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DLR Sports Partnership
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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership continued to make significant progress throughout the year in delivering inclusive, community-centred sport and physical activity opportunities across the county.

Through strong collaboration with local clubs, schools, community organisations and national partners, the Partnership engaged thousands of participants in programmes that promote health, wellbeing and social connection.

This report highlights the breadth of work undertaken across participation, inclusion, youth development, Active Cities, communications and capacity building, demonstrating the Partnership's ongoing commitment to creating a more active, connected and healthy DLR for all.





Staffing

Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Sports Partnership (DLRSP) continues to operate with a dedicated and highly skilled team of eight staff, responsible for delivering a wide range of programmes, events and strategic actions outlined throughout this report.

The team structure ensures strong delivery across participation, inclusion, communications, Active Cities and community engagement.

Coordinator – Shane McArdle

Provides overall strategic leadership, governance and operational oversight for DLRSP.

Programmes Manager – Kevina Malone

Leads programme planning, development and delivery across participation and strategic priorities.

Active Cities Officer – Angela Monaghan

Responsible for implementation of the Active Cities framework and cross-departmental collaboration.

Sports Inclusion Disability Officer – Gwen O'Looney

Leads disability sport initiatives, inclusive programme development and stakeholder engagement.

Community Sports Development Officer – Louise Callan

Designs and delivers community-based sport and physical activity programmes with a particular focus on female and older adult participation.

Sports Marketing & Information Officer – Declan McMahon

Manages communications, branding, digital content and programme promotion.

Social Innovation in Sport Officer – Ciaran Casey

Drives innovation projects targeted at the hard-to-reach population groups and new partner development.

Administrator (Part-Time) – Emmet Wright

Provides administrative, financial and operational support to the Partnership.

Administration & Operations

Throughout the reporting period, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Sports Partnership (DLRSP) advanced significant strategic, operational, and governance priorities focused on increasing participation in sport and physical activity across the county. Key progress was achieved in staffing, programme delivery, strategic planning, grant management, and interagency collaboration.

Strategic Planning & Governance

- Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan approved by the full Council in March and formally launched in Kilbogget Park on 19 May.
- Implementation commenced with DLRCC and partner agencies, focusing on coordinated delivery of objectives and actions.
- Chair role transitioned from Pat Smith (Sport Forum) to Suzanne Bailey (UCD Sport), with recognition of Pat's invaluable contribution over the past few years.
- A Board Effectiveness Review was commissioned via Carmichael Ireland to assess structures and strengthen governance.
- DLRSP Coordinator, Shane McArdle, was nominated and coopted onto the Board of the Federation of Irish Sport, representing the national LSP network.



Staffing & Recruitment

- **Recruitment process completed for the following permanent positions:** Active Cities Officer and Community Sports Development Officer.
- **Recruitment process completed for the following new positions:** Programmes Manager, Sport 4 Empowerment Officer.

Collaboration & Community Engagement

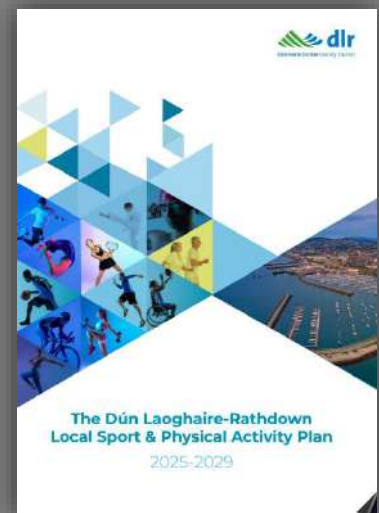
- Active participation on the interagency Community Response Forum to support applicants for international protection and displaced Ukrainians.
- Engagement with Dublin Mountains Partnership, with the Coordinator joining the Board to support recreational development.
- Hosted Development Officer networking events to increase information sharing and collaboration.
- Staff attended the Sport Ireland Development Officer Conference in May.
- Volunteers in Sport Awards - Ruby Morrow (Monkstown Hockey Club) won the DLR award at the February ceremony. The LSP network continued as the main national event sponsor.

