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# A message from our president Bernard Brogan

2016 - The year that just kept giving!

Irish sport has undoubtedly gone through an unprecedented amount of highs and lows over the past 12 months. Thankfully, the success stories have far outweighed the negative ones, and I have no doubt that we will look back on 2016 and see it as a huge step in the right direction for Irish sport.

We at the Federation of Irish Sport strive to provide a unified voice for Irish sport, and since becoming President I have seen, first-hand, the wonderful work that the Federation staff do at providing just that to its members. After the success we enjoyed over the past 12 months, the need for a body to unite the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) and Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) in Ireland is greater than ever. We need to build on this momentum.

Time and time again, we punch well above our weight on the international stage, and this isn't a fluke. Yes, we have an excess of talented athletes with the drive and determination to consistently perform at the top of their games. But I know that every single one of these athletes will be the first to point out that their success would not be possible without the support and commitment of others; their coaches, volunteers, nutritionists, teammates, administrators, family members, etc. The people behind scenes, who are often the unsung heroes, are the driving force behind Irish sport.

Sport has a hugely positive influence on many aspects of Irish society, including tourism, health, the economy and social inclusion. Sport provides over 40,000 jobs across every constituency in Ireland and contributes almost €1.9 billion in household spending annually. Every year, sport brings over €1 billion in tourism receipts to Ireland. The average person who regularly participates in sport is 14 years younger in health terms, and it is estimated that there are almost 500,000 sports volunteers nationwide. Sport matters.

The recent Sport Industry Awards 2016, for which I was proud to serve as the Brand Ambassador, were a fitting testament to that. The Awards saw a host of NGBs, LSPs and Irish sports businesses recognised for their outstanding contribution to the sector. The standard of entry this year was extremely high, with dozens of organisations and businesses submitting some extremely strong and compelling applications.



Robbie Henshaw gets over the line against the All Blacks in Chicago

*The evidence that the sport industry in Ireland is going from strength to strength is clear to see.*

Earlier in the year, I was delighted to see the National Physical Activity Plan launched, the key target of which is to increase the number of people taking regular exercise by 1% per year over 10 years. 2016 also saw the launch of a new National Sports Policy Framework, which aims to give all interested parties and key stakeholders in Irish sport the opportunity to contribute to the development of the new National Sports Policy. These are welcome developments, and we at the Federation will work tirelessly over the coming months and years to ensure that the advancement of the sector is continued.

Investment in sport is key. Irish sport cannot continue to grow without it; it is as simple as that. From what I have seen, I am confident that every cent that is given to our members will be put to good use. They will use it to continue to grow participation levels, deliver successful high performance programmes and aid the sector in reaching its potential. It is in the national interest that we continue to invest in sport, so we simply cannot take a backwards step. Prior to the 2016 General Election, the Federation released its 'Manifesto for Irish Sport'. In the document, we outlined our key building blocks for the advancement of the sector.

These included:

1. Development of a National Sports Policy
2. Restore current funding to 2008 levels by 2021
3. Tax relief for Irish sporting bodies
4. Two hours mandatory PE and physical activity per week in schools

Over the past year, huge strides have been made in achieving these goals, but there is still a lot of work to be done. As with anything in life, Irish sport will have strength in numbers, so it is pivotal that we work together in order to achieve these common goals. We at the Federation of Irish Sport are wholly committed to bringing our members together and using our combined voice to get the best possible deal for Irish sport. And we will not stop until we achieve just that.

Congratulations on another outstanding year to all of our members, and I wish you the very best of luck for 2017.

**Bernard Brogan**  
**President,**  
**Federation of Irish Sport**



The Sport Industry Awards 2016



## A message from our CEO James Galvin

Irish Sport has had a year to remember in 2016. Our rugby team toppled the mighty All Blacks in Soldier Field in Chicago for the first time in 111 years, which was part of a grand slam of beating southern hemisphere nations having also triumphed over South Africa and Australia. Meanwhile Rory McIlroy returned to form with wins at the Irish Open, Duetsche Bank Championship and Tour Championship, finishing the year as world number 2.

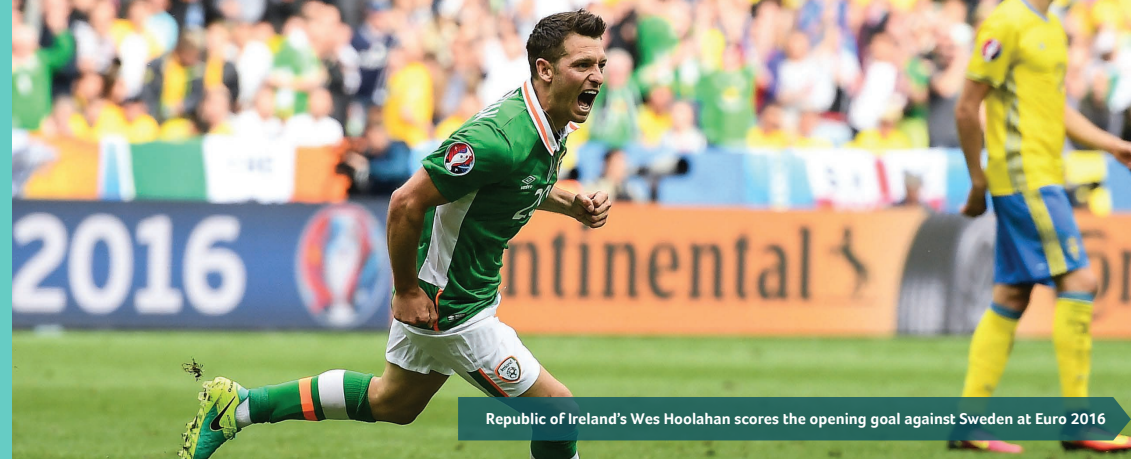
At the Olympic Games in Rio, we had our best ever games in terms of top 10 finishes with Annalise Murphy and the inimitable O'Donovan brothers winning silver medals for Ireland. Thomas Barr came agonisingly close to a hurdles medal in finishing fourth whilst Rob Heffernan finished sixth in the 50km walk, later picking up his deserved bronze from London 2012. Claire Lambe and Sinead Jennings, the first Irish female rowers to ever reach an Olympic final, finished sixth whilst Pentathletes Natalya

Coyle and Arthur Lanigan O'Keefe came home seventh and eighth respectively. Oliver Dingley finished eighth in his diving final and Michael Conlon, Steven Donnelly, Katie Taylor and Jonty Evans all finished in the top 10. Our men's Hockey team also secured their first win in their maiden appearance at the Olympics.

Our Paralympic team again performed when it mattered, bringing home 11 medals from Rio with golds for Michael McKillop and Jason Smyth on the track, gold and bronze for Eoghan Clifford and gold and silver for the duo of Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal in cycling. Ciara Mageean's bronze medal in the 1,500m at the European Athletics Championships in Amsterdam was a highlight on the track, marking a return for Ireland to the heady days of Irish middle-distance running.

On the home front Dublin won the All Ireland football final for the fourth time in six years after an epic replay with Mayo, whilst Tipperary toppled the mighty Kilkenny to win their first hurling decider since 2010. Cork continued their remarkable run in ladies football, beating Dublin in front of a record crowd at Croke Park and Kilkenny beat Cork in the camogie final.

The Irish football team had a year to remember with the victory over Italy at the Euros the standout memory. Martin O'Neill's team then capped a memorable year by topping their World Cup qualifying group with a victory away to Austria. A legend of the women's game, Sue Ronan, stepped down as women's manager having done so much over the past six years to progress female football in Ireland. High performance success is closely related to investment in sport through Sport Ireland in the National Governing Bodies of Sport. It is essential that this investment is continued to produce the sporting stars of the future. Our athletes,



Republic of Ireland's Wes Hoolahan scores the opening goal against Sweden at Euro 2016

teams and fans represent Ireland with pride at home and abroad, enhancing our international reputation beyond return.

Government funding to Irish sport has stayed steady in 2016 although still a far way away from its peak in 2008. We are engaging with government to ensure that current investment in sport is increased in 2017 and we are happy to see the return of the Capital Grants programme which will give much needed help to clubs at grassroots level across the country.

The National Sports Campus has continued to develop apace, with the GAA Centre of Excellence, the Special Olympics Ireland headquarters and the National Indoor Arena all being completed in 2016. We believe continued investment at the Campus over the coming years will provide Ireland with facilities that will rival anything in the world whilst providing a base for our elite athletes.

The National Physical Activity Plan was published in January and this document provides a blueprint for getting our people active. The Federation contributed in the development of the plan with our partners in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of Health and we will ensure that Irish Sport contributes again in the implementation of the plan.

Our partnership with Fáilte Ireland has continued to grow and they have supported the Federation and our members greatly over the past year. The dedicated bidding agency 'Event Ireland' provides supports to our members in bidding for international events and we look forward to the Women's Rugby World Cup in 2017 and have our fingers crossed for landing the men's event in 2023, which will be announced at the end of next year.

Minister Ross and Minister O'Donovan launched the National Sports Policy Framework public consultation in November and we believe that this is an essential piece of government policy which will aid the sector to take a strategic approach to sport in the country. Minister Ross, in his address to the attendees at the launch, stressed the importance of the consultation:

*"The framework will be the first of its kind for over 20 years and will set the agenda for sport over the coming years. Sport is so important in Ireland, historically, culturally and economically. Its benefits are numerous, from the obvious health and economic benefits to the increasingly important social benefits of inclusion and relationship-building. It is vital that we get engagement from everyone involved in sport*

*from ground level up on all issues relevant to Irish sport, from participation to high performance.”*

Minister O'Donovan reaffirmed the government's support for Irish Sport and said that the consultation provides an opportunity for:

*“...everybody involved in sport to input their views, be they administrators, coaches and volunteers to participants, competitors and spectators. Sport Ireland, the National Governing Bodies of Sport, the Local Sports Partnerships and the many volunteers, coaches and administrators involved in sport are doing a lot of work throughout the country to increase participation in sport and support our elite athletes, and the Government is strongly supportive of this work.”*

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport continue to be great supporters of the sport sector and we are very grateful for the positive working relationship that sport enjoys with them. Minister Ross addressed our Annual Conference in May and we look forward to working with both him and Minister O'Donovan in 2017 in order to continue our open and constructive dialogue. We would like to thank Sport Ireland Chairman, Kieran Mulvey, Chief Executive, John Treacy and his team for their ongoing support of our work. Our collaboration on the work of Just Sport Ireland saw a successful conference held with NGBs and sporting dispute resolution experts in February. JSI is now in the rules of over 60 sporting bodies and we will continue to support the resolution of sporting disputes in a cost effective and timely manner.

We would also like to thank our commercial partners JLT, Leman, OSK, Crowne Plaza Hotel

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I would like to thank the team in the Federation office for their hard work and dedication to Irish Sport, often going beyond the call of duty in their efforts. We welcomed Emira O'Neill and Cian Murray to the office in 2016 and would like to thank Elaine Mooney for her work and commitment over the past three years. The voluntary effort of our Board of Directors is essential in delivering an independent voice for the sector and I am grateful for their support. I recently completed my first year as CEO and I never cease to be inspired by the contribution that our members make to Irish society. The following pages are filled with their work and efforts, and shows how important it is to invest in, develop and nurture Irish Sport. I hope you will sit back and enjoy reading about the achievements of our members, their athletes, teams and programmes and all the while thinking of the possibilities that lie ahead and remembering that...Irish Sport Matters.

Yours in Sport,  
**James Galvin**  
CEO, Federation of Irish Sport

Minister for Sport Shane Ross at the Federation's Annual Conference 2016



Annalise Murphy winning silver at the Olympic Games in Rio

Ireland's Scott Evans at Rio 2016



The O'Donovan Brothers winning silver at the Rio Olympics

# Sport & Health

Ireland is on course to be the most obese country in Europe by 2025. Type 2 diabetes is also on the rise, with rates expected to almost double by 2030. This is fast becoming a serious public health issue.

As well as that, physical inactivity is estimated to cost the state €1.6 billion each year, whilst obesity is expected to cost the taxpayer €11 billion. Only 32% of the adult population meet the minimum physical activity guidelines. We need to act fast. And we must act now.

The launch of the National Physical Activity Plan in January of this year was a very positive step towards addressing our health issues as a nation.

The national goal is to increase the number of people taking regular exercise by just 1% every year. In 10 years', time that will mean half a million Irish people will be more physically active, which will only impact positively on our public health, as well as on the strength of our economy.

Our National Governing Bodies of sport and Local Sport Partnerships will play an integral part in the implementation of this plan. The Federation of Irish Sport is also a key member of the National Physical Plan Implementation Group.

The function of this group will be to ensure that a strategic, national approach is taken to promoting physical activity and that new reporting and accountability mechanisms are established to ensure that resources are used to best effect. There is a sport for everyone, regardless of age, gender or physical ability.

Paralympic gold and bronze medalist  
Eoghan Clifford

Our members are running programmes each week across the country, aimed at getting people active. Below are just some examples of the initiatives run in 2016:

- Over 14,000 secondary school students participated in Rowing Ireland's 'Get Going...Get Rowing' programme.
- Swim Ireland passed the 10,000 mark in the number of participants in their 'Swim for a Mile' programme.
- The 2016 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps had 127,473 participants, making it one of the biggest sport promotion events for children in the world on a per capita basis.
- The development of Wexford Sport Partnership's 'Parkrun' initiative has seen Wexford have three park runs with over 3,000 runners taking part.
- At 669, the number of secondary schools entering Basketball Ireland competitions is at an all-time high.
- Athletics Ireland's membership has reached 58,000, up 3% on last year.
- It is estimated that there are 500,000 active volunteers in sport nationwide.
- 42 teams took part in the Irish Flying Disc Association's 13 Senior and School events.
- Mayo Sports Partnership saw 2,000 women turn out for the 7th annual Western People Mini Marathon.
- 130 people took part in Dromahair Operation Transformation programme, run by Leitrim Sports Partnership.
- Over 4,000 5th and 6th Class children ran 26.2 miles in Dublin as part of the Marathon Kids programme.
- It is estimated that the average person who takes part in sport on a regular basis is 14 years younger in health terms.
- Student Sport Ireland's recent 'Student Activity & Sports Study' has indicated that of the total student population of 250,000 on the island of Ireland, 64% are highly active.
- 2,000 cyclists turned out for the An Post Tour de Burren in Clare.
- The 'Try Sailing' initiative, run by the Irish Sailing Association, resulted in 3,500 people trying sailing across 66 clubs and centres.

