



MOUNTAINEERING
IRELAND



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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Chairperson's Address



2024 saw our membership exceed 16,500 for the first time in our history reflecting the continued recovery since the Covid years.

OUR ORGANISATION

Our membership is drawn from across the island of Ireland and continues to have a good balance across regions, by gender and between urban rural communities. We do recognise, however, that there is more to be done to attract certain groups such as younger people, those new to outdoor activities and members of minority communities. We celebrate the fact that there has been a significant increase in popularity in both hiking and climbing in recent years and we hope that we can persuade many of those new to our sport of the benefits of joining our community.

One example of this reaching out was the very successful student club workshop which was run by MI staff and volunteers at Tollymore last October. Over a weekend, students from 9 Universities engaged in workshops which focused on safe practice, risk assessment, group management and lots of practical skills for both hiking and climbing.

Unlike many other NGBs our members are virtually all participants and so our healthy membership numbers reflect actual activity on the hills and are a testament to work done by our clubs in driving participation in our sports and contributing to the health and well being of communities across the island.

Internally, 2024 saw a number of important staffing developments including the appointment of a new CEO Liam Feeley, the creation of an additional hill walking post and the appointment of a high performance coordinator.

As is the case with all other funded sporting bodies, MI adheres to the Sport Ireland code of practice for good governance of sporting organisations. During the year MI took a number of actions to strengthen our governance arrangements including the formation of a new governance committee and a review of the governance arrangements for our committees. The Board recognises that this work is not only essential in terms of protecting our future funding but also adds real value to the organisation. In reviewing our committee governance, for example, we started to identify new ways in which we can enhance the value delivered by those committees.

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SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION

Supporting participation in our sports is at the core of everything we do as an organisation and so there is much I could talk about here. However there are a few particular initiatives I would like to call out.

The Club Leadership Programme continued to thrive in 2024, with 63 clubs participating and over 500 participants attending training sessions. The programme aims to equip club leaders with the tools to foster strong, sustainable clubs and lead their members with confidence. I see this as a really critical programme for us as clubs are at the core of our organisation and are central to driving participation in our sport.

Training remains vital to the safety of our members and others on the mountains and MI continues to support training and upskilling through a number of programmes and initiatives including the formal training schemes, happy hiking, international meets, skills workshops and club supports.

I am happy to say that the metrics for the formal training schemes are all really positive for 2024;

These include:

- Candidates registered
- Candidates trained
- Candidates assessed

Our international meets provide opportunities for members to develop skills in both winter and alpine mountaineering - something clearly not possible to do here in Ireland. These meets cater for a wide range of skill levels from beginner to more advanced and are also very enjoyable.

Last year, the Alpine Meet boasted 50:50 Female to Male Guides, 40% of participants were in the 18-26 Youth Category, helped by subsidised places and the additional benefit of it being a UIAA Youth Camp.

In addition to the more formal training qualifications schemes, our Happy Hiking campaign encourages safe and enjoyable experiences in the mountains. This programme continued to grow in popularity with over 37 events held across the country. In 2024, we launched a new series of short, engaging videos

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to compliment the Happy Hiking campaign. These were well received and widely shared across our social media platforms. I would also like to acknowledge the vital role our clubs play in mentoring and upskilling their members. Much of this vital work is done by clubs without any fuss and often falls under the radar.

MI continues to proactively support women and teenage girls to engage in hillwalking and climbing, to develop skills and to gain confidence on the hills. This is done through a number of programmes including Women With Altitude, the Women's Boulder Meet, Her Outdoors Week and Summit Sisters. I would particularly like to call out Women With Altitude, which has really grown from strength to strength. It is particularly satisfying to see the high demand for places and to see such excitement and enthusiasm around the event.

As an organisation we are really pleased to continue to be part of the national Get Ireland Walking initiative, which makes such a positive contribution to health and well being across the country. This programme reaches beyond our membership to many who would not ordinarily have considered themselves hikers or hill walkers.