Grants, Funding & Investment

- Sport Ireland Core Grant 2025 confirmed at €352,338, plus €80,000 deferred from 2024. Application for 2026 completed and submitted following Board review.
- Participation Nation Grant Scheme - Secured €60,000 for outdoor activity equipment in Loughlinstown Linear Park to include biodiversity components.
- Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Fund - €20,000 grant supported completion of upgrades at the Forty Foot Hut. A further €10,000 was secured for improvements at Hawks Cliff in early 2026.
- Dormant Accounts Fund - Completed delivery of 2024 projects across five funded streams. Secured €146,500 across four projects in the 2025 Fund, with planning underway for delivery over the next 12 months.
- Club Participation Grants – €29,700 approved by the Board to support 28 club projects across Women In Sport, Disability and Volunteer Training. Initial 75% of these grants have been paid to these clubs.

Research, Reporting & Insights

- National Reporting - full annual actions and budget report submitted to Sport Ireland. Mid-Year Returns also submitted to draw down final 25% of funding.
- Irish Sports Monitor - Sport Ireland released updated 2024 participation data, including a dedicated DLR insights portal consolidating trend information.
- The year marked a period of strong progress for DLRSP, characterised by expanded staffing, strengthened governance, successful funding applications, and delivery of impactful community sport initiatives. With the Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan now active, the Partnership is well-positioned to deepen its contribution to participation and wellbeing across Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.



Participation Programmes & Events (11,788 Participants)

Throughout the year, DLR Sports Partnership delivered an extensive programme of participation initiatives targeting women, teens, older adults, families, schools, and underrepresented communities. A strong blend of physical activity programmes, community events, skill development initiatives and national campaign activations ensured high engagement across the county with over 8,200 participants in 2025.

Women In Sport (1,698 participants)

- MenoWell - 6-week online physical activity and health education programme for women (361 participants).
- Female Aqua Aerobics - weekly sessions in Castlepark Pool (40 participants).
- Her Moves Initiatives
 - Ping Pong – 6-week table tennis and art programme (52 participants).
 - Table Tennis – programme in three secondary schools (120 participants).
 - SUP Yoga – teen girls paddleboarding & yoga (12 participants).
 - Mountain Biking – beginner sessions in the mountains (56 participants).
 - National Event – skating as part of Sport Ireland’s taster day
- Women in Sport Week - 11 activities delivered, including walking, forest bathing, online education and skills workshops (376 participants).
- Her Outdoors Week – 9 activities delivered across hiking, paddleboarding, yoga, sailing, dancing, kayaking, mountain biking (270 participants).
- Women’s Volleyball - 5-week beginners programme in Stepside ETSS, with a new club formed following completion. (38 participants).
- Get Going Get Rowing – included both a participation element and TY Leadership Programme. Coastal Rowing follow-on sessions. (349 participants).
- Stronger in Sallynoggin programme for middle aged women (26 participants).



Older Adult Participation (1,388 participants)

- Tea Dances - series of 6 events around the county funded through Healthy Ireland (1,100 participants).
- ActiveFest - Activity taster day for older adults across all abilities (61 participants).
- Over 55’s Tennis & Padel – delivered two Introduction to Tennis programmes and a Beginners Padel programme. (60 participants).
- Sofa to Saddle - cycling confidence course for over 55s (12 participants).
- Boules - dlr Cup Winter Boules League with awards event in Council Assembly Hall (60 participants).
- Forever Fit – Community Strength Training delivered in Ballybrack, Loughlinstown and Ballyogan (85 participants).



Schools & Youth Participation (3,693 participants)

- Balance Bikes Programme - Fleet of 30 bikes loaned to 18 primary schools countywide. Used across the school year (1,377 participants).
- Try Track & Field - Delivered with Athletics Ireland to 7 local primary schools (605 participants).
- Volleyball – children’s introductory programme delivered in Ballawley Park, and teachers upskilled to deliver volleyball in their PE sessions. (23 participants).
- Ultimate Frisbee Schools Activation - school taster sessions delivered and 8 short educational videos produced for rollout by teachers within the school day.
- Roller Skates loaned to secondary schools during activity weeks.
- Martial Arts Schools Event - Outdoor martial arts day in Marlay Park (80 participants).
- The Daily Mile - Back to School Challenge coordinated across 23 schools (3,807 participants). Final Mile Event in Kilbogget Park (1,485 participants).
- Junior Parkrun - development of new Junior Parkrun site in Cabinteely (launch in January 2026).
- Schools Skipping - 3 schools received skipping ropes and tutorial videos to promote and encourage skipping in the classes (93 participants).