# Sport Contributing to the Economy

We must appreciate the positive impact sport can have on our economy. We acknowledge the economic impact of large scale sporting events such as the Rugby World Cup and the estimated €800 million that such an event would generate for Ireland's economy.

The little things, such as the average spend of €121 generated by women taking up physical activity for the first time, as detailed in research conducted by Clare Local Sports Partnership in conjunction with W2 Consulting, often go unnoticed. It is the sum of all these little things that translate into the reality that European Union research found that sport in Ireland supports up to 40,000 jobs.

Similarly, Sport Ireland research on the economic impact of sport in Ireland estimated that Irish Sport contributes 2.8% to GDP and stimulates €1.9 billion in household spending.

500,000 Irish adults volunteer in Irish sport every year. If you were to try and replace their contribution, it would cost, paying minimum wage, somewhere between €3 and €5 billion annually.

Although sport is about so much more than money, there is no doubting that it is a big player in the business world. The global sports industry was estimated to be worth \$145 billion in 2015, with the EU finding that the sports industry in Europe is as big as fishing, forestry and agriculture combined.

Indeed, €1 in every €60 in Europe is either earned through or spent on sport. Sport adds €2.38 billion to the Irish economy each year and stimulates some €1.9 billion in household spending.

Olympic finalist  
Oliver Dingley

We are often asked to provide economic evidence to support the fact that sport has a hugely positive influence on the economy. Outlined below are just some of the examples from 2016 of how this is undoubtedly the case:

- The Ladies Gaelic Football Association set a record attendance of 34,445 at the TG4 Ladies' All Ireland Finals at Croke Park.
- The Camogie Association also had its highest attendance since 2006 for the All Ireland Camogie Finals at 20,037
- Meath Local Sports Partnership's annual 'Heritage Cycle' contributed an estimated €5 million to the local economy this year.
- Archery Ireland hosted the World Field Championships in Bray, Co Wicklow, attracting an estimated 2,000 visitors to the locality.
- Over 82,000 people attended each of the three Men's Senior Inter-County All Ireland Finals at Croke Park (the All Ireland Hurling Final, the All Ireland Football Final and the All Ireland Football Final Replay). A further 31,250 also flocked to Croke Park for the All Ireland Club finals.
- €152m is the value of the overall Irish sports sponsorship rights fee market, according to Onside.
- 40,000 jobs are supported by Irish sport.
- An average of over 1.23 million people tuned in to watch Robbie Brady's winning goal for the Republic of Ireland against Italy at Euro 2016.
- The Irish Federation of Sea Anglers welcomed 18 different countries to the southeast coast for the World Championships in November
- An average of 173,000 viewers tuned in to the final day of the Irish Open to watch Rory McIlroy win his home tournament for the first time.
- The Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation hosted the European Championships, which attracted participants from 17 different countries.
- Pentathlon Ireland hosted the 2016 Modern Pentathlon Youth A (U19) World Championships in Limerick in July.
- An average of 891,000 people tuned in to watch Ireland come agonisingly close to beating the All Blacks for the second time in two weeks in the November Series at Dublin's Aviva Stadium.

# Sport Enhancing Ireland's Reputation Worldwide

Paralympic silver medalist Orla Barry



There is no doubting that sport has the power to bring nations together and enhance our reputation globally in the process.

2016 was an incredibly successful year for Ireland on the international stage. At Euro 2016, we qualified for the last 16 after spectacularly beating former world champions Italy in the process. It is estimated that 100,000 Irish fans travelled to France for the tournament, and they were rewarded for their outstanding behaviour from both the Mayor of Paris and UEFA.

At the Olympics in Rio, we had 14 top ten finishes, winning two silver medals in the process through the O'Donovan brothers and Annalise Murphy. At the Paralympics, we easily surpassed our pre-games target of eight medals by claiming 11, with golds for Jason Smyth, Michael McKillop, Eoghan Clifford and cycling duo Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal.

Ireland also beat the mighty All Blacks for the first time ever at Soldier Field in Chicago. The game was attended by 62,300 people - the vast majority of which were Irish supporters - breaking the record for attendance at a rugby game in North America.

With Ireland hosting the Women's Rugby World Cup, 2017 promises to be an equally successful year in terms of enhancing our reputation worldwide. On the following page, we have highlighted the achievements of our teams and athletes over the past 12 months, showing the extent of the return on investment from government funding in 2016.

## Achievements of our teams and athletes in 2016:

- The Republic of Ireland reached the last 16 of Euro 2016, historically beating Italy 1-0 on the way. Also, the estimated 100,000 Irish supporters who travelled to the tournament won two awards for their exemplary behaviour, from the Mayor of Paris and UEFA.
- With 77 sportsmen and sportswomen, we sent out largest team to an Olympic Games since London in 1948.
- Gary & Paul O'Donovan won Olympic silver in the Lightweight Double Sculls event
- Annalise Murphy also won Olympic silver in the Laser Radial event.
- Ireland's men's hockey team qualified for their first Olympics since 1908.
- Oliver Dingley became the first Irish diver to reach the Olympics since 1948, finishing 8th.
- Scott Evans won Ireland's first ever Badminton matches at an Olympic Games.
- Thomas Barr broke his own Irish record twice before losing out on an Olympic medal by 5/100ths of a second in the 400m hurdles.
- Rob Heffernan finished 6th in the 50km walk and was also retrospectively awarded a bronze medal for his performance in London 2012.
- In the Paralympics, Team Ireland exceeded all expectations by claiming 11 medals.
- Jason Smyth (T13 100m) successfully defended his Paralympic title, completing a historic treble in the process.
- Our other gold medals came from Michael McKillop, Eoghan Clifford (gold and bronze) and cycling duo Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal (gold and silver).
- Colin Lynch (silver), Ellen Keane (bronze), Noelle Lenihan (bronze), Orla Barry (silver) and Niamh McCarthy (silver) completed the medal haul for Team Ireland.
- Dundalk FC qualified for the Group Stages of the Europa League.
- Ireland beat the mighty All Blacks at Soldier Field in Chicago for the first time in 111 years in front of a 62,300 crowd – a record crowd for a rugby game in North America. Victories over South Africa and Australia in 2016 saw Ireland complete a historic treble over the southern hemisphere rugby teams.
- Ciara Mageean won bronze in the 1,500m at the European Athletics Championships.
- Tipperary (hurling) and Dublin (football) were crowned All Ireland champions.
- Golfing Union of Ireland's men won bronze at the World Team Championship and also won the Home Internationals for the third time in succession.
- Olive Loughnane was retrospectively awarded the gold medal for the 20km walk at the 2009 Berlin World Championships.
- The Irish boxers won 15 medals in World and European competition.
- Bernard Cahill and Oisín McGrath won Irelands first ever senior medal when they won Bronze in the Board Rescue event the Water Safety World Championships.
- In the team event, Ireland won Men's gold and Ladies' gold at the World Shore Angling Championships.

Irish Olympian Kieran Behan



Three-time 100m (T13) Paralympic Champion Jason Smyth



# Sport Changes Lives

Sport has a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of those who take part. Physical activity can positively affect aspects of personal development among young people, such as their self-esteem and goal-setting.

Whether it's developing new skills in children or our older citizens maintaining a healthy lifestyle, sport makes a difference for the better on a daily basis.

Research by the ESRI has found that students who participate in sport in their final years of second-level school are significantly more likely to continue their formal education after leaving school. This is evidence that sport changes lives and gives young people a sense of purpose and direction, transferring skills of perseverance, teamwork and hard work.

The difference from the obvious health benefits to the supplementary is also vast. Involvement in sport enhances our social circles; it creates a sense of

belonging for players and supporters. Sport provides an outlet for people to make a huge contribution to our communities through volunteerism.

Sport binds communities. In a society that is increasingly diverse, sport brings people together, opening us up to new cultures and traditions. We show the best of ourselves through sport and on the following page we have highlighted the achievements and initiatives of our members this year.

Ireland at the U16 Women's European Championships



Paralympic bronze medalist Ellen Keane

Here are a few examples of sport enhancing and changing people's lives for the better in 2016:

- 48 athletes travelled to Rio with Team Ireland for the 2016 Paralympic Games.
- Deaf Sports Ireland introduced the 'Greenway Walk' for members.
- Transplant Team Ireland had a team of 27 athletes in this year's European Transplant & Dialysis Sports Championships in Vantaa, Finland, finishing 5th in the medal table.
- A pilot programme run by Tennis Ireland, 'Enjoy Tennis', provided access to tennis for players with a range of different disabilities.
- Limerick Sport Partnership established six Older Adult Sports Hubs.
- Vision Sports Ireland's MayFest, Ireland's biggest sports and leisure weekend for vision impaired people, was officially opened by President Michael D. Higgins.
- The Irish Wheelchair Association's basketball team competed at the European 'B' championships in Sarajevo.
- The Irish Cerebral Palsy Football Team competed at the Paralympics in Rio.
- 15 athletes competed at the International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation's World Junior Games in Prague, winning 22 medals
- Over 200 people with a disability participated in the Sligo Sport & Recreational Partnership's 'Sports Inclusion Disability Project' in 2016.
- Vision Sports Ireland provides sport to 800 people who are blind or visually impaired.
- Young people can reduce their risk of leaving school without any qualifications by 12.75% by participating in a sport for development project.
- Westmeath Sports Partnership has integrated hand cycling into their 'Sprocket Rocket' children's cycling programme.
- The Irish Wheelchair Association boasts 2,120 participants across 20 clubs nationwide.
- A team of 26 athletes were selected to travel to the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria in 2017.
- Special Olympics Ireland's numbers continue to grow with over 9,000 participants and 348 clubs nationwide.



(Top) Dundalk FC successfully qualified for the Group Stages of the Europa League

(Bottom) Dublin won their fourth All Ireland Senior Football Championship in six years



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## Creating a return on the taxpayer's investment

NOTE: The total Sport Ireland Funding figure for each member includes Core Grant, High Performance, Direct Athlete, Women In Sport and Dormant Accounts funding

## NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

### Angling Council of Ireland

Website : [www.anglingcouncil.ie](http://www.anglingcouncil.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €9,500

Participants : 6499

Clubs : 174

#### Highlights of 2016

- Irish anglers made history this year at the World Shore Angling Championships. In the team events, Ireland won Men's Gold and Ladies' Gold. This was the first time a senior Ladies team represented Ireland
- The Irish Federation of Sea Anglers (IFSA) welcomed 18 different countries to the southeast coast for this World Championships in November, attracting 350 competitors' officials from around the world

#### Key Objectives of 2017

- In August, Ireland will host the world Freshwater Youth Championships in West Cork. With up to 50 teams participating this will be the biggest world championships we have ever hosted.
- Four teams will attend the World Shore Championships. This will be the first time we will have representatives in the Youth and Under 21 categories, while the men and ladies teams will be defending champions.
- One team will attend the World Boat Championships.
- 10 teams to compete at the World Freshwater Championships.
- One team will attend the World Boat Predator Championship.

### Archery Ireland

[www.archery.ie](http://www.archery.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €12,000

Participants: 1953

Clubs: 41

#### Highlight of 2016

- Nine junior archers qualifying for and competing well at the European Youth Championships. This was followed by Archery Ireland hosting the 2016 Senior Euronations Championships in Maynooth which was attended by Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Ireland. Team Ireland took medals in several categories at the event.
- The pinnacle of the year involved hosting the World Archery Field Championships at Kilruddery House, Bray, Co Wicklow. The event saw just under 400 international archers compete on the world stage which was streamed to a live audience of over 730,000. The event also attracted just under 2,000 visitors to the locality, where kids and adults alike could take part in archery sessions.

#### Key Objective 2017

- Having archers qualify for the World University Games, World Archery Championships, World Master Games and World Para Championships
- Archery Ireland is also working closely with Coaching Ireland to roll out a Level 1 Coaching Course following on from the level 0 course already up and running. We also hope to develop a Level 2 Coaching Programme
- It is hoped through club incentives and grant schemes that Archery Ireland will grow its membership by 20% in 2017.

### Athletics Ireland

Website : [www.athleticsireland.ie](http://www.athleticsireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €2,092,000

Participants : 58,000

Clubs : 340

#### Highlights of 2016

- Membership for 2016 reached 58,000 (3% on LY). The 2016 membership compares to 35,000 in 2011. Juveniles continue to be 60% of the total with Masters (35+) continuing to grow. Gender breakdown is 54% female/ 46% male.
- 2016 was a very good year at International level with two top places at the Rio Olympic Games (Thomas Barr 4th in 400m Hurdles and Robert Heffernan 6th in the 50K Walk). At European level, Ciara Mageean won a bronze in the 1500m at the European Outdoors.

- We continue to focus our efforts on coaching at all levels and in 2016 we had 1,250 participants at courses across Athletic Leader, Level 1 and Level 2. In addition, we are focusing on training our officials with participation emphasis on recruiting new officials.
- Athletics Ireland is continuing its objective of organising and managing Recreational Running events and in 2016 we had a successful year through a number of events such as the Grant Thornton Corporate Challenge, The Remembrance Run, 1916 Dublin Remembers, Virgin Night Run, Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and others.
- We continue to focus on Governance of the organisation.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Continue to grow membership across all age categories. Particular focus will be given to disadvantaged areas to increase participation in athletics and Recreation Running.
- 2017 will be another significant year in the area of International competition, specifically the World Track & Field Championships and the European Junior & U23 Track & Field Championships. Also the European Team Championships will take place. We have traditionally performed well in the European Cross Country Championships and will again be competing for medals in this event in December 2017.
- A number of coaching courses across all levels are planned for 2017. Also mentoring of own coaches will receive particular focus with the objective of growing Irish coaches in knowledge and expertise at elite level.
- We will continue to expand in this area taking on new events while managing existing events professionally.
- Our plan is to continue our focus on this area and to implement fully the "Governance Code".