I would like to mention two events, which have become really significant in the MI calendar, the Autumn Gathering and the Lynam Award. I believe these events reinforce a strong sense of community within our organisation and continue to grow in popularity. Thanks to Sligo Mountaineering Club for hosting the gathering and making it such a success. It was particularly satisfying to see Dermot Somers, who has been so associated with Irish mountaineering for so long, receive the Lynam Award. A particular thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who make the Lynam Award event such a success.

OUR MOUNTAINS

Over a number of years, MI staff have worked tirelessly to support the development of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy. This strategy provides a real opportunity to address many issues critical to our sport spanning both access to the mountains and protection of the mountains. Our focus as an organisation now is to continue to push for its full implementation. Thanks to Helen Lawless for a very informative seminar on the NORS at the gathering.

Access problems continue to arise from time to time around the country. While I don't want to go into the details here of individual cases, I would like to acknowledge the vital role our staff play in working often quietly to resolve these issues. MI also responds to a wide range of planning proposals and consultations regarding developments in the mountains. This work often falls under the radar, but is vital to protecting our mountain landscape.

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One particular project I would like to call out is "Blanket Bog Buddies", Mountaineering Ireland's volunteer project in support of peatland restoration in Wicklow Mountains National Park. Blanket bog is a very important carbon sink and so this project is not only about protecting the landscape we love but is also a really practical response to the climate emergency.

COMPETITIVE CLIMBING

Under competition climbing there are just two issues I would like to mention.

In 2024, climbing became an Olympic sport. This has enormous potential implications for our organisation. Olympic participation brings with it funding opportunities, it raises the profile of our sport and provides a pathway for younger people into not just climbing but also mountaineering and hillwalking.

Finally I would also like to mention the really important contribution our high performance coordinator Jackie Newton has made in a relatively short period of time in developing a strategic performance development pathway. I believe this targeted and strategic approach sets us up for future success.

THANKS

And finally none of this would happen without the efforts of many people.

In particular, I would like to thank:

- Our staff team
- Our volunteers
- Our funders
- Our service providers
- Those we collaborate with
- My fellow board members
- Those who run our clubs and lead our members on walks or climbing - for the vast majority of our members their club is their experience of MI
- Our members who continue to support us



David Pollard
Mountaineering Ireland Chairperson 2025

CEO's Report



It has been a privilege to join Mountaineering Ireland as CEO since June 2024. From day one, it was clear that the organisation was working and developing with purpose and energy.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to Helen Lawless for her steady and dedicated leadership as Acting CEO in the months before I began. Also, thank you to our chairperson, David Pollard for his exceptional leadership. Due to our dedicated Board and our fantastic team, I've been able to step into a role where so much good work is already underway.

This past year has seen strong participation across hillwalking, climbing and mountaineering. With over 16,500 members and a 53% female membership base, our community is more diverse and engaged than ever. With over 180 affiliated clubs, our membership continues to be the heart of what we do, supported by an exceptional volunteer base who give their time to lead walks, deliver training, contribute to conservation efforts, and build our community on the ground. Simply put, Mountaineering Ireland could not function without them.

We've seen encouraging growth in training and upskilling, with record numbers taking part in leadership and skills programmes. Over 500 people completed training through our Club Leadership Programme in 2024, supporting 63 clubs to grow and thrive. Happy Hiking events and the Hill Skills Days engaged walkers at every level, while our Alpine Meet saw strong youth participation showing how inclusive our activities are becoming. This appetite for learning is echoed in our formal training pathways through MTBI, where 2024 saw a record number of applications across a range of qualifications from navigation and scrambling to climbing instruction and leadership

That spirit of inclusion ran through many of our initiatives this year. Programmes like Get Climbing, Get Hiking and Climbing for All made a real impact in engaging under-represented groups, while Summit Sisters and Women with Altitude gave hundreds of women the opportunity to build confidence and leadership in the outdoors. We also deepened our collaboration with Get Ireland Walking, helping to launch the Summit Step programme, creating pathways from local community walking into club hillwalking, and offering support to new walkers building skills and confidence. Get Ireland Walking has taken further strides in promoting Walking as an essential tool for healthy living through programmes like Woodlands for Health and developing County Walking initiatives that will only continue to grow.