Community Physical Activity Programmes (257 participants)

- Walking & Outdoor Activity – delivered a range of walking related initiatives throughout the year (130 participants):
 - Community Walk event in January).
 - 4 x Weekly Walking Programmes
 - Forest Bathing teen/parent hike
 - World Mental Health Day Hike
- Strength Training in Ballybrack and Loughlinstown with weekly classes (60 participants).
- Outdoor Yoga – summer programmes in Fernhill and Dún Laoghaire (47 participants).
- Stronger By the Sea - 6-week outdoor programme consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun and friendly environment (20 participants).
- Social Basketball - permanent hoop and court markings installed at Ballyogan Accommodation Centre (participation ongoing).



National Campaign Delivery & Events (1,174 participants)

- European Week of Sport – organised a range of activities for this international day in September inc. hiking, dance and yoga (115 participants).
- Santa Dash – fourth year of this family fun 2km event around Cabinteely Park in December for all ages and abilities (590 participants).
- Bike Week – promotion of all things cycling during this national initiative in May including raising awareness of existing opportunities (82 participants).
- Coastival – organised a range of taster participation activities as part of this celebration of the Dun Laoghaire coast in July (325 participants).
- Men's Health Week - Come & Try Kayaking and other activities (17 participants).
- Hello, How Are You – Mental Health Walk event on Dun Laoghaire Pier (45 participants).



Participation levels increased significantly across multiple programme areas, with repeat engagement and growing demand in schools, older adult populations, and women specific activity programmes.

Disability Inclusion Sports

Throughout the reporting year, DLR Sports Partnership expanded its disability-inclusive sport offering, delivering a wide range of programmes, events, training opportunities and infrastructure improvements over 2,400 people with a disability reached in 2025.

The focus remained on increasing participation, enhancing accessibility, and strengthening partnerships with local services, NGBs, clubs, and disability organisations.

Strategic Development & Partnerships

- Continued leadership of the DLR SportsAbility Forum, supporting networking among services, clubs and disability organisations.
- Launched a Disability Opportunities Calendar on the DLRSP website to consolidate information on inclusive programmes county-wide.
- Planning initiated for the introduction of pitch-side sensory bags as a pilot programme for clubs.
- Collaborated with a wide range of clubs, NGBs, disability schools, services and agencies to support and provide opportunities.



Inclusive Programmes & Courses Delivered

- Watersports Inclusion Camps – completed 5 weeks of this annual 1:1 camp for children with complex disabilities in The Royal St. George Partnership with DLR County Council and Active Connections (110 participants).
- Parastanding Tennis - “Come & Try” event held in January followed by a 10-week programme in September and new club launched in May with Tennis Ireland. (95 participants).
- Athletics for Children with a Disability - Programme commenced in March on new Kilbogget Track in partnership with IWA Sport & Cabinteely AC (22 participants).
- Dance & Movement - classes for children with autism. Girls Dance Event delivered for Women in Sport Week. Zumba programme delivered with St Michael’s House. (62 participants).
- Cycling Programmes - six rounds of Inclusive Learn-to-Cycle 6-week programmes delivered across the year. Inclusive Cycle Trainer Course for adults supporting children with disabilities. (81 participants).
- Inclusive Bike Fleet – ongoing support provided including promotion to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along Dun Laoghaire Coastal Mobility Route (941 bookings in 2025).
- Swimming & Water-Based Activities - Teen/adult swim lessons delivered in Enable Ireland’s pool. Kayaking sessions with St Michael’s House. Dublin Bay sailing trips with Sailing in Dublin for neurodiverse teens. (44 participants).
- SwimAbility Programme – quiet swim hours for children with additional needs in each of the 3 dlr Leisure pools in collaboration with DLRCC (52 participants).