### Australian Rules Football League of Ireland

Website : [www.arfli.com](http://www.arfli.com)

Participants : 200

Clubs : 387

#### Highlights of 2016

- The formation of new teams at Maynooth University and a Women's team in University College Cork.
- National Men's and Women's teams made it to the European Championship Grand Finals, losing out to Great Britain in both cases.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Continued growth in third level institutions.
- Obtaining a full sized Oval and getting our Men's and Women's National Teams to the sport's premier International competition.
- The AFL International Cup which will be held in Melbourne in August.

### Badminton Ireland

Website : [www.badmintonireland.ie](http://www.badmintonireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €485,000

Participants: 12,186

Clubs: 318 clubs & 240 schools

#### Highlights of 2016

Badminton Ireland have achieved significant results in the 2016

- The Olympics were a highlight with Scott Evans producing his best when it mattered.
- Produced an U17 European Champion in singles who has the potential to achieve at the highest level. 20 major badminton events were organised and run successfully by BI, with the introduction of the highly successful Para competition attracting World Champions.
- The number of entrants to Irish events are at a high point with more players willing to enter competitive events.
- Successfully trained an additional 300 coaches at introductory level and a further 11 into level 1, with over 75 holding the coveted Coaching Licence. Clubmark was launched for clubs seeking accreditation and at present we have seven through the scheme.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Increase the number of players affiliated to Badminton Ireland.
- Maintain the quantity of competition but continually increase the quality of event and organisation.
- Train another 300 introductory coaches with increased Level 1 & 2 coach numbers.
- Hold the first Para badminton course for coaches in Ireland.
- Target European medals at Junior and senior level.
- Fully satisfy the Code of Good Governance for the organisation in 2017.

### Basketball Ireland

Website: [www.basketballireland.ie](http://www.basketballireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €685,000

Participants: 20,595

Clubs: 252

#### Highlights of 2016

- All twelve international squads in action - Under 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and Senior, both Men & Women. Eight of the squads competed at European Championships.
- The Senior Women captured a European Silver medal and the Under 16 Women finished 6th in a 20-team championship - our best finish in that age group.
- Domestically, the Men's National League has a 30 year-high entry of 24 clubs, 12 in the Super league and 12 in Division One with a great geographical spread.
- At 669, the number of post primary schools entering competitions is at an all-time high.

- Basketball Ireland hosted the FIBA Europe Annual General Assembly in Dublin in May 2016. This saw 74 top figures in European Basketball descend on Dublin for 3 days.
- The Jump Together initiative is quite unique as it brings two sports together to each other's benefit. To date, 34 GAA clubs up and down the country have delivered the Jump Together programme.
- Two live TV programmes of our Men's and Women's Hula Hoops National Cup Finals, which attracted a sell-out crowd.
- Activation of two main sponsors in the 2015-16 season. Hula Hoops sponsored our National Cup Competitions while Subway sponsored our All Ireland Schools Cup Competition

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- The further progression with International Squads in Europe, to build on success of 2016.
- Continue to work with FIBA and build on recognition in Europe following the successful FIBA Europe General Assembly in May
- To further increase participation and profile of our sport both nationally and internationally.
- To maintain the positive trajectory of Basketball Ireland which has been evident over the last number of years, and build upon the structures that are in place in our sport.
- Maintaining culture of good governance.

### Baton Twirling Sport Association of Ireland

Website : [www.twirlireland.ie](http://www.twirlireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €17,000

Participants :500

Clubs : 11

#### Highlights of 2016

Competing against 14 countries at the European Cup, we won:

- **1 Gold**
- **3 Silver**
- **3 Bronze**

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Attend the International Cup in Poreac, Croatia and European Championships in Milan, Italy.
- Contribute to the first World Twirling Day.
- Organise a Twirlers convention for over 100 athletes with coaches from France, Canada and the USA.

### Bowling League of Ireland

Website : [www.irishlawnsbowls.ie](http://www.irishlawnsbowls.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €24,000

Participants: 2,775

Clubs: 29

#### Highlights of 2016

- Robert Maher, Rosemary Brown and Marian Lynch winning the Dutch Open tournament
- Andy O'Keeffe winning the British Isles U25 Singles Championship
- Father and son, Paul and Thomas Smyth, winning the National Paris Championship
- The selection of Sarah Kelly, Noeleen Kelly, Marian Lynch, Gareth Pierpoint and Robert Maher as Senior Irish Internationals
- The selection of Andy O'Keeffe and John Byrne as U25 Irish Internationals
- Sarah Kelly and Carole McQuade were also selected for Ireland in the Hong Kong Classic
- Rosemary Brown competing in the World Champion of Champions tournament in Brisbane, Australia

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Roll out the schools programme where our coaches can bring bowling to schools, with the introduction of special 'New Age Bowls' which are lightweight and made from rubber and can be used in school halls and playgrounds
- The amalgamation of the men's and ladies bowling associations is also a priority

### Canoeing Ireland

Website : [www.canoe.ie](http://www.canoe.ie)

Total ISC Funding: €209,601

Participants: 3045

Clubs: 73

#### Highlights of 2016

- Pat O'Leary competing in the 2016 Rio Paralympics and making the final.
- Completion of the Clonmel white-water facility and first official slalom event held there in November.
- Jenny Egan's win at the ICF Marathon Classic Series in October
- 57th Annual Liffey Descents in September.
- Canoeing Ireland hosted the 2016 European Paddle Pass Conference in Dublin in October.
- Junior Paddlefest, Europe's largest junior kayaking event, was hosted in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.
- The Blueway 10k training programme.
- Opening of the Shannon-Erne Blueways.

#### Key Objectives of 2017

- Establish Ireland as an international Canoeing destination by sustainably developing Ireland's waterways and building international standard facilities in each discipline.
- Deliver 50 world class canoeing events across all the disciplines annually with national media coverage.

- Increase Canoeing Ireland membership by 100% to 6,000 people, while increasing junior and female membership to 50% of total membership, by retaining existing members, recruiting past members and by increasing retention of recreational experiences by 200% to 1,000 people annually
- Increase number of registered Canoe Clubs by 50% to 105 while increasing Munster, Connacht and Ulster representation to 50% of total membership.
- Increase recreational participation in Canoeing by 50% to 150,000 annual experiences, while measuring and improving diversity of participation across disciplines
- Maintain a world class awards and qualifications scheme and increase certification by 100% to 2,000 certificates per year with an improved distribution across the disciplines of canoeing.
- The Canoeing Ireland Training Centre is to become a national focus and an example of best practice. Increase training centre footfall by 100% to 2,000 people per year, with a focus on women, junior and disability participation while improving the diversity of staff qualifications and disciplines provided for at the training centre.
- Create an organisation that is relevant to and representative of canoeing in Ireland and which members are proud to join and support through improvements in governance and management.

### Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann

Website : [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €98,000

Participants: 15,545

Clubs: 226

#### Highlights of 2016

- The festival finals weekend that took place in March in Kingscourt was a resounding success with all grades of finals played off in one venue in front of capacity crowds.
- The 60x30 Finals returned to Croke Park where once more the galleries were packed for both finals nights.
- The One Wall Initiative continues to grow with exciting plans to welcome the European Tour to Ireland soon.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- In 2017 GAA Handball will launch our new strategic plan. Arising out of this will be several key objectives:
- A key emphasis will be placed on Club Development and attracting volunteers to the sport.
- Another of our key objectives is to increase the number of recreational members playing Handball and to increase participation in urban centres.

### Cricket Ireland

Website : [www.cricketireland.ie](http://www.cricketireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €535,000

Participants: 52,500

Clubs: 150

#### Highlights of 2016

- The senior women beating Test nations South Africa and Bangladesh in matches this year.
- The senior men securing maximum points in matches which are part of the ongoing Intercontinental Cup (qualification competition for Test cricket).
- Becoming the first-ever non-Test nation to secure 1st-class status for our multi-day domestic competition.
- Finalising construction on our first-ever warm weather training centre at La Manga Club in Spain.
- Gaining approval for our first dedicated outdoor training centre to be based at the National Sports Centre.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Winning the Intercontinental Cup and thereby qualifying for Test cricket.
- Submitting an application to become a Full Member of our international federation (International Cricket Council).
- Senior women qualifying for the Women's World Cup.
- Work finishing on our outdoor training centre at the National Sports Centre.
- Playing first-ever official internationals against England at Lord's.
- Securing funding to hire General Managers for our 3 main provinces.
- Achieving major global broadcast distribution of our 7 one-day international matches against New Zealand, Bangladesh and West Indies.

### Croquet Association of Ireland

Website : [www.croquetireland.com](http://www.croquetireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €5000

Participants: 400

Clubs: 7

#### Highlights of 2016

- Reached the semi-final of the World Team Championships in London.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Build on success of international team and recruit new members to the sport through fortnightly open days over a five-month period.

## Cycling Ireland

Website : [www.cyclingireland.ie](http://www.cyclingireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €961,000

Participants: 29,000 members

### Highlights of 2016

- The popularity of the sport of cycling continued to grow, and the numbers engaging with our programmes continued to rise
- Cycle Right programme for cycle safety in schools is ready to roll out in 2017, and we have engaged with cyclist.ie, the cycling advocacy group, increasing our voice in the cycling sector in line with our company strategy.
- Irish riders continued to perform very well at all levels, winning 20 medals at either European or World level, including the five medals won by the Irish Paracycling Team at the Paralympics in Rio.

### Key Objectives for 2017

In line with the strategic plan, Cycling Ireland aims to:

- Continue the growth of the sport of cycling, offering programmes and opportunities for our club cyclists to develop to their potential.
- Continue to increase our presence in the advocacy space.
- Extend our reach to cyclists through new avenues.
- Anticipating the launch of Cycle Right, which should see an increased number of school children availing of cycling training.
- Aim to continue to develop our high performance athletes, with the goal of preparing cyclists for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## Deaf Sports Ireland

Website : [www.deafsportsireland.com](http://www.deafsportsireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €60,280

Participants: 160 members

Clubs : 3

### Highlights of 2016

- 5-aside Inter-Provisional Competition
- The introduction of the Greenway Walk for DSI members
- The continued growth of our membership list and participation numbers

### Key Objectives for 2017

Our biggest aim for 2017 is to find more mainstream children to join Deaf Sports Ireland. We also hope to:

- Introduce new sports competitions like Dodgeball and Omnikin.
- See new members joining DSI.

- Increase activities with School for the Deaf.
- Develop a new Women in Sports programme - we are hoping to have an International Women's day in March.

## Football Association of Ireland

Website : [www.fai.ie](http://www.fai.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €2,707,910

Participants: 450,000

Clubs: 2,500

### Highlights of 2016

- The FAI Strategic Plan 2016-2020 January kicked off a memorable year for the Association, and outlines the direction for the organisation for the next 5 years.
- UEFA Euro 2016 marked a significant highlight of the year, with the Rep. of Ireland participating in France, where they achieved some memorable results including a 1-0 victory over Italy in Lille to progress to the last 16 of the tournament.
- Irish supporters, who travelled in their thousands to the tournament, won two awards for their exemplary behaviour, from both the Mayor of Paris and UEFA.
- SSE Airtricity Premier League Champions Dundalk marked an incredible 2016 by progressing to the UEFA Europa League group phase.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Continued rollout of the Player Development Plan, ongoing works around Club and Community Development and continued promotion and development of the game across all of grassroots.
- World Cup Qualification for Men's Senior Team is a key aim for 2017.
- Plans to build two new centres of excellence in Naas, Co. Kildare and in Glanmire, Co. Cork will continue apace.
- Ireland men's and women's U17 and U19 teams will compete in Elite Phase European qualifying tournaments in 2017.
- Ongoing development of SSE Airtricity League with clubs to include marketing and strategic plans.
- Introduction of U15 league to go with already established U19 and U17 National Leagues.

## Gaelic Athletic Association

Website : [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €2,409,653

Participants : 127,473 Clubs :2,028

### Highlights of 2016

- Attendance at the 2016 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps broke all records with 127,473 participants. This means that worldwide – on a per capita basis – the Cúl Camps are one of the biggest sport promotion events for children.

- The Celtic Challenge is a new competitive framework which was introduced to ensure that U17 hurlers are provided with a series of incremental and developmental playing opportunities.
- 31 counties participated in the inaugural Celtic Challenge with 38 teams and 1,000 players involved in 118 games during a six week period.
- 56 International teams - including 27 teams with no Irish-born players – participated in the GAA World Games (August 7th – August 14th, 2016). Across the four codes – Hurling, Camogie, Gaelic and Ladies Football – a total of 254 games were contested.
- A very vibrant cultural heritage concert attended by 700 people was organised in conjunction with the GAA World Games and both events were deemed to be an outstanding success.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- One of the GAA's key objectives for 2017 is the expansion of the Celtic Challenge from 38 teams to 48 teams.
- Another key priority is the roll-out of 'GAA Fun Run' as an all-inclusive Games Development activity, which has regard for mixed genders as well as able-bodied and disabled players. 'Fun & Run' is structured so that it can be set up on a cross-generational and multi-ethnic basis where appropriate. The fundamental principle underpinning 'Fun & Run' is that it can be used to develop Health & Well-being on an individual or community basis because it will provide the minimum requirement in terms of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per day.
- It is intended to launch the MVA (Master of Value-laden Acumen) Qualification at Award 2 Level of the GAA's Coach Education Frameworks. Furthermore, it is proposed to have a mainstream initiative known as "Lead the Way with the MVA" where volunteers will be encouraged to take one project within the "Play to Stay with the GAA" programme and to run this for six weeks – for an hour a week – within their local club or school. It is proposed to have 100,000 active participants by 2020.