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Our Access and Conservation work continues to be a core strength of the organisation. From the completion of the Croagh Patrick path restoration to improvements at the Great Sugarloaf and peatland restoration in Wicklow, 2024 was full of meaningful progress. We've also played an important role in shaping national outdoor recreation policy and defending the integrity of key landscapes such as Slieve Donard, where we've advocated for sustainable tourism alternatives. This work led by Helen and the Access + Conservation Committee shows the importance of responsible access and partnership.

A highlight of the year was the Autumn Gathering in Sligo, where over 160 attendees came together for a weekend of activities and discussion. The Members' Forum, a key fixture in our calendar, provided a valuable space to hear member concerns and explore opportunities. This open dialogue is essential to ensuring Mountaineering Ireland remains responsive and member-led.

It was also a landmark year for digital engagement. Our Instagram reach rose from 10,000 to over 588,000 in 2024, an incredible increase; while our monthly newsletter now reaches 8,425 subscribers, with an open rate of nearly 69%. The Happy Hiking video series, digital Mountain Log highlights, and volunteer features have strengthened how we connect with members across the country.

Another area of significant progress has been high-performance climbing. Under Jackie Newton's leadership, we've undertaken a complete rewrite of our approach, building a Climber Development Pathway that supports athletes from club level to international competition. We are confident that the creation of regional academies and the integration of performance support are essential for future success.

All of these achievements reflect the ongoing delivery of our Strategic Plan 2022–2025. We've made clear progress in growing participation, supporting clubs, protecting the mountain environment, and developing high performance. The collaboration of our members, staff, volunteers, and partners is what powers this work, and I want to thank each of you for your role in it.

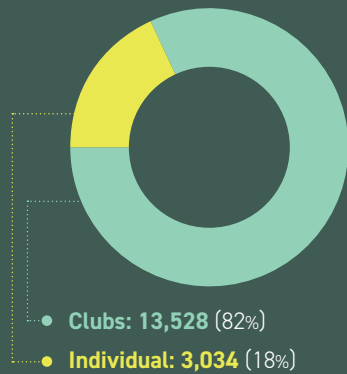
As we focus on 2025, we'll keep building on these foundations with ambition and care for our members. The Irish mountains, cliffs and crags are not just our playground but our shared responsibility. I look forward to what we'll achieve together in the year ahead.



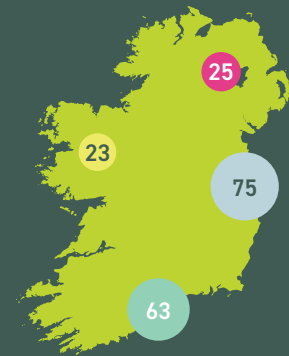
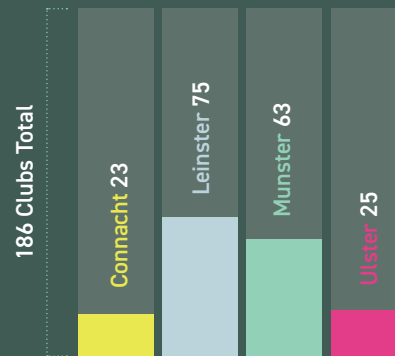
Liam Feeley
Mountaineering Ireland CEO

Snapshots

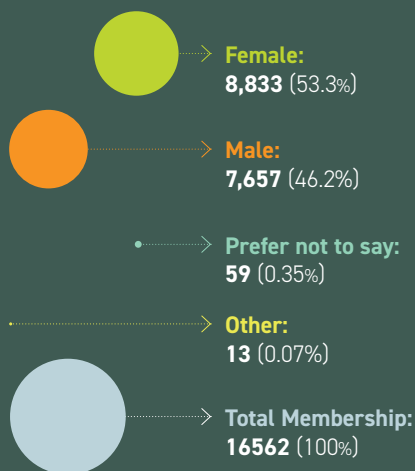
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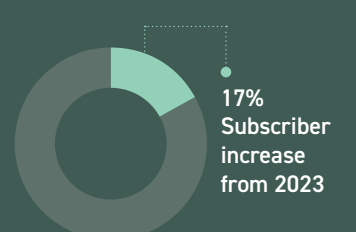
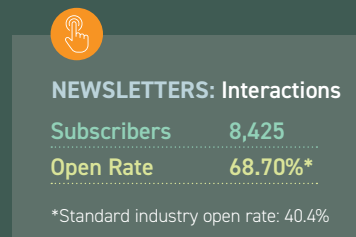
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MEMBERSHIPS by GENDER