- Gym & Strength Programmes - Four-week mental health gym programme in Meadowbrook. Teen gym programme with Enable Ireland. Strength training classes for older adults with intellectual disabilities in St John of God and Carmona services. (22 participants).
- School & Community Taster Sessions - Ultimate Frisbee session in Benincasa Special School. Outdoor taster sessions for young adults with disabilities. Support for multi-school sports day in Shankill. (65 participants).
- Table Cricket - Four sets of equipment purchased for schools and services. TaCricket Leaders Course delivered to teachers, SNAs and services. (30 participants).
- Woodlands for Health - 10-week walking programme for adults with mental health difficulties delivered in partnership with Cluain Mhuire, HSE, DMP (20 participants).
- Eastern Region SportsAbility Day - A joint LSP event on 6th September in Sport Ireland Indoor Arena showcasing over 30 NBGs inclusive sports along with an information sharing element (600 participants).
- SportsAbility Easter Camp - Multisport camp in April for autistic teenagers/young adults in Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua (24 participants).
- Inclusive Croquet - "Come & Try Day" delivered in Marlay Park (45 participants).
- International Day for People with a Disability - Joint event with Active South Dublin to celebrate inclusive sport through multisport opportunities (62).
- NRH Games Championships - supported delivery of annual three-day competition for past and current patients (130 participants).



Infrastructure & Accessibility Enhancements

- Installation of a wheelchair-accessible roundabout in Kilbogget Park.
- Part-funded an inclusive cradle zipline for a local park.
- Supported installation of a new pool hoist in Monkstown.
- Provision of adaptive equipment to clubs, schools and disability services.



In total, hundreds of children, teens, and adults with disabilities engaged with DLR Sports Partnership inclusive programmes throughout the year. The scope of activity increased with strong partnerships, capacity building, inclusive equipment investment, and innovative programmes across water, movement, cycling, athletics, and community sport. With expanded regional collaboration and sustained demand, Disability Sport continues to be one of the most impactful and fast-growing areas of DLRSP's work.



Active Cities Dublin

Across 2025, Active Cities Dublin delivered substantial progress toward creating a more active, inclusive, and connected population in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

From infrastructure projects and public events to strategic research and the progression toward Global Active City certification, the programme continues to expand its reach and impact. Collaboration with internal and external partners remains central to success, ensuring long-term sustainability and community benefit. As of August 2025, the officer became the first permanent ACD officer in Ireland—reflecting strong commitment to the programme’s sustainability.

Governance & Steering Group

- First meeting of 2025 held in January, with updates from DLRCC Parks Department. Subsequent meetings in May, September, and a final meeting in November.
- Meeting themes included Global Active City evaluation, participation research, collaborative parks projects, and Active Travel.

Global Active City (GAC) Progress

- Register completed with the Active Wellbeing Initiative (AWI), initiating the pathway toward certification.
- The Discovery Questionnaire was developed and refined throughout 2025, with submission targeted for year-end.
- Ongoing collaboration with Evaleo and stakeholders to support the initial evaluation.



Infrastructure Development

- BoxUp - A third 6-locker BoxUp unit was installed at Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and activated with a promotional photocall. There are now 3 permanent 6-locker units with the other two located in Marlay and Kilbogget parks.
- Play Innovation Boards - Joint project with DLRCC Sports Development where interactive Boards have been installed across selected parks.
- Participation Nation Outdoor Fund - funding for this project secured through Sport Ireland to deliver an inclusive, high-quality teen space in partnership with DLRCC in Loughlinstown Linear Park.



Participation, Research & Data Insights

- Launch of a joint research project between Active Cities Dublin, DLRCC, DLRSP, and UCD to track participation rates in the county.
- A Master’s student began work in January 2025, progressing from baseline data collation to engagement with the SI Research Unit to enhance data alignment.
- Funding applications submitted to Sport Ireland to extend the research programme.