## Golfing Union of Ireland

Website : [www.golfnet.ie](http://www.golfnet.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €449,599

Participation: 151,000 male golfers

Clubs: 413

### Highlights of 2016

- Ireland's men winning bronze at the World Team Championship and Ireland's men winning the Home Internationals for the third time in succession.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- To increase participation in golf.
- To optimise the governance and leadership capacity of the Union.
- To be a resource and catalyst to the constituent parts of the Union in developing their capacity to respond to changing needs and circumstances.
- To have a High Performance system that is world-class, underpinning the continued success of our elite players at all levels.
- To support volunteers and volunteerism in golf.
- To initiate a process, in collaboration with the Irish Ladies' Golf Union, which will result in the development of one governing body for golf in Ireland.

## Gymnastics Ireland

Website : [www.gymnasticsireland.com](http://www.gymnasticsireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €366,000

Participation: 22,000

Clubs: 90

### Highlights of 2016

Increase of 6,000 members to hit 22,000 direct members in 2016

- Over 6,000 entrants in events programme in 2016.
- Qualified 2 gymnasts to Rio 2016, including Ireland's first female gymnast, Ellis O'Reilly alongside Kieran Behan.
- Secured first ever European medal in an Olympic discipline with Rhys McClenaghan taking the silver in the junior pommel horse final, just 0.1 from gold.
- Launched new flagship participation event 'The Floor' bringing the x-factor to a gymnastics performance event with increased investment in event presentation.
- Restructured the Board to balance competency with representation and implement best practice principals in governance for sport.
- Launched new Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Launch of National Gymnastics Training Centre in the new National Indoor Arena.
- Embedding of National Squad programme in new National Gymnastics Training Centre.
- Move of events programme to National Indoor Arena and step up in event presentation.
- Launch of performance coaching pathway programme to support performance development in Ireland.

## Hockey Ireland

Website : [www.hockey.ie](http://www.hockey.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €890,000

Participants : 25,000 (clubs) plus 15,000 (schools)

Clubs:146

### Highlights of 2016

- Senior Men qualifying for the Olympics, the 1st Irish field team sport in over 70 years
- 76 international matches were hosted across all our International teams
- Hosting the European U18s in Cork; Raising €245k for the Men's team.
- Hosting the Dutch Men's side in Cork

### Key Objectives for 2017

- 2017 is the 1st year of our 4-year plan, which is to double our participating numbers in clubs
- Each of our senior international sides will be competing in 4 tournaments in 2017. Each one is important to gain the ranking points for qualification for the 2020 Olympics.
- New CEO, Jerome Pels, starts from 3rd of Jan.

## Horse Sport Ireland

Website : [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €1.535m

Participants: Approximately 50,000 competitors

Clubs: 27

### Highlights of 2016

- Young Rider Show Jumping Team win Gold medal at the European Championships
- Jonty Evans & Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH) finish in ninth place in eventing at the Rio Olympics
- Judy Reynolds & Vancouver K set a new Irish record in Grand Prix Special at the Rio Olympics and become the first Irish combination in 24 years to qualify for the Olympic final
- Show jumping Team finish second in Dublin Aga Khan Nations Cup
- Nine showjumpers, eight eventers and one dressage rider in World's Top 100
- Killossery Kaiden (ISH) & Ger O'Neill (GBR) win Gold medal in 6-Year-Old World Breeding Jumping Championships,
- Z Seven Caretina (ISH) & Z Seven Canya Dance (ISH) with Michael Pender win Silver and Bronze medals in the 5-Year-Old Championship.
- HIS continues to implement the recommendation of the industry strategic plan 'Reaching New Heights', including the establishment of an International Marketing Division.

### Key Objectives of 2017

- Senior Show jumping, Eventing and Dressage – to achieve medals at the 2017 European Championships
- To continue underage medal success at the European Championships
- To continue to implement the recommendations of the strategic plan and to secure additional government funding

## Ice Skating Association of Ireland

Website : [www.isai.ie](http://www.isai.ie)

Participants : 200

### Highlights of 2016

- Full recognition as a NGB member of Sport Ireland
- Recognition as a Speed Skating Member of the International Governing Body
- Liffey Valley Ice Arena granted Planning approval
- Participation at the Junior Gran Prix Figure Skating events
- International competitive representation by 17 athletes in 11 countries

### Key Objectives of 2017

- Participation at Short Track Speed Skating European and Junior World Championships.
- Future development of athletes and ice venues.

## Inline Hockey Ireland

Website : [www.ihl.sportz.com](http://www.ihl.sportz.com)

Participants : 490

Clubs: 23

### Highlights of 2016

- First year of All Ireland senior leagues being a huge success, with year two now underway.
- All Ireland Junior leagues now started, on the back of the senior leagues' success.
- Referee Development with top French official, Stephane Angelique, advising on key structuring.
- Number of junior teams travelling to England for a range of tournaments across different age groups
- Growth in junior participation.

### Key Objectives of 2017

- Continue the growth of the sport, particularly amongst junior age groups.
- Continue Referee Development plan.
- Reignite National Programs for Men's, Women's and Juniors. To set teams away to European and World Event.
- Increase inline hockey awareness amongst the public.

## Ireland Lacrosse

Website : [www.irelandlacrosse.ie](http://www.irelandlacrosse.ie)

Participants : 250

Clubs: 6

### Highlights of 2016

- In the summer of 2016, the Irish Men's U19 National Lacrosse Team made its debut at the World Men's U19 Championships in Coquitlam, Canada, finishing in 7th place.
- The Senior Men's National Lacrosse Team also competed in the European Championships in the summer of 2016, held in Godollo, Hungary, finishing in 11th place.
- A new club at University College Cork (UCC) has recently been established.
- Representatives of Ireland Lacrosse also attended the PE Association of Ireland annual conference in Cork in October to develop strategies to promote lacrosse in schools.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- In 2017, Ireland Lacrosse is looking forward to enhancements to the Irish Lacrosse League (ILL), which will help to enable the ongoing development of new and existing teams.
- In the summer of 2017, the Senior Women's National Lacrosse Team will compete in the Women's World Cup, taking place in Surrey, England in July.
- The Senior Men's Indoor National Lacrosse Team will compete in the inaugural European Box Lacrosse Championships, taking place in Turku and Kaarina, Finland in July .
- Ireland Lacrosse intends to submit its application for formal NGB recognition to Sport Ireland in 2017.

## Ireland Olympic Handball Association

Website : [www.olympichandball.org](http://www.olympichandball.org)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €40,000

Participants: 4800

Clubs: 11 clubs & 18 schools

### Highlights of 2016

- Creation of a Women's committee to develop further the women's game, with an emphasis on juniors.
- Delivery of handball in schools through our coaching course which targeted 124 sports students/teachers in Northern Ireland and 50 teachers/students in the Greater Dublin Area.
- Collaboration with St. Patrick's teacher training college to introduce handball to primary school teachers.
- The signing of a second foster agreement with the Danish Handball Federation.
- National Men's team's participation at an international tournament with Malta & Israel.
- Signed sponsorship agreements with Kempa Sportswear, Kama Games and Quickplay Sports.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Enter our youth teams in European competition.
- Senior Men's team to compete in the qualification tournament for the 2020 Euros.
- Increase participation amongst women.
- Improve coaching and host coach workshops as part of the foster agreement with the Danish Handball Federation.
- Target European nationals living in Ireland who would be aware of the sport to allow them to become involved in Ireland.
- Complete the governance journey as required by the government.

## Irish Amateur Wrestling Association

Website : [www.irishwrestling.org](http://www.irishwrestling.org)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €15,000

Participants: 350 Clubs: 15

### Highlights of 2016

- British Open Championships and the Tryst 19th Open in Scotland with great success from new junior and senior wrestlers

### Key Objectives for 2017

- To hold the new United World Wrestling coaching course using UWW tutors
- To celebrate 70 years as the NGB of amateur wrestling (1947-2017)

## Irish American Football Association

Website: [www.americanfootball.ie](http://www.americanfootball.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €23,000

Participants: 3,000

Clubs: 31

### Highlights of 2016

- A new National Programme to develop elite players started. Team Ireland played its first competitive International game away to the Netherlands in August - the first step in preparing for European & World Championship qualifiers
- Our domestic league had its most successful season ever, with 23 teams competing in our national leagues. Dublin Rebels won Shamrock Bowl 30, played at Tallaght Stadium
- Player numbers are at record levels and the standard of play is improving dramatically – as evidenced by the Belfast Trojans coming close to defeating US NCAA College Football team, Sewanee University, in a challenge game in Belfast in May.

### Key Objectives of 2017

- Team Ireland will play in a major International Federation sanctioned tournament in Spain in October 2017
- Ireland will be hosting the Atlantic Cup - the official Western

European Club Championship, in September 2017

- IAFB is seeking to expand its capacity in 2017 via recruiting more professionally qualified people to key positions
- There will be a big focus on continuing to improve standards at club level - both on and off the field - to turn our domestic league into one of the best in Europe
- At grassroots level, IAFB will focus on expanding recreational flag football for men and women

## Irish Athletic Boxing Association

Website: [www.iaba.ie](http://www.iaba.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €1,332,000

Participants: 16,500 Clubs: 359

### Highlights of 2016

- Ireland qualified eight boxers for the Rio 2016 Olympics
- Irish boxing won 15 medals in World and European competition in 2016.
- Kellie Harrington, in a breakthrough for women's boxing, secured silver at the World Elites, becoming the first Irish female boxer to medal at this level beside Katie Taylor.

### The medal count for 2016 is as follows:

- World Women's Elite Championships (2)
- Women's Elite Championships (1)
- World Youth Men's Championships (2)
- European Junior Men's Championships (4)
- European Schoolboy Championships (6)

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Launching our new Strategic plan 2017-2020 and setting out an implementation plan for achieving the objectives within. The plan will include, amongst other things, growth in our membership base and providing the right environment to help us grow our sport.
- Continue to seek international success through targeting medals at all major championships in all categories in 2017.
- Introduction of a new CRM system and a new rulebook for our organisation.

## Irish Cheer Sport Association

Website : [www.irishcheersport.wix.com](http://www.irishcheersport.wix.com)

Clubs: 4

### Highlight of 2016

- Irish cheerleading continues to expand.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- To continue to grow as a sport in Ireland and to help with the set-up of new clubs.

## Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

Website : [www.icpsa.ie](http://www.icpsa.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €93,000

Participants: 722 Clubs: 26

### Highlights of 2016

- In September, Ian O'Sullivan won the Gold Medal in the Grand Prix of Great Britain, beating the 2016 Rio Bronze Medalist, Ed Ling.
- Team Ireland Seniors won the European Championships in DTL
- Jim Doherty won Gold in the European Championships DTL, Individual event.
- The Association brought in one-man-one-vote for all the business of AGMs, plus other progressive rules, including Board rotation.
- We continue to focus on and continue to be fully compliant with the Corporate Governance Code (one of only 7 NGBs to be so certified)

### Key Objectives for 2017

- High Performance Programme and Ireland Shooting Academy (ISA)
- To continue with developing/sustaining the pathway within which athletes in Ireland can develop towards attaining the performance levels that are realistically required for achieving success at World and Olympic level.
- To increase the participation of Ladies and Juniors in the sport by 40%.
- To improve the standards of performance at all levels through increased coaching.
- To win a World Medal in Olympic Trap/Skeet.
- To win an International Team Title for Ireland.
- To continue with maintaining the highest safety standards through education/management.

## The Irish Flying Disc Association

Website : [www.irishultimate.com](http://www.irishultimate.com)

Participants: 460

Clubs: 18 clubs, 14 schools (plus 58 on a coaching basis) and 9 third-level institutions.

### Highlights of 2016

- 2016 was a good year for the Ultimate Community in Ireland. The calendar has never been so busy between 8 Intervarsity events.
- 2016 also saw the revival of AIUC Outdoor Schools and the second edition of Beach All-Irelands in Curraclloe.
- Six Irish National Teams were fielded at Junior and Senior events (including the Ireland Senior Men's Team defeating GB for the first time in history, and the Irish Junior Women's team receiving the prestigious Spirit of the Game award at the World

Championships).

- 42 unique teams took part in 13 IFDA senior and school events in their respective divisions.

### Key Objectives of 2017

- Continue to grow and become an officially recognised body, able to provide the best for its members and potential members. Ultimate as a sport is growing and gaining momentum internationally, and we would like to see this reflected in Ireland, while striving to grow our competitiveness at international competition.
- Building on the foundations the IFDA have built over the last 5 years. Our strategic plan will guide us towards building a bigger and stronger community, with structures and development programs to allow the sport to succeed and last in Ireland.

## Irish Ice Hockey Association

Website: [www.iiha.org](http://www.iiha.org)

Participants: 300 Clubs: 6

### Highlights of 2016

- The Irish Ice Hockey Association (IIHA) have conducted a very successful programme in 2016. This culminated with the participation of the U12s IIHA Saints Team in a ten-day trip to Boston and Toronto. The Saints received substantial praise and their levels of ice hockey was clearly evident on their return.
- The IIHA also sent its U14 team to Iceland and the U10s to Coventry. The team who travelled to Iceland won all of their games against established Icelandic teams. The U10 team took the Godiva Cup during their trip to Coventry.

### Key objectives for 2017

- The IIHA's objective is to develop the sport of ice hockey in Ireland. The focus has been on a back to basics, yet professional business approach which is focussed on the growth of the sport, development of our players and teams, upskilling of our officials and coaches as well as the pursuit of a permanent ice rink facility for Ireland .
- The IIHA sees great potential for the development of ice hockey in Ireland and with hard work and dedication the IIHA are confident that Ireland can become a competitive nation.

## Irish Indoor Bowling Association

Website: [www.iiba.co.uk](http://www.iiba.co.uk)

Participants: 25,000

Clubs: 850

### Highlights of 2016

- Retaining the team title at the British Isles Championships, winning all 6 matches.

- Winning 3 out of 4 individual championships at World Bowls at Leigh, Manchester in March 2016.

### Key objectives for 2017

- To retain the team title at the British Isles Championships, to be held in Belfast in November 2016.
- To win at least one of the individual championships.