COMMUNICATIONS



MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN per COUNTY / COUNTRY

County	Members	Clubs
Antrim	334	3
Armagh	48	-
Carlow	152	2
Cavan	82	2
Clare	472	7
Cork	2559	26
Derry	201	2
Donegal	300	6
Down	378	8
Dublin	3958	44
Fermanagh	57	1
Galway	1559	13
Kerry	803	10
Kildare	492	4
Kilkenny	283	2
Laois	66	1

County	Members	Clubs
Leitrim	73	-
Limerick	505	6
Longford	39	1
Louth	358	8
Mayo	339	4
Meath	478	2
Monaghan	42	1
Offaly	45	1
Roscommon	124	1
Sligo	323	5
Tipperary	590	6
Tyrone	103	-
Waterford	470	8
Westmeath	164	1
Wexford	473	3
Wicklow	640	6

Country	Members
Austria	1
Germany	4
Great Britain	34
Luxembourg	1
Italy	1
Spain	2
Switzerland	2
Sweden	1
United States	6

Stats correct as of 31.10.2024

Structure, Management + Governance

MOUNTAINEERING IRELAND BOARD + SUB-COMMITTEES

The Mountaineering Ireland Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction, and oversight of the organisation. The Board is composed of elected Directors who bring a wide range of expertise and experience to the organisation such as finance, human resources, business, legal and of course experience as hikers, climbers or mountaineers.

The Board has overriding authority in all matters and works closely with the CEO, providing strategic oversight and guidance. The CEO is responsible for day-to-day operations of Mountaineering Ireland and the management of its team. The CEO reports directly to the Chairperson. There were 8 meetings of the Board of Mountaineering Ireland in 2024.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR 2024

	29.01	11.03	26.03	22.04	24.04	24.06	02.09	13.10	02.12
	Virtual	Virtual	In person	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	In person	Virtual
Rita Connell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Pollard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Noel Caffrey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Ayton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Martha Burton	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Mary Lally	N	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Alan Lauder	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Ian Lawler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Brian Kennan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary McGrath	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	N	Y
Joan Molloy	N	N	N	N	N	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jacquelyn Moore	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trish Walsh	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
Alistair Wilson	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Ravit Yanay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y

Structure, Management + Governance

MOUNTAINEERING IRELAND SUB-COMMITTEES 2024

The Board has authority to delegate responsibility to various committees which operate under terms of reference approved by the Board. These include:

Hillwalking Committee

Chair: Brian Kennan

No. of meetings in 2024: **5**

Access + Conservation Committee

Chair: Alan Lauder

No. of meetings in 2024: **3**

Mountain Training Board of Ireland

Chair: Kevin O'Callaghan

No. of meetings in 2024: **6**

Climbing Committee

Chair: Alistair Wilson

No. of meetings in 2024: **1**

Finance + Audit Committee

Chair: Dave Ayton/ Mary McGrath

No. of meetings in 2024: **7**

Governance Committee

Chair: David Pollard

No. of meetings in 2024: **2**

GOVERNANCE

Mountaineering Ireland operates in line with best practice principles and the Sports Ireland Governance Code. The Mountaineering Ireland Governance Committee was established and sat for the first time in 2024. The Governance committee is tasked by the Board of Mountaineering Ireland to report on our compliance, transparency and committed to good governance across the organisation.

One of the committees first tasks was to review compliance with the Governance code ensuring Mountaineering Ireland remains fully aligned with the principles of the code. The confirmation of our compliance is an important benchmark for transparency and accountability across the organisation.