Programmes & Community Engagement

- Athletics Ireland Race Series - continued collaboration into a second year with three separate events (5KM, 5M and 10M). Free places allocated to target groups including Active Recovery, Sanctuary Runners and Trail Crú. A staff-focused training programme was delivered in advance of the 5km. (320 participants).
- Sanctuary Runners - Group established in Blackrock in collaboration with partners including the DLR Volunteer Centre with strong engagement (18 participants).
- #BeActive Night - Third year delivering this family event as part of European Week of Sport, which was held in Explorium. Successful attendance from community groups and families most in need (384 participants).
- SportAbility Day - Delivered in collaboration with the four Dublin and Wicklow Sports Partnerships. Hosted at Sport Ireland Campus on 6 September 2025, showcasing inclusive sport opportunities.
- Parks & Trails Challenge - Delivered across all four Dublin Local Authorities. Included a new walk/hike series with the DMP and a Walk Leader. (265 participants).



Communications & Marketing

- Significant collaboration with the DLRSP Marketing Officer throughout 2025.
- Promotional leaflets and posters distributed across the county.
- Social media campaigns: Parks & Trails, Race Series, SportAbility Day, BeActive.
- Bus shelter campaigns active in May/June and late 2025.
- Ongoing promotion of BoxUp units and initiatives to increase visibility and uptake.



Volunteer Training & Development

During the reporting period, a comprehensive programme of training, education and capacity-building was delivered to support volunteers, coaches, clubs, and community groups across Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. A total of 971 participants were engaged across a wide range of workshops, awareness sessions, and leadership programmes.

- **Safeguarding (Child Protection in Sport)** - workshops continued to be in high demand throughout the year, with sessions fully booked months in advance. 22 x Safeguarding 1 workshops, 2 x Safeguarding 2 workshops, 2 x Safeguarding 3 workshops. (249 attendees).
- **Sports First Aid** - Delivered 3 x 1 day courses for sports volunteers/coaches providing practical first-aid skills (39 participants).
- **Disability Inclusion & Awareness** - The Sports Inclusion Disability Officer (SIDO) delivered multiple sessions throughout the year, providing practical training for clubs and volunteers on how to effectively include participants of all abilities. Other specialist disability-related workshops included:
 - Autism in Sport (19 attendees)
 - Vision Sports Awareness Training (6 participants)
 - Lámh in Sport hand-signing workshop (5 participants)
 - Epilepsy Awareness in Sport (44 participants)
- **Youth Leadership Programmes** - DLRSP continued to collaborate with National Governing Bodies to deliver Transition Year leadership programmes across local DEIS schools. (589 participants). These included:
 - Get Going Get Rowing
 - Table Tennis Young Leaders Award
 - Volleyball TY Leadership Programme
 - LIFT Leadership Programme
- **Club Communications & Marketing Course** - Dormant Accounts funding supported the delivery of a successful blended learning programme focused on digital communications, website development, social media management and public awareness (20 participants).
- **Sports Forum** - aim to revamp the Sports Forum for 2026 with a strong emphasis on increasing club engagement. The aim is to deliver two sessions annually to support networking, information sharing and collaboration among local clubs.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Throughout the year, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Sports Partnership continued to strengthen its communications output across digital platforms, printed media, branding, campaigns, and stakeholder engagement. A refreshed Communications Plan, rebrand rollout, increased digital capacity, and a strong programme of campaigns resulted in significant growth in reach, engagement, and awareness of DLRSP programmes and initiatives.

Strategic Communications Development

- Communications Plan – a comprehensive DLRSP Communications Plan was completed and implemented for 2025. This plan continued to be updated throughout the year, providing direction, consistency, and a strategic approach to awareness-raising and engagement.
- Branding & Rebrand - Full DLRSP Logo Rebrand completed digitally, with ongoing rollout across physical assets ensuring consistency and modernisation of DLRSP's visual identity.
- Surpassed Communications Plan target of a 10% annual subscriber increase.
- Email open rate: 69%, well above industry norms
- Strategic use of MailChimp for segmented promotion and monitoring engagement.



Digital Presence & Website Performance

- Introduction of a full Irish-language translation on the website, enhancing accessibility and aligning with inclusivity commitments.
- Strong growth in website interactions recorded:
 - 77,000 website visits in 2025 – 25,000 website visits in 2022 in comparison.
 - 1,300 form submissions.
 - 215,000 event interactions with DLRSP website in 2025.
- Quarterly analytics now tracked to inform planning.
- Improved website security implemented.
- Server issues resolved.



