Mountaineering Training Board Ireland Members

Dawson Stelfox- Chair

•Architect & Mountain Guide

•Member of MI Board & MI representative on MTUK

- •Been on MTNI as MI representative for 30 years
- •Chair of Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland
- •Holder of Mountain Guide Qualification



Stephen Creber

- •Head Teacher Post Primary School- Brownlow Integrated College
- •Run outdoor leadership training for Boys and Girls Brigade
- •ML holder
- •Was member of NIMTB representing voluntary youth organisations
- •Part-time staff member of Tollymore NOC
- •B.C.U level 3 coach inland and sea



Kate Thompson

•Director of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award NI with responsibility for the Joint Award Initiative with Gaisce – The Presidents Award and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

• Prior to this role - Board Director of PR for ASG, a full service Marketing Agency and other roles in the public, private, NDP and charity sectors

- •Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award holder
- •BCU Canoe and Kayak Instructor
- •Trainee ML
- •Old ELB Hillwalking Level 2
- •Keen hillwalker, canoeist, traveller and photographer



Lorcan McDonnell •Chief Instructor Cappanalea OETC

- •Background in training/education in the mountains, QQI
- •Live in the Macgillycuddy Reek
- IML holder, Canoeing Ireland Level 3 river, Level 4 canoe instructor



Kieran O'Hara

- •Head of Mountaineering (24 years)
- •Tollymore National Outdoor Centre/Mournes
- •Deliver and develop wide range of Mountain & Rock courses
- •MIC/IML
- •Training and Assessment on MIA



Alan Fairweather

I am originally from Scotland and have been living in Ireland over the past 16 years working in Outdoor Education. I love the outdoors and in particular the mountains. It has been a great privilege for me to bring many young and older people too higher ground for education, training and enjoyment, safely and responsibly. I have an interest in developing a greater appreciation and understanding of the value of being in the mountain environment for everyone. I would like to see more links made to our curriculum tapping into our great natural resource which are our hills.



John O'Brien

John O Brien was elected onto MTBI in March 2020. He is an army officer with over 20 years military experience in the Irish Defence Forces. He has previously been the chair of the Defence Forces Association of Mountaineers. John spends time in the mountains both professionally with the Defence Forces and also personally in his spare time. He is a qualified Mountain leader and has climbed extensively in the UK and Ireland. He has also climbed in the alps and has previously summited Mt.Blanc and Gran Paradiso. John has been part of numerous training boards within the Defence Forces and has previously delivered a wide variety of training for the Defence Forces including the training of new recruits and junior leaders. He enjoys the challenge of working alongside the other members of the MTBI to improve and enhance the training delivered by Mountaineering Ireland.



Alan Mordaunt

- •Trainee Mountain Instructor Award
- •Captain in Irish Defence Forces
- •7 years involved in military training including 2 years at HQ level
- •Chief Instructor in Defence Forces Mountaineering Club



Joan Mulloy

I grew up in the west of Ireland, where the sea and mountains shaped the person I am now. I started hill walking and rock climbing 25 years ago, and have maintained a strong connection with the sport and mountains ever since. The past 10 years has seen me pursue a career in professional sailing, with my ultimate ambition being to race solo around the world in the Vendée Globe race. I have experience of high performance sport, as well as equality in sport, sponsorship, campaign management and marketing experience. Living in the hills of Connemara, I appreciate the value of our mountain resources and want to ensure they are protected and enjoyed by all.



Jane Carney (Training Officer)-Secretary

•Outdoor Education & Science Teacher & Instructor 28 years

•MCI & WML

•Trainer & Assessor of MT Climbing & Walking Awards & Schemes 15 years

• Mountaineering Ireland Training Officer 8 years



Laura Griffin -Secretarial Support