## Irish Judo Association

Website: [www.irishjudoassociation.ie](http://www.irishjudoassociation.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €115,000

Participants: 1,970 Clubs: 48

### Highlights of 2016

The Association sent four cadet judoka plus two coaches to train at the home of judo, the Kodokan in Japan in October 2016. It was very special to spend it here on Jigoro Kano's birthday and International Judo Day. The coaches got to visit the Japanese Institute of Sport and take a tour of the excellent training facilities there, which culminated in a visit to the Japanese Team National Dojo. Joshua Green, Callum Nash, Bearach Gleeson & Maxim Trigub, accompanied by coaches Ciaran Ward & Paul Green represented themselves and their country fantastically.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- The Association will be drafting a new constitution.
- Creating a new Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and drafting a key commissions policy to incorporate all sections of the Association's internal composition. This undertaking is a major step for a minority NGB with extremely limited funding.

## Irish Kidney Association

Website: [www.transplantteamireland.ie](http://www.transplantteamireland.ie)

### Highlights of 2016

- Transplant Team Ireland had a team of 27 (self-funded) athletes, ranging in age from 18 – 78 years old, competing in this year's European Transplant & Dialysis Sports Championships in Vantaa, Finland in July
- Finished in 5th place on the medal board out of 25 countries. We also had an adult and a junior team competing at the British Transplant Games in Liverpool

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Have our largest ever team at a World Transplant Games (on in Malaga, Spain).
- Continue to develop our juniors programme to build on the progress made by the team at the 2016 British Transplant Games.
- Engaging with the World Transplant Games Federation's 'Fit for Life!' programme.

## Irish Ladies Golf Union

Website : [www.golfnet.ie](http://www.golfnet.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €167,000

Participants: 41,000 Clubs: 375

### Highlights of 2016

- Leona Maguire and Stephanie Meadow competed for Team Ireland at the Olympic Games.
- Irish Ladies team of Leona Maguire, Olivia Mehaffey and Annabel Wilson made history when they secured a Bronze Medal at the World Amateur Team Championships.
- Irish Girls Team won the Girls Home International Matches for the first time in history.
- Irish Senior Team were crowned European Team Champions in Poland after overcoming Belgium in the final.
- Great Britain & Ireland won the 39th Curtis Cup at Dun Laoghaire. Leona Maguire, Olivia Mehaffey and Maria Dunne hugely contributed to the GB&I side.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Grow the game and continue to support the development of golf in all areas.
- Increase the numbers participating in and enjoying the game from grassroots to elite level.
- The ILGU will be focused on “Grow the Game, Beat the Competition”, which is a strategy based on increasing the numbers of young girls and ladies playing golf and provides a wide range of high-quality player-centred programmes by highly skilled coaches, staff and volunteers.

## Irish Orienteering Association

Website: [www.orienteering.ie](http://www.orienteering.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €45,000

Participants: 18,000 Clubs: 18

### Highlights of 2016

- High Performance: The IOA supported international teams competing at European championships, World Orienteering Championships, World University Championships, Senior and Junior Teams at Home Internationals, European and Junior World Orienteering Championships.
- Schools Orienteering at local, regional and national level. Promotion of Sport using traditional media and social media.
- Development of mapping using LiDAR to develop maps.
- Due to continuing success at World Orienteering .Championships, our men's team have moved from Division 3 to Division 2 for 2017.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Further develop elite athletes at Junior and Senior level.

- Promote Schools Orienteering by fostering links with Schools organisation.
- Further develop mapping techniques and quality.
- Develop and train Planners, Controllers and Organisers for the long-term viability of the sport.
- Develop brand and brand recognition.
- Develop and progress DAF funded project “DEIS Schools Orienteering”.
- Develop our Coaching infrastructure and deliver coaching at various levels.

## Irish Rugby Football Union

Website: [www.irishrugby.ie](http://www.irishrugby.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €2,364,843

Participants: 164,000 Clubs: 229

### Highlights of 2016

In an action-packed year, highlights came from:

- The U20s excelled at the Junior World Championships by overcoming New Zealand before finishing second to a strong England side in the final.
- The Women's Sevens continued to develop and despite playing incredibly well in the final Olympic qualification tournament, they were beaten by a strong Russian side at a great event in UCD.
- Cork Con' created domestic game history, winning the Ulster Bank Bateman Cup final for the fourth year in a row.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- To deliver a world-class Women's Rugby World Cup in August 2017, in a tournament that will celebrate participation and the values of rugby, to inspire more people to take up field sports.
- In addition, the IRFU hope to be successful in its bid for the Rugby World Cup 2023, with a winning proposal, supported by the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Assembly, to deliver a tournament like no other, with rugby at heart and full of Irish spirit.
- These projects will inspire the next generation of rugby players and celebrate our game from grassroots to international success.

## Irish Sailing Association

Website: [www.sailing.ie](http://www.sailing.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €976,000

Participants: 18,500 members Clubs: 62

### Highlights of 2016

- Our Olympic sailors' performances and the achievement of an Olympic Silver medal by Annalise Murphy.

- The Olympic sailors promoted the 'Try Sailing' campaign and sent the message of “Be Inspired”.
- The ISA Try Sailing initiative, designed to create new opportunities to Try Sailing, resulted 3,500 people trying sailing in 66 clubs and centres. The ISA provided promotional, branding and advisory support.
- The ISA have introduced the ISA Passport - an online certification and skills log service.
- A new mobile friendly website was launched in January, providing a clear platform for information.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- The Irish Sailing Association will continue to promote the Try Sailing message to increase participation in sailing nationally and support all ISA clubs and centres.
- Encouraging collaboration of clusters of clubs and centres to work with strengths.
- Adapting our Performance Pathway to make coaching accessible for more young sailors to improve their skills.
- New teams commence the 4-year Olympic cycle.
- Continue to gather qualitative statistics to further understand our participants and develop the sport further.

## Irish Squash

Website: [www.irishsquash.com](http://www.irishsquash.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €172,000

Participants: 2,689 Clubs: 102

### Highlights of 2016

- Both the Senior Women's and Men's national teams finished 8th in Division 1 of the European Championships in May.
- Two young players for the future made their Senior debuts – 15 year-old Sophie O'Rourke and 18 year-old Hannah Craig.
- In the Junior Internationals, the U13 team got a Silver medal in the 5 Nations.
- The U15s came 4th in the Europeans.
- The U17s also came 4th, just missing out on the Bronze medal. The U15s came 6th and the U19s came 12th.
- The Irish Open took place in April, with Lucas Serme of France & Millie Tomlinson of England victorious.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Continue to work the clubs and coaches to maximise participation with the leisure sector. Support clubs will advise to improve the clubs' offering.
- In conjunction with clubs and coaches, continue to support Junior participation & Women in Sport programmes, conducted in clubs nationally.
- Working with the National Coach and Junior coaches in National Squads sessions to optimise international results in 2017.
- Aim on being compliant with the Governance Code by December 2017.

## Irish Surfing

Website: [www.irishsurfing.ie](http://www.irishsurfing.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €71,000

Participants: 1,400 Clubs: 17

### Highlights of 2016

- 50th Anniversary Celebration

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Attending European Championship in Norway
- To host a tour of six Junior Events

## Irish Taekwondo Union

Website : [www.taekwondoireland.ie](http://www.taekwondoireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €46,000

Participants: 1000

Clubs: 33

### Highlights of 2016

- Taekwondo Ireland athlete Jack Woolley achieving World number 3 and Olympic ranking number 16 after a record number of podium finishes in International competition.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Aim to have more athletes on the International stage, producing tangible results to enable qualification for Tokyo 2020.
- To encourage new members to participate in WTF Olympic Taekwondo and the Tokyo Talent 2020 initiative, which is open to all Martial artists regardless of style or politics.

## Irish Ten Pin Bowling Association

Website: [www.tenpinbowling.ie](http://www.tenpinbowling.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €27,000

Participants: 1,602

Clubs: 30

### Highlights of 2016

- The Ireland Senior Men's Team put in a fantastic performance to win the Seniors Triple Crown for the first time in six years by beating strong teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Chris Sloan continues to perform well in World and European Tour events, the most notable being at the AMF Bowling World Cup in Oct 2016, where 81 countries participated. A stellar performance by the 22-year-old came agonisingly close to becoming the Tenpin Bowling World Cup Champion 2016, only losing out in the final game in Shanghai, China.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Complete our National Development Programme by utilising our NDP Academy capability to assist and support bowler development.
- Promote our 2020 Vision: "Bowling will be recognised as a healthy and clean sporting and recreational activity that is family oriented, spanning the generations and caters for able-bodied and people with a disability alike".
- Host the 2017 European Senior Championships. This Dublin-based event will attract 1,400 bowlers and up to 2,000 supporters from 37 countries – and an opportunity in 2017 to show-case our sport.

### Irish Underwater Council

Website : [www.diving.ie](http://www.diving.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €60,000

Participants: 2,000

Clubs: 73

#### Highlights of 2016

- The IUC signed a service level agreement with the Coastguard to provide Search & Recovery services to the state. The IUC now have over 12 Search & Recovery units active around the country.
- The IUC, in conjunction with Science Federation Ireland, ran two "Diving into Space" exhibitions with Irelands only aquanaut Mark O'Gríofa. Participants were brought on a whirlwind adventure through NASA's use of diving to train aquanauts for space. Afterwards, our top diving and snorkelling instructors brought participants on an "experience of weightlessness" in the NMCI pool in Cork and the NAC in Dublin.
- The IUC, in conjunction with our clubs, ran four very successful Dive and Snorkel Rallies, where people from inside and outside of the organisation met to have fun, make new friends and enjoy the wonderful waters around Ireland.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

Looking to increase membership and participation in our sport in 2017. We hope to achieve this by:

- the introduction of snorkelling into Adventure Centres, schools and youth groups.
- Continued growth of our successful Dive & Snorkel Rallies .
- Supporting our clubs to grow and develop.

### Irish Water Safety

Website : [www.iws.ie](http://www.iws.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €20,000

Participants: 2,834

Clubs: 25

#### Highlights of 2016

- This has been Ireland's greatest ever year, competing at the World Championships in The Netherlands. Bernard Cahill and Oisín McGrath won Irelands first ever Senior Medal, taking Bronze in the Board Rescue event.
- In the World Junior Championships, Denise Bolger won Gold in a World Junior Record in the Line Throw event with her team mate Róisín Cahill.
- Our 4x90m Beach Relay won Gold, with Denise Bolger as the anchor.
- There were 23 Regional and National competitions and increased participation in the sport at home from Nipper (8-14) right up to Masters level

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Aim to have more lifesaving competitions to cater for the increase in numbers participating at Regional and National Level, particularly amongst the Nipper and Junior age groupings
- The National Development Squad and High Performance squads will continue to develop and grow
- On the International Stage, the main goals are to win 4 senior medals in the European Championships

### Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation

Website : [www.irishwwf.ie](http://www.irishwwf.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €20,000

Participants: 11,440

Clubs: 20

#### Highlights of 2016

- Hosted the European Championships in Ireland and attracted participants from 17 different countries. The performance of Irish athletes during the Championships was outstanding: Silver in the Overall Team Performance, Gold in the Open Men's event and Gold and Bronze in the Master's Men event.
- Silver in the 3 Event Ski, Trick and Jump at the Disabled Worlds in Norway.
- Bronze in the Jump event at the EA 35+ Ski in Spain.
- A new National Record was set by our U21 Men's in Trick.
- Delivered our first Cable Judging Course in Dublin.
- Asked to consider running the World Wakeboarding Championships for 2019.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To continue to grow the Sport, Particularly for Women, Children and Community Groups. To Support and encourage at least one specific day for each group in each club.
- Promotion & Development of Cable Wakeboard Sites at grassroots Level.
- To assist clubs in delivering their "Cutting Edge Programme" to schools and to support Scholarship schemes at Cable Clubs.

### Irish Wheelchair Association

Website : [www.iwasport.com](http://www.iwasport.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €240,000

Participants: 2,120

Clubs: 20

#### Highlights of 2016

- Wheelchair basketball team competed at B European championships in Sarajevo.
- 15 athletes competed at IWAS World Junior Games in Prague, winning 22 medals.
- 13 IWA-Sport members competed at the Paralympic Games in Rio.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Launch new strategy.
- Aim to increase membership by 10%.
- Aim to start up 4 new junior sports clubs.
- Rollout of National Championships programme.
- Members will compete at IWAS World Games.
- Competing in European Wheelchair Basketball C Championships in Brno (July).
- Competing in European Wheelchair rugby championships in Germany (June).

### Ladies Gaelic Football Association

Website: [www.lgfa.ie](http://www.lgfa.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €400,000

Participants: 180,474

Clubs: 1,334

#### Highlights of 2016

In a year of many highlights, one does stand out above the rest.

- In July, this year we asked supporters of Ladies Gaelic Football to come together and show their support for our game by attending the TG4 All Ireland Final in Croke Park. It was a proud moment when the stadium announcer informed the attendance at Croke Park that we had set a record attendance of 34,445 for the TG4 Ladies All Ireland Finals.
- This was a particularly proud moment for our young association as it brought together our sponsors, TG4 and Lidl, our membership, the 6 competing counties and all of the supporters of Ladies Gaelic Football to set this milestone. This is a sign of how far our sport has come and the potential it must continue our growth into the future.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- The Association will undertake the development of a new Strategic Plan, building on the accomplishment of the previous plan, Pathway to Success.

- 2017 will also see the roll out of pilots for two new initiatives, Club2Gether and Gaelic4Teens.
- The Club2Gether Programme will take 10 clubs on a developmental journey, assisting them in areas of club structures, volunteers and coaching.
- Gaelic4Teens aims to address the issue of teenage drop out from our sport.
- The Programme will upskill club coaches to conduct interactive and engaging coaching sessions for players aged 15 – 17 years of age.

