



**VOTE NUMBER 1
SEANAD CANDIDATE**

JOAN CARTHY

A Strong Advocate for Disability Rights

**Disability Advocate with over 30 years experience
Wheelchair user with both professional and
personal experience advocating for the rights of
people with disabilities**

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Candidate Joan, today**



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“I firmly believe there needs to be a strong voice to represent people with disabilities in the Seanad.”



For over nine years, Joan Carthy has served as the National Advocacy Manager with Irish Wheelchair Association, championing the rights of people with disabilities. Her passion for advocacy, however, stretches back long before that.

Joan's life changed at 21, due to a road traffic accident that resulted in a physical disability. Her personal experience gives her a deep, first-hand understanding of the barriers people with disabilities face in society. Joan's determination has only grown stronger, and now she is proudly running for election to the Seanad.

Joan has a BA in Counselling and Psychotherapy and an MA in Public Advocacy and Activism. She chairs the campaign subgroup of the National Disability Services Association (NDSA) and has represented the NDSA on the Oireachtas Disability Group.

Joan is supported by a coalition group made up of Irish Wheelchair Association, Disability Federation of Ireland, Inclusion Ireland, Enable Ireland, Threshold, Chime, Care Alliance, Irish Foster Carers Association, BeLong To Youth Services and LGBT Ireland