Other work that has been undertaken includes the annual risk management, updating committee terms of reference and organisation policies and procedures in line with best practice.

Structure, Management + Governance

COMPANY SECRETARY REPORT

- Mountaineering Ireland declared full compliance with the Sport Ireland Governance Code for Sport.
- All legal and procedural requirements have been followed, including reporting and submissions to the Companies Registration Office.
- Mountaineering Ireland is a company limited by guarantee and is a sporting organisation supported by both Sport Ireland and Sport Northern Ireland. All the directors are extremely focused and clear about their duties to Mountaineering Ireland. The Board of Directors act at all times in the best interest and to the best of their capability with regard to the Mountaineering Ireland organisation, its members and other stakeholders.



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HIKING

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Hiking

A YEAR OF GROWTH, CONNECTION, AND EMPOWERMENT FOR HIKING

2024 has been another year of exciting developments and significant achievements for hillwalking with a focus on enhancing member engagement, building club leadership, and fostering inclusivity within the hillwalking community.

Mountaineering Ireland continued to enhance its support for members and our 168 affiliated hillwalking clubs by expanding initiatives that empower leadership, build community, and strengthen club structures, helping clubs grow sustainably.

CLUB LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:

Empowering Clubs with Knowledge

In 2024, the Club Leadership Programme continued to thrive, with 63 clubs participating and over 500 individuals attending training sessions. More than 74 days of training were completed, equipping club leaders with the tools to foster strong, sustainable clubs and lead their members with confidence. This programme remains a cornerstone of MI's mission to develop effective and passionate leaders within clubs.



Hiking

THE CLUB TOOLKIT:

Supporting Clubs Every Step of the Way

The Club Toolkit continues to evolve, providing all MI affiliated clubs with essential resources to operate efficiently and effectively. In 2024, MI added a new Club Code of Conduct template and Complaints Guidance to help foster a positive and respectful environment within clubs. MI encourages all clubs to adopt these guidelines, ensuring that all members are aware of the standards and procedures in place to maintain a supportive and welcoming atmosphere.

SUMMIT STEP PROGRAMME:

Connecting Communities with Clubs

A brand-new initiative, the Summit Step Programme, was launched in 2024 to further support clubs and increase their membership. Supported by Get Ireland Walking and local sports partnerships, this programme targets community walking groups, offering a structured pathway to help participants build confidence, skills, and connections with fellow walkers allowing participants to experience hillwalking in a safe environment.



AUTUMN GATHERING:

A Weekend of activities and Connection

Our Autumn Gathering saw over 160 attendees gather for a day of walks, workshops, and networking. Hosted by Sligo Mountaineering Club and supported by MI staff, the event provided a fantastic opportunity for learning and exchange of ideas. The diverse range of walks and workshops which included skills workshops, club support session, club training and a discussion on the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy made the gathering an enriching experience for all involved.

Hiking

CLUB WORKSHOPS:

Building Stronger Clubs

MI also rolled out a comprehensive Club Workshop Series, a structured set of online sessions, aimed at helping Mountaineering Ireland clubs thrive. Designed specifically for club committee members, these workshops provided valuable insights into how to effectively manage and lead clubs, ensuring they remain vibrant and engaged. This series has proven to be a valuable resource for MI clubs.

HAPPY HIKING

Our Happy Hiking campaign, aimed at encouraging safe and enjoyable experiences in the mountains, has continued to grow from strength to strength, responding to a clear and ongoing need. In 2024, we launched a new series of short, engaging videos to compliment the Happy Hiking campaign. These were well received and widely shared across our social media platforms.

One of the stand-outs programmes this year which focuses on safety awareness whilst championing personal responsibility and self-reliance was our Happy Hiking - Hills Skills Days, with over 37 events held across the country. These days were open to both members and non-members, providing participants with essential hillwalking skills to ensure they can enjoy the outdoors safely and confidently. The success of these sessions is a testament to the growing interest in outdoor activities and MI's commitment to supporting hikers at every level.