Newsletter

- Newsletters are now designed and delivered quarterly.
- Irish-language edition added in partnership with the DLRCCO Irish Officer.
- Strong digital engagement with approximately 1,600 downloads in English and 800 downloads in Irish per edition.
- Physical Newsletter delivery now deployed to over 30 sites, including Community Centres, Churches and Mens Sheds.
- Newsletter archive added to website for improved access.
- Subscriber base has reached 1,700, with on average, monthly subscriber growth of 2%.



Social Media & Online Engagement

- Consistent daily posting across channels led to significant growth:
- Joined multiple Facebook community groups, expanding potential reach to 70,000+ local users.
- Using dlr Events page for event promotions.
- Strong engagement from Councillors and key local stakeholders.
- Created LinkedIn platform with high engagement from Councillors, NGBs and dlr County Council staff.

Platform	Early Year	End-Year	Notes
Facebook	5,100 → 5,700	Steady growth	Strongest local community reach
X (Twitter)	2,138 → 2,120	Stable	Good stakeholder & councillor engagement
Instagram	1,667 → 2210	High growth	Strong visual campaign engagement
LinkedIn	>100 → ~230	Growing rapidly	New platform for corporate visibility

Video Content

- Increased investment in video, including new equipment (radio mics) to capture participant stories and programme impact.
- Key videos produced included - Marlay 50, HER Outdoors wrap-up, dlr Water Camps, #BeActive promo, DLRSP Comms Course, Try Track & Field, Tea Dance.
- Video content in 2025 generated approx. 250,000 views.



Campaigns, Promotion & Engagement

- Delivered and/or supported campaigns for: Active Cities, Women in Sport Week, Festival of Inclusion, HER Outdoors, SportAbility Day, "Did You Know?"
- Promoted local facilities, programmes and clubs
- SportAbility Event Promotion - combination of paid ads, stakeholder videos, and community promotion. Increased attendance and countywide reach.
- Annual Impact Infographic produced in January summarising 2024 activities.
- Printed Materials - Targeted distribution of printed newsletters and leaflets to broaden reach among non-digital audiences. Placed in public buildings, community hubs, events, and libraries.



Capacity Building & Stakeholder Collaboration

- Round 1 delivered in early year; Round 2 delivered in Autumn.
- Strong participation from 20 clubs across blended sessions.
- Focus on supporting volunteers in:
- Feasibility study underway for a monthly or quarterly DLRSP podcast to highlight programmes, stories, and club initiatives.
- Secured half-page commitment in the dlr Times to promote DLRSP activities.



Communications activity in the reporting year demonstrated significant growth in visibility, reach, and professionalism. Digital traffic, video engagement, newsletter readership, and social media followers all increased substantially.

The addition of Irish-language communications, upgraded infrastructure, and a rebrand contributed to more inclusive and accessible communications.



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Strong strategic planning and expanded partnership networks position DLRSP for continued growth in 2025.

DLRSP Board

The Board (Steering Committee) of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership is made up of representatives of those agencies regarded as key influencers in local sports participation and development including the Local Authority and sports clubs in the County. The Board represents the views of relevant local agencies and groups with its priorities decided in consultation with its constituent members.

The Board also sets strategic priorities for the work of the Sports Partnership. The following table sets out the membership of the DLRSP Board, their attendance at meetings and membership of Sub-Groups where relevant.

Name	Organisation	Role	Meetings	Sub-Group
Suzanne Bailey	UCD Sport	Chairperson	5	Grants
Niall Cull	dLr Leisure	Member	5	Women in Sport
Shane McArdle	DLR Sports Partnership	Secretary	5	Grants & Governance
Deirdre Baber	dLr County Council	Member	2 (of 2)	
Barry Dempsey	dLr County Council	Member	4	Grants
Aoife Heffernan	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB	Member	4	Governance
Jim Gorman	HSE	Member	4	Governance
Cllr. Pierce Dargan	Councilor	Member	5	Grants
Cllr. Lorraine Hall	Councilor	Member	4	Grants
Joanne Wall	IWA Sport	Member	3	Women in Sport
Pat Smith	Sports Forum	Member	5	Governance
Sarah Kerrigan	Sports Forum	Member	4	Women in Sport
Pat Finnerty	Sports Forum	Member	4	Grants
John O'Neill	Network of Older Adults	Member	5	Governance
Niamh Murray	Blackrock Education Centre	Member	3	Women in Sport
	DLR Chamber of Commerce	Vacant		