### Motor Cycling Ireland

Website : [www.motorcycling-ireland.com](http://www.motorcycling-ireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €60,000

Clubs: 36

#### Highlights of 2016

- Motorcycling Ireland ran 3 Road Races in 2016 with huge attendances of over 10,000.
- The Under 21 Motocross team competed in the Coupe de Avenir, Belgium finishing 11th.
- At the Motocross de Nations, the Motorcycling Ireland team won the B final.
- The Trials Ladies' team competed in the Trials de Nation and came 9th overall,
- Seven Trial riders attended the Scottish Pre-65 Trial, with one winner.
- And four riders travelled to Philip Island, Australia and came 3rd overall.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Promote our sport.
- Increase participation.
- Improve Safety Standards at all events.
- Establishment of a National Motor Cycling Centre to cater for all aspects of motorcycling.

### MotorSport Ireland

Website : [www.motorsportireland.com](http://www.motorsportireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding : €137,000

Participants : 3387

Clubs : 34

#### Highlights of 2016

- Craig Breen and Paul Nagle now hired by Citroen to drive the factory rally car in 2017/18

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To run events without incident and to continue support for young drivers through our current young drivers programme and newly created Team Ireland Motorsport Foundation.

## Mountaineering Ireland

Website : [www.mountaineering.ie](http://www.mountaineering.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €193,000

Participants: 11,500

Clubs: 184

### Highlights of 2016

- Increasing membership and reach.
- Supporting clubs and individual members.
- Gaining qualification as an Olympic Sport (Sport Climbing). Success of Talent Development Squads/HP in international competitions.
- Growing our Coaching/Training reach.
- Working with multi-layered partners in areas of Access and Conservation.
- Gaining support from Sport Ireland to deliver three new programmes.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Raise awareness of Mountaineering Ireland.
- Continue to support our members.
- Increase our offer and reach of programmes.
- Increase our membership, with a focus on Youth Participation.
- Develop our reach in areas of Access and Conservation.
- Develop our Talent Development/HP, with a focus on Tokyo 2020.
- Grow and develop our coaching/training offers to meet demands.
- Deliver three new participation programmes, funded by Sport Ireland.
- Grow and develop our Get Ireland Walking programme.

## Paralympics Ireland

Website : [www.paralympics.ie](http://www.paralympics.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €1,290,000

Clubs: 22 affiliated sports

### Highlights of 2016

- The success of the 2016 Irish Paralympic Team at the Rio Paralympics Games.
- With a target of 8 medals and a top 30 placing on the official medals table, the team secured 11 medals, including 4 gold.
- The team also finished an impressive 28th on the medals table. When the medals table per capita is calculated, Ireland finished in 5th place.
- Other highlights include winning 'NGB of the Year' in the 2016 Irish Sport Industry Awards.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Finalise and implement a comprehensive quadrennial plan for Tokyo 2020, underpinned by a sound

financial model to bring success to Ireland.

- Successful Irish teams at World and European Championships, including the Para Athletics World Championships in London's Olympic Stadium.
- Full implementation of the Governance Code.
- Smooth transition to a new Board and a new President after James Gradwell completes his 8 year maximum term.

## Pentathlon Ireland

Website : [www.pentathlon.ie](http://www.pentathlon.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €250,000

Participants: 60

### Highlights of 2016

- Arthur Lanigan O'Keeffe and Natalya Coyle won gold in the mixed relay at the World Cup final in Florida, improving on their medal run in the previous year.
- Two Pentathletes, Arthur Lanigan O'Keeffe and Natalya Coyle, qualified for Rio 2016 Olympic games and finished in stunning 8th and 7th place respectively.
- The 2016 Modern Pentathlon Youth A (under 19) World Championships was successfully hosted in Limerick in July to an acknowledged high standard and was nominated for the Sport Industry Awards 2016 Best International Sports Event. Seven Irish female and seven Irish male pentathletes competed in the individual and relay events.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Build upon the participation at the World Youth A Championships by hosting international athletes at training camps and competitions.
- Further development of youth athletes.
- The procurement of additional modern training equipment.

## Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland

Website : [www.ppui.ie](http://www.ppui.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €63,000

Participants: 7,000

Clubs: 106

### Highlights of 2016

- Ireland won the Pitch and Putt World Cup for the third time in a row in Andorra in July.
- Rocklodge P&P club in Cork successfully hosted the Irish International Open.
- Inter-County double for Dublin in the Ladies and Gents Inter-County Championships.
- New Matchplay championships for u-16 players launched

this year with the highest number of entries to any juvenile competition for several years.

- PPUI launched our new performance-based online handicap system, which aims to level the playing field of our sport.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Launch of our new Strategic Plan as we look to shape the sport for the next 4 years.
- Introduction of a new u-20 National Championship, which will bridge the gap between Juvenile and Adult players and retain youth in the sport.
- The World Individual Strokeplay is in Norway in 2017 and Ireland will be well represented with up to 50 competitors expected to travel.
- Continue to raise awareness of our sport and create opportunities for new people to participate and for past players to return to the sport of their youth.

## Racquetball Association of Ireland

Website: [www.racquetball-ireland.com](http://www.racquetball-ireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €14,500

Clubs: 24

### Highlights of 2016

Participation in the International Racquetball Federation World Championships in Cali, Columbia in July 2016, and the All-Ireland Championships held in Kilkenny in April.

### Key Objectives for 2017

Roll out of the Foundation Coaching Course to Clubs in 2017 and the development of a Level 1 Coaching Course.

## Rowing Ireland

Website : [www.rowingireland.ie](http://www.rowingireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €720,000

Participants: 10,000 Clubs: 70

### Highlights of 2016

- Paul and Gary O'Donovan winning Olympic Silver in Rio, Claire Lambe and Sinead Jennings Olympic Finalist's in Rio, Sanita Puspure finishing 13th in Rio.
- Paul O'Donovan winning the lightweight men's World Championship in Rotterdam.
- Over 14,000 secondary school students participating in the Get Going...Get Rowing programme.
- Largest and most successful ever three day Irish Championships.
- Development of a significant social media footprint in 2016 combined with a successful commercial programme to support activities.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- The vision is for Rowing Ireland to be a world class rowing organisation based on active, progressive clubs providing development, competition and participation opportunities for all levels of rowers and with international crews achieving sustained podium competitive performances.
- Specific programmes in 2017 will focus on club development and recreational rowing opportunities to compliment further success in high performance.

## Softball Ireland

Website: [www.softball.ie](http://www.softball.ie)

Participants: 600

Clubs: 36

### Highlights of 2016

- Participation at our first Women's Softball World Championship

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Develop a schools programme.
- Implement coaching levels.
- Sport Ireland recognition.
- Increase the participation numbers.
- Bid for a major international event.

## Special Olympics Ireland

Website : [www.specialolympics.ie](http://www.specialolympics.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €1,200,000

Participants: 9,217 Clubs: 348

### Highlights of 2016

- 2016 – 2020 Strategy signed off.
- National Winter Games were held to select Team Ireland to participate in the World Winter Games in Austria in 2017. The team of 26 athletes will travel, including two floorball teams and six in alpine skiing are supported by 12 coaches and a management team.
- Numerous leagues have taken place throughout the country during the year and 2016 was a regional advancement competition as athletes aim to qualify for the 2018 Ireland Games.
- 26 people graduated as Coaching Children Tutors having completed a detailed course delivered by Coaching Ireland
- During 2016, Special Olympics Ireland and the Eastern and Leinster regions moved to new offices at the National Sports Campus, Abbotstown.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Participate at the 2017 World Winter Games, Austria.
- Complete the extensive schedule of Regional Advancement competition events and select athletes to represent the five Regions at the 2018 Ireland Games, Dublin.
- Roll out a pilot Young Athlete programme (4 – 7 years) in all five Regions.
- Further roll-out of Health & Well-being programme to community-based clubs.
- Update Finance system to address regulatory & legislative needs and to generate efficiencies.
- Begin preparation, planning, budgets and financing for the 2018 Games.
- Raise sufficient funds through sponsorship & community fundraising to balance books over the life of the 2020 strategy.

### Student Sport Ireland

Website: [www.studentsport.ie](http://www.studentsport.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €50,000

Participants : Student Sport Ireland research\* indicates that of the total student population of 250,000 on the island of Ireland, 64% are highly active and deemed sufficiently active to meet the recommended physical activity guidelines for health. Clubs : Almost 850 clubs across 54 different club types were identified in the SSI research \*

#### Highlights of 2016

- The exceptional performance of Irish high performance student athletes at the 2016 World University Championships, winning 12 medals in total (1 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze).
- The continued development of the Student Sport Ireland intercollegiate competitions.
- The publication of the “Student Activity and Sports Study Ireland (SASSI)” commissioned by Student Sport Ireland. The research is the first ever all-island (and possibly European) study on sports participation within a third level context.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Further success for Irish high performance student athletes at the 2017 World University Games, to be hosted by Taipei City (the World University Games are second only to the Olympics in terms of competing athlete numbers).
- Increased number of students and teams participating in intercollegiate competitions.
- The launch of a new strategic plan.

\*Student Activity and Sports Study Ireland (SASSI). Commissioned and published by Student Sport Ireland (2016)

### Swim Ireland

Website : [www.swimireland.ie](http://www.swimireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €1,442,000

Participants: 16,105 Clubs: 166

#### Highlights of 2016

- Passed the 10,000 mark in the number of participants in Swim for a Mile since its creation and ran the first ever Corporate Relay Challenge.
- Built on our sector-leading safeguarding policies by giving young athletes a true voice through our first ‘Youth Congress’ and recognition of non-competitive achievements in ‘Club Youth Awards’ and by training them to be role-models with our ‘Club Captains in Youth Sport’.
- Launched a pioneering joint membership with Triathlon Ireland.
- Implemented a new Board structure with the introduction of Independent and Skill Set Directors, keeping us to the forefront of governance best practise. We re-launched our Clubmark Award Scheme which is a mark of quality for participating clubs and 38 of our Clubs achieved the Award in its first year.
- Ran 144 swimming galas throughout the country.
- Had 148 representatives at the European Masters Championship took home 24 medals.
- Came home from European Junior Championships with 3 medals, broke 8 Irish records and had 7 finalists. We medalled at the Senior European Short Course Championships.
- Had the most successful Olympic Games in a generation with the team of four all finishing in the top 20 of their events including our first semi-finalist since 2008 and the first diver in 68 years who became our first ever finalist and finished 8th .

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- The overriding objective for 2017 is to launch a new strategic plan which will be the blueprint for enabling and encouraging swimmers of all varieties – open water, masters, leisure and competitive – along with divers, water polo players and synchro swimmers to achieve their potential – whatever that might be.
- Will also be investing in our brand and a new website to enable us to reach out to an ever-widening audience and engage with more people in improving their health and enjoying the water.
- Continue to be at the vanguard of best practice in governance and in safeguarding.

### Table Tennis Ireland

Website: [www.tabletennisireland.ie](http://www.tabletennisireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €164,344

Participants: 3719 Clubs: 124

#### Highlights of 2016

- Successful international schools event which we hosted in University of Limerick. We had schools players from six countries and the event proved to be a very enjoyable weekend for all that took part with some great results for the Irish schools teams.
- Following this our Junior players have had some fantastic results around the globe with Owen Cathcart leading the way finishing top of the podium in the Belgium Open, the first Irish player to achieve such a feat. In fact, two Irish Junior players, Sophie Early and Owen Cathcart, have been identified by the ETU (Table Tennis IF) as being in the top twenty prospects of their respective age groups, a fantastic accolade for these two young players and testament to the coaching being offered here in Ireland.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

To modernise our association through a new membership system and therein improve communication with our members. The aim here is to operate from a more informed position as to how better to serve our membership.

### Target Shooting Ireland

Website: [www.targetshooting.ie](http://www.targetshooting.ie)

Participants: 750

#### Highlights of 2016

- Participation of Seán Baldwin and Phillip Eaglesham in the Paralympic Games in Rio.
- Fielded a mixed team at internationals in Hannover and a World Cup in Munich.
- Re-Brand from National Target Shooting Association Limited to Target Shooting Ireland.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To obtain full recognition from Sport Ireland and to plan international participation with a view to the next Olympic cycle.

### Tennis Ireland

Website : [www.tennisireland.ie](http://www.tennisireland.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €533,000

Participants: 80,000

Clubs: 183

#### Highlights of 2016

- The Enjoy Tennis Programme provides access to Tennis for players with a range of disabilities. The success of this programme has now enabled the sport to pilot, develop and deliver initiatives for players with a range of different disabilities. From a base of zero players, the programme

provides coaching and ongoing weekly tennis to over 500 players with disabilities in 50 clubs around Ireland.

- The launch of the Tennis Ireland Schools Tennis Initiative. 50 festivals at 25 clubs were delivered. An average of 100 teenagers taking part in each of the festivals and an average of 12 girls continuing into follow-on sessions in each of the chosen 25 Schools Friendly Clubs.
- Simon Carr, at 17, qualified to play his first Grand Slam event in January 2017 at the Australian Open.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To work with clubs to increase and maintain membership and endeavour to grow the numbers by 20% by 2020.
- Promote the Clubmark nationwide in a bid to support clubs in the development of their programmes and membership base.
- Deliver a new communications strategy across Tennis Ireland head office and the Provinces.

### The Camogie Association

Website: [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €395,000

Participants: 100,000

Clubs: 560 in Ireland & 60 international

#### Highlights of 2016

- Highest attendance at an All-Ireland Camogie Finals since 2006 and increased television viewing audience.
- Highly competitive Championship with a 1st Senior All-Ireland title in 22 years for Kilkenny as well as Kilkenny winning the Intermediate title, and a maiden Premier Junior All-Ireland title for Carlow.
- Camogie represented by 11 international teams in GAA World Games, hosted in Dublin.
- Increased Media Coverage – Online, Social Media & Print; Launch of Under 16 Progress to Success development initiative.
- Launch of Camogie4Teens development initiative.
- Launch of National Development Plan for 2016-2019.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Implement key elements of the National Development Plan.
- Increase support to Intercounty players via increased government funding.
- Raise the profile of Camogie through marketing initiatives and increased media coverage.
- Improve Referee Education.
- Focus on Player Retention, particularly in terms of underage players.

