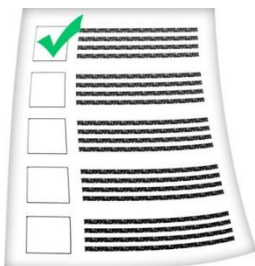
A Convener leads their work. The Convener is called Linda Bamford.



MACS works on the accessibility of different types of transport like bus, taxi, tram, ferry, train and roads.



This work is split into different areas called workstreams. There are six workstreams in total.



MACS has worked hard and made progress in their workstreams.



The things that MACS has done are in this report.



At the end of every section, the report sums up what work MACS plans to do next year to help make transport better for disabled people.

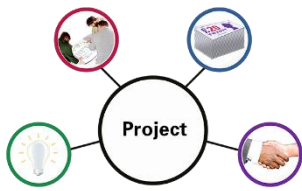


The Main Committee meets 4 times a year.



You can read what happens at these meetings here on this website.

www.macs-mobility.org



Some of the workstreams meet in addition to these 4 meetings.



MACS needs to make sure their members have training.

MACS runs training events for members. These are called development days.

They help members think about the future work of MACS.



The first development day was held in March 2017.

The committee members talked about the things they had to do and what Scottish Ministers need them to do.



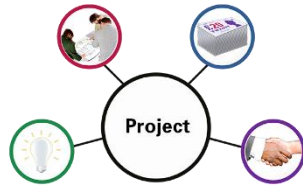
MACS made a plan about what they will do next.



This year, some people have left MACS, and others have joined.



The Minister for Transport and the Islands asks people to become members of MACS.



This report has information on the workstreams.

Introduction from the Convener – Linda Bamford



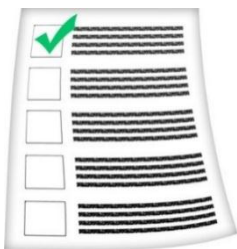
Linda Bamford is the Convener of MACS.



The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) was set up in 2002. It works to make sure transport is accessible for disabled people.



MACS gives advice to Scottish Ministers about accessible travel.



MACS also has to answer questions on transport, these are called consultations.

This helps disabled people have their voices heard when Scottish Ministers are making laws.



MACS have to do these six things:



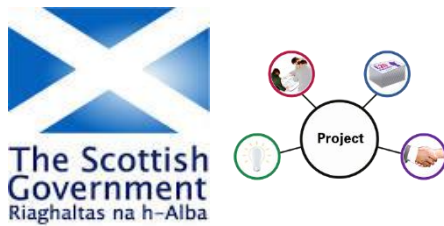
1. Give Scottish Ministers advice on Accessible Travel.



2. Talk about their lived experience.



3. Tell disabled people about accessible travel.



4. Work with the Scottish Government on projects to improve travel accessibility.



5. Tell travel providers how they can make their transport more accessible.



6. Improve travel for disabled people.



MACS works with different people to do this.

This includes disabled people in Scottish Government and transport providers.



In 2016, 5 members left MACS.



MACS had an open day in Perth in June 2016 to find new members.

They found 4 new members.

- Dr Susan Morris
- Fraser Sutherland
- Dr Anne Findlay
- Dr George Mowat-Brown



In December 2016 Anne MacLean left. She was the Convener. She had been in the job for 8 years.



In January 2017, Linda Bamford became the Convener.



MACS worked on Scotland's first ever Accessible Travel Framework 'Going Further' and 'A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People – Our Delivery Plan to 2021'.