Hiking

WOMEN IN HIKING:

Empowering Women to Lead and Explore

2024 also saw a focus on increasing the visibility and leadership of women in the hills. MI provided opportunities for women and teenage girls to engage in hillwalking, develop skills, and gain confidence on the hills, through our Women With Altitude events, 16 activities nationwide during Her Outdoors Week, and the Summit Sisters programme. The Summit Sisters initiative delivered 13 programmes across 8 counties with a total of 140 participants. Additionally, MI supported the progression of women in the hills through formal awards, offering grants to help increase the number of female leaders, instructors, and providers within the sector.



LYNAM AWARD:

Celebrating A Lifetime Achievement in Mountaineering

November saw the much-anticipated Lynam Award, with over 300 members attending to witness Dermot Somers receive the prestigious Mountaineering Ireland Lynam Award. This annual event is a highlight for the MI community, celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact on the mountaineering and hillwalking world.

Hiking

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND DIGITAL GROWTH

Recognising the importance of youth engagement, MI increased its digital outreach in 2024, using Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube to share visual stories, skills tutorials, and inspiring narratives. These efforts are laying the groundwork for a younger, more diverse generation of outdoor enthusiasts.



NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION STRATEGY:

Mountaineering Ireland's Continued Involvement

Mountaineering Ireland remains a key stakeholder in the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy. This ongoing collaboration helps shape the future of outdoor recreation in Ireland, ensuring that the needs of the hillwalking and mountaineering communities are represented at national level. The development of County Outdoor Recreation Plans has now commenced in many counties which should align with national goals while being tailored to its specific local landscape and community needs.

HIKING COMMITTEE

A lot of the work we do for hillwalking is guided by Mountaineering Ireland's Hillwalking Committee, whose members in 2024 were Brian Kennan (Chair), Ruth Whelan (Secretary), Caoilainn McDaid, Claire Brennan, Ger Reidy, Jim McHale, Pat Macken, Allannah O Callaghan, Elaine Nic Réamoinn and Rhys Mahony.

► FIND OUT MORE



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ACCESS + CONSERVATION

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Access + Conservation

ACCESS AND CONSERVATION

The mountain, crag and coastal environment, and access to these places, are fundamental to hiking and climbing, and to the quality of our recreation experiences.

Mountaineering Ireland's Access + Conservation work is focused on improving access and caring for the mountain environment – one of five high-level objectives in Mountaineering Ireland's Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

IMPROVING ACCESS

With most land in Ireland's upland and coastal areas being privately owned, either by individuals or jointly owned as commonage, the activities of hiking and climbing rely on the goodwill of private landowners.

During 2024, Mountaineering Ireland devoted considerable time to working with policymakers and other recreation bodies, to address access and the management of outdoor recreation activity:

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION STRATEGY

Mountaineering Ireland remains a key stakeholder in the implementation phase of Embracing Ireland's Outdoors, Ireland's National Outdoor Recreation Strategy. This ongoing collaboration helps shape the future of outdoor recreation in Ireland, and ensures that the needs of the hiking and climbing community are represented at national level.

2024 brought progress on a number of projects that Mountaineering Ireland is directly involved in. National guidelines for organising outdoor activity events were launched early in 2024, to help people to organise successful and responsible outdoor activity events, to check out the guidelines click here:

[Guidelines for outdoor activity events](#)



Access + Conservation



The finalisation of criteria for the Mountain Access Project meant that this model of agreed access was opened to other areas for the first time (it has been piloted in the MacGillycuddy Reeks for some years. Applications were received from the Croagh Patrick Stakeholders Group, Cairde na hEragaile (Friends of Errigal) and a new forum to be established in the Comeragh Mountains.

Mountaineering Ireland has led the development of a booklet for landowners and participants in outdoor recreation to communicate recent changes to the Occupiers' Liability Act; which is due to be launched shortly.

Perhaps the most significant progress in the implementation of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy in 2024 was the commencement of the process to develop County Outdoor Recreation Plans. These new county plans should align with national objectives, while reflecting local recreation opportunities and community needs. Mountaineering Ireland is encouraging and supporting members to get involved, in the counties where they live, or where they do their outdoor activities, find out more [here](#).