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership

Financial Report 2025

	Total	SI Grant 2025	Notes
INCOME			
Balance brought forward from 2024	€429,716		Reserves & ringfenced funding
Sport Ireland - Core & Programme 2025	€352,338	€352,338	
Sport Ireland - Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure	€10,000		Hawks Cliff Refurb
Sport Ireland - National Initiatives	€7,250		EWOS & Her Outdoors
Sport Ireland Slaintecare	€7,500		Disability Initiative 2026
ESF+ Grant	€11,500		Social Innovation in Sport Officer
Dormant Accounts 2024	€14,000		
Dormant Accounts 2025	€136,850		
DLR County Council	€3,000		
HSE Funding	€10,500		
Healthy Ireland (Tea Dances)	€1,500		
Coillte	€1,500		
Course Fee Receipts	€31,909		
Total Income	€1,017,563		
EXPENDITURE			
Staff (including PRSI)			
Sports Co-ordinator			
Administrator			
SIDO			
Community Sports Development Officer			
Programmes Officer			
Sports Marketing & Information Officer			
Active Cities Officer			
	€357,065	€284,338	AC Officer DA, ESF Officer EU
Non Staff Administration			
Travel & Subsistence	€5,864		
Marketing	€14,370		
Phones	€1,612		
Stationary & Office	€2,429		
Website	€1,163		
Fed. Irish Sport	€386		
Event Booking Fees & Charges	€3,223		
Online Meetings (Zoom)	€382		

Staff Training	€1,500		
Board Training	€3,677		
Uniforms	€950		
Event Equipment	€332		
Monday.com	€2,804		
RDO & Development Officer Networking	€2,780		
Board Meetings	€747		
	€42,219	€16,500	
Sport Ireland National Programmes & Training			
Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3	€2,920		
Women in Sport	€9,443		Table Tennis, Rowing, Golf etc.
Healthy Ireland	€874		Integration Projects with IPAs
Club Participation Grants	€31,884		2025 & 2026 Grants Scheme
Active Cities	€35,803		Dormant Accounts Funding
Volunteer Supports (Comms Training)	€10,943		Dormant Accounts Funding
Sports Inclusion Disability Capital	€31,921		Dormant Accounts Funding
Her Moves	€6,089		Dormant Accounts Funding
Youth Leadership	€1,263		Dormant Accounts Funding
	€131,140	€35,500	
Targeted Programmes & Events		€16,500	
Disability Sport Initiatives	€23,792		
SportsAbility Day (Active Cities)	€2,266		
Active Fest (Older Adults)	€1,500		
Older Adult Activities	€2,984		
Tea Dances	€18,230		Healthy Ireland Funding
Walking Programmes	€2,570		
Santa Dash	€3,242		
BeActive Night & EWOS	€4,819		
Her Outdoors Week	€3,695		
Coastival	€925		
Schools Programmes	€3,611		
Playground Stencils	€3,399		
Daily Mile	€1,489		
Try Track & Field	€7,935		
Integration Through Sport	€472		
Sports First Aid	€3,078		
Woodlands For Health	€3,870		
	€87,877	€16,500	
Total Expenditure	€618,301	€352,838	
Net Income / Expenditure	€399,262		

FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

The financial year reflects DLR Sports Partnership's continued commitment to delivering high-impact, cost-effective programmes that support participation, inclusion and community wellbeing across the county.

Through a combination of core funding, targeted investment streams and strategic partnerships, DLRSP maximised resources to deliver a diverse portfolio of initiatives while ensuring strong governance and value for money. This financial report outlines how funding was sourced, allocated, managed and aligned with strategic priorities, demonstrating transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources.

Notes:

1. DLRSP financial policies and procedures are fully in line with those of DLRCOCO. Includes:

- Agresso Financial Management System
- Procurement Guidelines
- Risk Management
- Internal and External Auditing

2. €323,750 of balance c/f from 2025 ringfenced for set initiatives/spend (full breakdown available)

3. €75,500 of balance c/f from 2025 is DLRSP Reserves