## Triathlon Ireland

Website : [www.triathlonireland.com](http://www.triathlonireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €395,000

Participants :

17,500 full and one day members & 75,000 participants

Clubs : 89

### Highlights of 2016

- 4th consecutive year of double digit growth in membership.
- 70% increase in junior members.
- 15% increase in female membership.
- 194 Age Group Athletes representing Ireland at International Championships across 12 events.
- Two medals at the ETU Triathlon championships in Lisbon.
- Two medals at the ITU Duathlon championships in Aviles.
- Four medals at the ETU Duathlon championships in Kalkar.
- One Para triathlete elite athlete on the start line in Rio for the 1st edition of Para triathlon in the Paralympic Games.
- 13 Para triathlon medals in International Elite Para Triathlon Championships.
- Two Elite Athletes in the 2015 Olympic Games.
- Successful active domestic racing scene with Super Series, National Championships and National Series races plus the inaugural Club Relay Championships.
- Signing off on the requirements of the Voluntary Code of Good Governance.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- To implement and if possible exceed Year 1 KPIs of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

## Vision Sports Ireland

Website: [www.visionsports.ie](http://www.visionsports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €35,000

Participants: 800

### Highlights of 2016

- Seven vision impaired athletes competed at the Rio Paralympic Games in three sports (athletics, tandem cycling and Para triathlon).
- Gold medals for Jason Smyth and Katie George Dunlevy.
- Our golfers Paul McCormack and Patrick Morgan finished 1st and 2nd at the US Blind Golf Open in Arizona.
- Meanwhile MayFest, Ireland's biggest sports and leisure weekend for vision impaired people, was officially opened by Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland. The President viewed the new sport of VI Tennis as well as rowing and football.
- The pre-MayFest forum TalkFest generated some first-class debate from top experts.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- The Vision Sports mantra will reach every nook and cranny of the country, with the launch of a shared services sports development project with partners CARA, ChildVision and NCBI.
- The 35th May Games, now known as MayFest will take place at various Dublin venues from 19th to 21st May which will include a themed TalkFest Forum.
- Ireland will also host the blind golf's Celtic Cup involving a Ryder Cup-style competition between Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.
- Also, VSI plan to host the Great North East Cycle with over 150 cyclists including 30 tandem pairings.

## Volleyball Association of Ireland

Website: [www.volleyballireland.com](http://www.volleyballireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €237,000

Participants: 1,600

Clubs: 49

### Highlights of 2016

- Junior Volleyball competition attracted 142 teams, up by 52 teams from last year - an increase of 58%.
- Senior Schools League and Cup section - there was a record entry of 77 teams, an increase of 40% on last year.
- Volleyball West of Ireland Mixed Rec. League: 8 teams.
- SpikeBall recreational tournament: 8 teams.
- In September, the Mini-Spikers (6-9 years) Programme was piloted in 20 schools.
- In July, our staff attended a multi-sport inclusive summer camp run by Cavan County Council.
- In November we were involved in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council two-day event for Primary schools from the Dublin area.
- In April we were Involved in a Disability Activity Camp organised by Cavan County Council with over 120 adults.
- Ran our first ever 3-hour introductory Sitting Volleyball Workshop for teachers and leaders in Dublin.
- Two staff members sent to an International Sitting Volleyball Coaching course.
- Through programs developed in the summer, the sitting volleyball program has been able to work with over 263 children and adults.
- The inaugural Masters Tournament included 66 players.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Start of 50th Anniversary planning for 2018.
- Create new coaching modules planned for Beach Volleyball and Sitting Volleyball.
- Run our first national youth volleyball league starting this year - Under 16.

- Establish an all-Ireland Primary SpikeBall club tournament, scheduled for 16 teams.
- Run the 2nd annual Master Tournament.
- Junior Beach training sessions to develop.
- Run Disability Volleyball programme.
- Establish an eight-team Business League.
- Take final steps towards creating a sustainable WIS programme.

## Weightlifting Ireland

Website: [www.weightliftingireland.com](http://www.weightliftingireland.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €18,250

Participants: 400

Clubs: 38

### Highlights of 2016

- Weightlifting Ireland sent its largest team ever to the European Weightlifting Championships in Forde, Norway, and for the first time a full Irish women's team competed in this competition. The standard of performance for both men and women continues to improve each year, which Weightlifting Ireland will continue to drive in 2017.
- Participation levels in the sport continue to grow, with competitive numbers up sharply during 2016 in all four Provinces. The sport caters to athletes of all ages and experience levels, with athletes ranging in age from 12 to 76 competing in the sport around Ireland in 2016.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Weightlifting Ireland has had an increase in Youth (U17) participation in the sport and we hope to convert many of these young athletes to competing in a stand-alone National Youth Championships in 2017, the first of its kind.
- Weightlifting in Ireland has improved significantly in popularity among women in recent years and we aim to improve both participation and performance level among women during 2017.
- Participation levels in the sport are on the increase and Weightlifting Ireland aims to increase the number of athletes both participating and competing in the sport during 2017.

## LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

### Cavan Sports Partnership

Website: [www.cavansportspartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportspartnership.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €138,947

### Highlights of 2016

- The appointment of the community sports development officer and the sporting engagement through communities and schools this has brought.
- Continued development of the sports inclusion programme in Cavan with a newly established NGB link with Volleyball Ireland and the yearlong milestone of the first cross county multi-sports club for children with a disability and their siblings.
- The commendable work of the clubs, schools and community groups to improve sporting practices by attending safeguarding, games for all and disability awareness in sport training throughout the county.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Cavan Sports Partnership strategic plan 2017 -2020.
- Support of sport through community projects.
- Supporting Cavan to become an active aging county.
- Continued support of the sports inclusion programme for Cavan and Monaghan.
- Development of the community sports development officer role.
- Further supports to club volunteers and coaches in the areas of training, education and accessing funding.

## Clare Sports Partnership

Website: [www.claresportspartnership.ie](http://www.claresportspartnership.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €284,182

### Highlights of 2016

- 2016 was a great year with participation rates in our programmes increasing.
- In Killaloe / Ballina the Clarisford Park Community Sports Hub was set up.
- The Active homework challenge saw 4,200 children being assigned exercise for homework and older adults reported back that our Go for Life programme was 'Life Changing'.
- In cycling, again, 2,000 people took part in the An Post Tour de Burren and there was involvement in 8 Bike for Life programmes.
- 10 jobseekers graduated from our Community Coaching Scheme and 100 young people took part in the Youth Sports Leaders course.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Hoping to continue and build on the success achieved to date.
- To actively evaluate all relevant programmes to ensure that they are leading to an increase in participation rates.
- Continue to work closely with stakeholders to ensure that all are working in partnership to achieve common goals.

## Donegal Sports Partnership

Website: [www.activedonegal.com](http://www.activedonegal.com)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €192,000

### Highlights of 2016

- The establishment of the Maghera Coastal Adventures Project as one of nine community hubs projects in Ireland under Dormant Accounts funding. Six sports have been identified under the hub including kayaking, stand up paddling, snorkelling, cycling, walking and surfing.
- Development of a Women on the Move project in two locations in Donegal, based on the previous model of Men on the Move. A total of 150 women are now participating in a dedicated physical activity programme in two community settings.
- The continued development of the Sports Inclusion Disability Programme with 150 people of all ages engaged across a range of activities including wheelchair basketball, sports hall athletics, boccia and football for all.

### Key Objectives for 2017

To continue to seek opportunities to develop recreation sport in Donegal, among the key objectives would be:

- To sustain our current programme of activities and examine the potential to develop our programmes into other disadvantaged areas of Co Donegal.
- To seek to develop the community hubs model in other areas in County Donegal.
- To develop a new site for participation in hand cycling and wheel chair sports.
- To examine future sporting opportunities of a cross border nature.

## Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership

Website: [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €2,346,615

### Highlights of 2016

The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership was proudly the lead or partner in several initiatives throughout the year including:

- Lord Mayors 5 Alive Challenge
- Champions Day
- Older Adult Sports Days
- Marathon Kids initiative
- Late Night Leagues
- Operation Transformation 5K Walk
- Bike Week
- Great Dublin Bike Ride
- Fourth International Track Cycling Event

### Key Objectives for 2017

To implement the Dublin City sport and Wellbeing Partnership's inaugural statement of strategy, STRIDE 2017 – 2020, which is progressive and ambitious and sets out 16 initiatives and 26 actions under the following strategic goals:

- Places and Spaces
- Programmes and Services
- Promoting Sport and Inspiring People
- Good Practice

## Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Sports Partnership

Website: [www.dlrsportspartnership.ie](http://www.dlrsportspartnership.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €168,700

### Highlights of 2016

- Four flagship participation events including the DLR Community 5K, which saw 1,200 participants of all ages and abilities; physical activity programmes for people with mental health issues.
- Club seminars around topics such as child protection, facility planning and gambling addiction.
- Continuation of our successful dance programme for TY students.
- Over 400 sports volunteers included in a range of training workshops.
- Walking promotion events.
- Programmes and training to promote activity among those with a disability.

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Provide information on sport and physical activity in DLR.
- Roll out training for sports volunteers.
- Act as a coordinating body for sport in the county.
- Deliver Sport Ireland national programmes.
- Roll out a number of programmes and events for targeted groups.

## Fingal Sports Partnership

Website: [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €142,645

### Highlights of 2016

- Marathon Kids – over 4,000 5th and 6th class children ran 26.2 miles as part of a structured 8 week running programme in conjunction with Dublin City Sports and the Dublin Marathon to educate kids about sport, nutrition and fitness.
- School and youth programmes – delivered more than 600 programmes to 50,000 participants.
- Women in Sports Programmes – delivered 32 programmes to 1,500 participants.

- Older Adult Programmes – delivered 8 programmes to 450 participants.
- General programmes – delivered more than six programmes to 500 participants.
- Disability Sports – delivered 15 Programmes to 600 participants.
- Training in Education courses – delivered 130 to 9,000 participants.
- Grants/Funding of €100,000 provided to sports clubs in Fingal

### Key Objectives for 2017

- Review our present Sports Strategy and carry out consultation and produce new Sports Strategy for Fingal.
- Continue to deliver a variety of Sports Programmes with the focus on sustainability, training and coach education, empowering sports clubs to develop best practice.

## Kildare Sports Partnership

Website: [www.kildaresp.ie](http://www.kildaresp.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €130,074

### Highlights of 2016

#### MOJO Programme

- Mojo is an interagency programme developed to provide a coordinated response to men who are in distress because of the recession and unemployment. By working in partnership, Mojo has emerged as an evidence-based, multidisciplinary, process that provides a service to distressed men in the form of a training programme.
- Mojo Kildare recognised the strong correlation between good physical and mental health. Kildare Sports Partnership ensured the effective delivery of the physical fitness aspect of the programme. This has seen men who traditionally would not have engaged in physical activities for some time participate on a weekly basis in a variety of exercises both individually and group based. Kildare Sports Partnership have provided a programme that is needs led – ensuring the men are encouraged and supported to feel they can achieve their targets in a fun environment – and outcome focussed – thus enabling men to see the positive impacts of being active physically, socially and emotionally for themselves.

### Key Objectives for 2017

The key objectives for 2017 is to:

- Continue to build on the progress made in Disabilities through our Sports Inclusion Disability Programme and the work of our Sports Inclusion Disability Officer.
- The other area of focus will be our primary schools. Kildare has 28,000 children in primary school and we plan to roll out the Sport Ireland 'Coaching Children Programme' to as many schools and primary teachers as possible.

## Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

Website: [www.krsp.ie](http://www.krsp.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €243,251

### Highlights of 2016

- KRSP Inclusive Summer Camp – Over 70 children with disabilities took part in KRSP's Summer Camp programme, ran over two weeks in July, with over 40 volunteers supporting and assisting the participants. The first week was a new partnership with Nore Valley Park, introducing the children to a huge range of camping and outdoor activities. The second week took place in St Patricks Sports Hall and grounds with access to the Hydrotherapy pool. There were 2 day trips; surfing in Tramore and kayaking on the Nore.
- This programme was part-funded by the HSE. However, once again, the generosity of the people of Kilkenny made the whole experience possible. Over 40 volunteers gave up their time to support and lead activities, The Kilkenny Scouts provided marquees, Kilkenny Aqua Canoe Club brought over 40 children with disabilities out on the river, paddling pools were provided by friends and neighbours and some of the volunteers performed with their jazz band to entertain during the barbeque. An amazing fortnight was had by all, with new activities discovered and many friendships formed! Irish TV came to visit on the last day of Nore Valley and captured some of the ambience on the day!

### Key Objectives for 2017

- KRSP will continue to empower communities to increase participation through inclusive sports for all programmes and to empower sports clubs to provide quality opportunities for engagement in sports and physical activity.
- In 2017, KRSP will focus on the delivery of the Dormant Accounts Community Sports and Physical Activity Hub with the planning, design and implementation of a consultation process of public play and recreation spaces including capacity building with local sports clubs and community organisations.

## Laois Sports Partnership

Website: [www.laoissports.ie](http://www.laoissports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €287,661

### Highlights of 2016

- The Advanced Community Coaching Programme, in partnership with Offaly LSP and funded through Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts, has exceeded all expectations and provided pathways for employment with over half of the participants currently working.

- The Healthy Living programme has been a great success in changing lifestyle habits for sedentary people. Following the programme, the group decided that they would like to work towards the challenge of climbing Carrauntoohil on 7th May 2016 to raise funds for the Laois Hospice. This represented an enormous challenge for most the group who were chronically inactive prior to completing the programme. A six-month plan for the group included advice on weekly exercise training sessions and nutrition, monthly mountain walks lead by John and Diane (True Fitness), workshops on walking gear required, and workshops on all other aspects important to the success of this event. The group completed this challenge on 6th May 2016 and raised €2,672 for Laois Hospice in the process.

#### Key Objectives of 2017

- Launch of Strategic Plan 2017-2021.
- Deliver local and national programmes.
- Progress Community Sports Hub initiative.
- Deliver healthy living programmes in line with National Strategy.
- Renew the Governance Code.

