

DCAN Forum Code of Conduct

This forum provides a members-only space for disabled cycling activists to connect with one another regionally and nationally, share information and resources and to log barriers and complaints in their local areas and the outcomes of them.

This is an unmoderated forum, however it is monitored by Wheels for Wellbeing, and by joining the forum members agree to adhere to the following code of conduct guidelines:

1. Whilst the forum is largely based on the social model of disability it recognizes and supports the range of language that disabled cyclists use to self-describe their disability/impairment/health condition/status.
2. Comments and contributions to forum threads or posts should be descriptive, succinct, and relevant to discussion or forum topic
3. All communications should be civil and polite, members should treat each other with respect and show consideration for all points of view
4. Whilst we encourage the open sharing of resources the following linking policies are in place to avoid self-promotion and spam:
 - a. The forum may not be used to post, transmit or provide hyperlinks or pointers to press releases, newsletters, websites, or any other type of content that promote the posters commercial business, product or service, or does not address the thread's topic
 - b. Posts to external NSFW (not safe for work) or comedy links are not permitted, members sharing NSFW content may be blocked from further posting
 - c. Users may not post, transmit, or provide hyperlinks, or pointers to material that is: knowingly false and/or defamatory; contains ad hominem attacks, misleading, inaccurate, discriminatory, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening or invasive of a person's privacy; that otherwise violates any law; or that encourages conduct constituting a criminal offense.
5. To protect the privacy of members, and the privacy of others and to comply with the Data Protection Act, members may not include others' personal information or personally identifiable information such as names, addresses,

phone numbers or e-mail addresses in any forum or blogging area. However, you may choose to make your own personal information public if you wish.

6. Advertising: Please do not use this space to advertise or promote businesses, products or services within the discussion boards that are not directly related to a thread.
7. Intellectual property: do not post material that is protected by copyright, trademark or other proprietary right without the express permission of the owner(s). Also, do not link to outside sources that infringe on copyright.
8. Do not post the same message, or unsolicited commercial messages, to one or many topics or boards.
9. Do not post abusive and harassing messages/behavior, hate speech or derogatory comments about any protected characteristic under the Equality act 2010.
10. By joining this channel users agree not to publicly identify other members of the group or to make direct reference to their experiences or share any content posted without first gaining their express permission to do so.

Any actions that violate these rules of conduct may result in suspension of your ability to post to forums and other member-contributed areas. Account suspensions may be appealed to a Wheels for Wellbeing representative.