



# Bolting in Ireland – Consultation Meeting

**Date:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Venue:** Awesome Walls Climbing Centre, North Road, North Park, Finglas, Dublin 11, Ireland.

**Chairperson:** Peter Owens

## Agenda:

- 1 Introduction and welcome - Peter Owens.
- 2 A short history of bolting in Ireland, leading up to the legal situation and current status in Ireland -Damien O’Sullivan & Helen Lawless.
- 3 The current draft bolting policy; an introduction to the key points - Clare Sheridan.
- 4 Submissions to debate via emails received, Peter Owens.
- 5 Key questions for consideration:
  - 5.1 There are specific circumstances related to the placement of bolts, which are worth considering separately:
    - A: Should the placement of bolts to create sport climbs be permitted?
    - B: Should the placement of bolts for protection on otherwise un-protectable sections of rock-climbs be permitted?
    - C: Should bolted lower-offs be permitted?
  - 5.2 What is a suitable venue for sport climbing? Are there suitable venues for sport climbing in Ireland?
  - 5.3 Who is responsible for the placement and maintenance of bolts?
  - 5.3 What should Mountaineering Ireland’s role be?
  - 5.4 Should the Mountaineering Ireland 1999 Bolting Policy be amended or maintained in its current form? Do we wish to support the updated bolting policy as it is drafted now?
- 6 Any other comments from floor.
- 7 Outline of the next steps in the process – Damien O Sullivan.
- 8 Close of meeting.