### Leitrim Sports Partnership

Website: [www.leitrimsports.ie](http://www.leitrimsports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €198,598

#### Highlights of 2016

- Dromahair Operation Transformation Programme – 130 participants
- The Shannonside Traveller's women Programme – 42 participants
- "Kidz on the Run" programme - 1584 participants

#### Key Objectives of 2017

- Increase participation of key target groups especially among marginalised adult groups in sport and recreation.
- Communication and networking with key stakeholders and target groups and to increase the number of children/adults from disadvantaged communities taking part in P.A.
- To establish Leitrim sport partnership as the central information source for all sporting and physical activity within the County.
- To ensure that the board of the Leitrim Sports Partnership is highly effective with good governance and the board members are actively engaged with all aspects of the LSP work.
- Identify new initiatives which could be delivered in Leitrim.
- To provide information and supports to clubs and community groups in regards to funding opportunities and training on club structures and developing facilities etc.

### Limerick Sports Partnership

Website: [www.limericksports.ie/](http://www.limericksports.ie/)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €305,000

#### Highlights of 2016

- Established six Older Adult Sports Hubs across City and County Locations.
- Increased the number of Sports Hall Athletic Hubs from four to six.
- Launched innovative and progressive Strategic Plan, 2016-2020.
- Shortlisted for a Sport Industry Award and a National Inclusion Award.
- 130 TY Students applied for the VIP Coaching and Leadership programme, 32 were selected.
- All programme areas had increased participation numbers, including, Men on the Move, Women on Wheels, Traveller Health, Community Walking and Company Marathon Challenge.
- The Education programmes were successful through Sports Leadership, Community Coaching, Sports Talk, addressing positive mental health and Safeguarding 1,2 & 3.
- Delighted with the level of engagement from community groups for European Week of Sport, Bike Week, Step into Walking series and the Blanket Run.
- Assisted in the promotion and establishment of 2 parkrun locations, University of Limerick and the Demesne in Newcastle West.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To continue the Governance Code journey coupled with the NQSF Evaluation to ensure best practice is always attained. Seeking to expand programme areas so as to engage more with Intercultural communities.
- To continue to expand the Men on the Move and the Women on Wheels programmes across City and County locations.
- Expand on the successful engagement with companies during 2016 to support them with their staff health and wellbeing.

### Louth Local Sports Partnership

Website: [www.louthlsp.ie](http://www.louthlsp.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €110,000

#### Highlights of 2016

- The relocation of the unit to Dundalk Sports Centre where it now has access to a new state of the art accessible sports facility catering for all sectors of the community.
- There is also fantastic access to the Sports Centre staff who assist in the development and rollout of Louth Local Sports Partnership programmes including the SIDO programme.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Have the new Strategic Plan completed in January 2017.
- Have Sports Unit staff structure fully in place by March which will increase the profile of the Louth Local Sports Partnership and sport and physical activity in Louth.

### Mayo Sports Partnership

Website: [www.mayosports.ie](http://www.mayosports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €220,260

#### Highlights of 2016

- Over 2,000 people participated in Mayo Operation Transformation Walks.
- Erris Parkrun joins Ballina, Castlebar and Westport.
- 800 people participate in 24 Bike Week 2016 events.
- 2,000 women turn out for 7th annual Western People Mini Marathon and 400 for the Children's Mini Fun Run.
- Ballyhaunis Community Sports Hub – Opening of the Maples Recreational Cricket Park.
- Goal to Work Sports Coach Training Programmes delivered in Ballyhaunis, Ballina, Castlebar and Claremorris.
- Crossmolina, Ballina and Ballyhaunis students receive Youth Sport Leadership Award.
- Learn2Cycle Programme and Annual Summer Camp for Children with a Disability.
- 3rd Strategic Plan for Sport in Mayo completed.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Participation and Location: enabling and delivering programmes, supporting people and our local partners.
- Strengthening Play: providing direction and growth opportunities for our local sport shapers, the volunteer sport-makers and the sports participation places.
- Insight and Influence: Providing information about sports development and participation opportunities, supporting sport participation partnerships and sharing communications amongst the sports providers, participants and potential participants in our county.
- Perform: continuing to attract and manage our resources in an effective and transparent manner.
- Governance: Continue to improve our internal structures and run our affairs effectively.

### Meath Local Sports Partnership

Website: [www.meathsports.ie](http://www.meathsports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €236,492

#### Highlights of 2016

Two of Meath LSP programmes were nominated for National and Local recognition –

- KickStart to Recovery programme in association with the FAI &

HSE was shortlisted in November for a Sport Industry Award in the Best LSP Initiative category. This programme showcased the great work being done in disability sport.

- Meath Heritage Cycle tour has been shortlisted for the Meath Chronicle's Business and Tourism Award – Outstanding Festival category. The cycle tour, now in its 8th year has expanded from being a 1 day event to a weekend festival of cycling in Meath. Each year the economic benefits of the tour to the local economy have also grown. There is plenty of evidence to show that people are willing to travel to participate in the cycle tour. In 2016 over 55% of cyclists were repeat participants from previous years with over 14% of those having completed more than three tours. This year 60% of participants travelled from outside Meath – an increase of 6% on 2015, with 2% travelling from overseas specifically for the event. Of that 60%, 6% stayed 2 nights in paid accommodation with 34% paying for 1 bed night. This equated to 1,100 local bed nights. Investment alone by sponsors and key stakeholders since 2009 has increased by 77%. The estimated benefit of the tour in 2016 to the local economy has been identified as €5 million. It is generally agreed by the tourism providers that the cycle tour serves to help the tourism businesses, promotes a positive destination image and reduces seasonality.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Meath LSP has committed to being fully compliant with the Governance Code by December 2017; this extensive piece of work involves reaching a level of conformity across the five key principles of the code.
- In addition to this work, we will continue to deliver programmes to and work in collaboration with NGBs, local agencies, groups, communities etc. in growing participation levels and opportunities to participate in sport and physical activity in Meath.

### Monaghan Sports Partnership

Website : [www.monaghansports.ie](http://www.monaghansports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €195,549

#### Highlights of 2016

- Sustainability of inclusive multi sports club for children with a disability and their siblings as delivered now by local sports centre, centre staff and volunteers. Delivery of two multi sports camps (indoor and outdoor) for over 130 adults with a disability.
- Securing funding towards a dedicated Community Sports Development Officer which has led to development of community based activity programming.
- Secured funding towards the development of a Community Sports Hub which will be listed as a Key Objectives for 2017.

- Delivery of a series of activity based programming which has resulted in over 200 adults aged 50+ becoming more active.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Deliver a comprehensive annual implementation plan of sports and physical activity which reaches out to many sectors of society while responding to the actions contained within the National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) and Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP).
- Following successful application for Dormant Accounts Funding via Sport Ireland – development of Community Sports Hub in North Monaghan as a catalyst for integrated sports/ community initiatives in inclusive sport and physical activity for all members of the local population. Embark on a review of the LSP and its position in the wider community of Monaghan in terms of awareness and public knowledge and engagement – include Performance Review data, deploy promotional/ marketing plan and convey consultation around development of new Strategic Plan.

### Tipperary Sports Partnership

Website: [www.tipperarysports.ie](http://www.tipperarysports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €294,217

#### Highlights of 2016

- In 2016, TSP developed a new All County Strategic Plan for the development of sport and physical activity in Tipperary.
- The Outdoor Community Sports Hub was completed in Clonmel which included the development of a Canoe Slalom Course, rehabilitation of a weir and the facilitation of training and education for over 160 participants from the community in the sport of canoeing.
- A new Social Inclusion Programme 'Inclusive Communities through Sport' was developed targeting hard to reach and marginalised groups throughout the County.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To implement the new Strategic Plan for the County.
- Rebranding and marketing of Tipperary Sports Partnership will be a key objective.
- Continued delivery of core programmes and implementation of participation programmes and programmes with a specific focus on Social Inclusion.
- To further develop the Outdoor Community Sports Hub on the River Suir.

### Offaly Sports Partnership

Website: [www.offalysports.ie](http://www.offalysports.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €212,218

#### Highlights of 2016

Offaly Sports Partnership, with Dormant Accounts funding secured through Sport Ireland, delivered community coaching programmes for the unemployed as follows:

- Two Level 1 (foundation) programmes for 35 people.
- Two cross-county Level 2 programmes with Laois Sports Partnership. These programmes focused on qualifications for the leisure industry for 30 people.
- One cross-county Level 3 programme with a focus on qualifications for gym instruction for 13 people.
- Positive experiences and good progression have resulted from these programmes.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

Delivery of Offaly Sports Partnership's third strategic plan for sport and recreation in Offaly.

Five key themes form the basis for this plan:

- Improving youth fitness
- Increasing adult (including older adult) participation
- Including the least active
- Integration & celebration
- Improving capacity & informing the local sport sector

### Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership

Website: [www.sligosportandrecreation.ie](http://www.sligosportandrecreation.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €235,106

#### Highlights of 2016

- In 2016, SSRP facilitated the roll out of the East City Community Sports Hub enabled under Dormant Accounts funding from Sport Ireland, with a highlight being the development of a Lawn Bowls facility which has weekly usage and programming with the goal of establishing a self-sustaining Lawn Bowls Club.
- The An Post Tour of Sligo cycle, part of the An Post Cycle Series was held in May 2016 with 2300 cyclists on their bikes including all age groups and all cycling ability levels, and with more than 50% of participants from outside County Sligo the tourism benefits associated with the event were very significant with a total spend of over €450,000 associated with the event.
- Over 200 people with a disability participated in sport as part of the SSRP Sports Inclusion Disability Project in 2016.
- Extracurricular school sport was facilitated through the SSRP Youth Sport programme with over 100 programmes delivered involving over 2000 participant places.
- Community Coaching programme for 12 job seekers delivered with 4 of the participants receiving occasional sessional work as sports coaches with SSRP.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To facilitate a range of community sports participation programmes, education opportunities and policy positions which drive sports participation for all age groups, facilitate community empowerment and leads to a stable local sporting infrastructure.

### South Dublin County Sports Partnership

Website: [www.sdccsp.ie](http://www.sdccsp.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €241,000

#### Highlights of 2016

- Engagement of a Disability Sports Officer and the subsequent development of a strong programme of events for this sector
- Linking in with the local 3rd level institute (I.T. Tallaght) for the delivery of sports science seminars for coaches
- The receipt of Dormant Account Funds to assist in a targeted programme to increase community participation in a very disadvantaged area (North Clondalkin)

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- Developing a Strategic Plan for 2017–2020 with the focus on Leading (training).
- Inspiring (participation events) & Enhancing (resources).
- Specifically, SDCSP will focus on partnering and supporting schools (e.g. School Completion Programmes); youth (Youthreach and other programmes); community development (for disadvantaged such as unemployed; asylum seekers; lone parents; Travellers etc.); and disability services; to deliver on our agenda of getting the least active in our community more active.

### Waterford Sports Partnership

Website: [www.waterfordsportspartnership.ie](http://www.waterfordsportspartnership.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €261,125

#### Highlights of 2016

- One of the highlights of 2016 was the ongoing success of the WSP-developed Balance Bike Programme which we now deliver in preschools and primary schools throughout Waterford.
- This programme involves a two-hour training session with the staff and teachers in the childcare service/school using a resource pack we developed to aid the staff/teachers in delivery.
- Post-training, we circulate a stock of balance bikes, purchased with the assistance of sports capital funding, to the childcare service/school on loan for a two-week period to allow the staff/teachers to deliver the programme to the children. Feedback on the programme is very positive from teachers and parents.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- 2017 brings WSP to the final year of our current strategy. Therefore a review of its implementation is planned to inform the development of the next strategy.
- There is also a plan to upgrade our website, to complete the journey to the Code of governance and a thorough review of how we approach planning and evaluation for all our activities.

### Westmeath Sports Partnership

Website: [www.facebook.com/westmeathsport](http://www.facebook.com/westmeathsport)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €164,295

#### Highlights of 2016

- The establishment of two Park Runs, the development of a Canoe programme for disability groups in the Westmeath/ Longford.
- Integration of hand cycling into the Sprocket Rocket children's cycling programme, along with cycle safety education in over half the schools in Westmeath.
- Implementation of sports leader and community coaching programmes.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To look at cross sector approach to decreasing inactive levels among people in Westmeath through walking, cycling and water activities.
- Develop sustainable links between Men's Shed groups and community walking programme.

### Wexford Sports Partnership

Website: [www.sportsactivewexford.ie](http://www.sportsactivewexford.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €127,078

#### Highlights of 2016

- The development of the parkrun initiative has seen Wexford have 3 park runs developed in Johnstown Castle, JFK Arboretum New Ross and Gorey Town Park. This has seen over 3000 runners take part.
- The development of the Community Sport Hub in Riverchapel has enabled us to impact on a local community which can develop new links and sports.
- The BMX track has seen three national events this summer and we hope to further develop this in 2017.
- The success of our work with people with disability has seen a new programmes develop with Wexford Mental Health Services and a new Tag Rugby club in partnership with Leinster rugby and New Ross Rugby club, the Dunbrody warriors have now been established and will be playing in the Aviva Stadium in December.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- To continue to impact on the lives of our communities and enable them to access more opportunities for physical activity.
- To improve our work with schools and older adults with new initiatives that can impact on physical activity levels.

### Wicklow Local Sports Partnership

Website: [www.wicklowlsp.ie](http://www.wicklowlsp.ie)

Total Sport Ireland Funding: €116,344.50

#### Highlights of 2016

- The roll out of our 'One Million Step Challenge to Primary Schools'. This has been a hugely beneficial initiative and has led to hundreds of teachers and children embracing the initiative and educating themselves around the benefits of walking.

- Our development officers that were secured through dormant account funding were a major asset to the LSP and were heavily involved in introducing people to outdoor recreation activities.
- Their target groups were community based groups, youth at risk and those accessing mental health services. Without this funding through dormant accounts, we would not have been able to complete these programmes.

#### Key Objectives for 2017

- In 2017 we will be focusing on expanding our outdoor recreation activity programmes and rolling our parkrun activities in both East and West Wicklow.

Gymnast Ellis O'Reilly at  
the Olympics in Rio



Paralympic gold medalist  
Michael McKillop

Cork win their 11th  
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