Mountaineering Ireland's credibility in engaging in discussion about access and the management of outdoor recreation is bolstered by the responsible attitudes displayed by Mountaineering Ireland clubs and members, for which we are grateful. A key part of our strategy on access is working in partnership – to be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

Access + Conservation

PROTECTING THE MOUNTAINS

Ireland's mountains inspire, shape and enrich the recreation experiences enjoyed by hikers and climbers. However, the character of the mountain environment is being altered all the time by changes in land use, including changes associated with recreation activity, with the most visible impact being the impact of our cumulative footfall, ever more visible through erosion scars along popular routes.

April 2024 saw the completion of the erosion control work on the Croagh Patrick path, which has now moved into a maintenance phase, with Mountaineering Ireland volunteers continuing to help out. Two of the Croagh Patrick path team then brought their skills to Wicklow to work on the Great Sugarloaf path, which is also worth a visit if you haven't seen it. Throughout the year Mountaineering Ireland volunteers continued their trojan work with Wicklow Mountains National Park, mainly in building sediment traps to assist the restoration of peatland habitats. If you'd like to help out with this, or at Croagh Patrick, please get in touch.

Mountaineering Ireland has been to the fore in opposing the gondola and visitor centre proposed for the lower slopes of Slieve Donard and in calling on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to consider alternative options that would support sustainable activity tourism and protect the natural heritage of the Mournes.

Mountaineering Ireland also hosted a number of environmental awareness events during 2024, to help members better understand the environment where we walk and climb and to motivate members to become part of the conversation about the future management of the places that inspire and enable our activities. These events took place in the Mournes, the Wicklow Mountains, the MacGillycuddy Reeks and in Sligo as part of Mountaineering Ireland's Autumn Gathering.



Access + Conservation



COLLECTIVE EFFORT

All this activity is guided by Mountaineering Ireland's Access and Conservation Committee. The members of the committee in 2024 were: Alan Lauder (Chairperson); Noel Caffrey; Séan Convery; Helen Donoghue; Fíona Gallagher; Vincent Mc Alinden; Aine McGirl; James O'Farrell; David Pollard; Orla Prendergast and Helen Lawless (Secretary).

Mountaineering Ireland extends thanks to the members of our Access and Conservation Committee, and the many other volunteers who contribute to our Access and Conservation work, by representing Mountaineering on other organisations, as Club Environmental Officers, and importantly, through personal action to protect access and the mountain environment. This collective effort is vital if Mountaineering Ireland is to deliver on its strategic objectives.

► FIND OUT MORE



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CLIMBING

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Climbing

IRISH BOULDERING LEAGUE

The 2023/24 Irish Bouldering League was as popular as ever, with nearly 300 people competing throughout all five rounds. Thank you to all the competitors for entering the League, and to the venues for hosting the event again this year; Gravity Climbing Dublin, Awesome Walls Cork and Dublin, Suas and the Dublin Climbing Centre. And as always, a huge thank you to Rab for their continued sponsorship and support of the League.

YOUTH CLIMBING CAMPS

During the summer and autumn months of 2024, young climbers from all over Ireland attended trad, sport and bouldering camps which were held at some of Ireland's best outdoor climbing locations. The young climbers learnt new skills in a fun and friendly environment, and they made some new friends along the way! As per previous years, Mountaineering Ireland members received a discounted rate per camp; and we would like to thank Ambrose Flynn and Claire Comiskey for running such successful camps again this year.

WOMEN IN SPORT:

Climbing Initiatives

Over the course of 2024, Mountaineering Ireland, funded by Sport Ireland, ran many initiatives which focussed on increasing female participation in the sport of climbing. These programmes included indoor coaching sessions, indoor and outdoor participation sessions, instructor training, and route setting development courses. Thank you to all the participants who attended the sessions, and a huge thank you to all the instructors and climbing walls for hosting the events.



WOMEN'S BOULDER MEET

Held in Glendalough, over 40 women attended this new event during the weekend of the 21st of September. Staying in the IMC hut, the group climbed in the boulderfield by day, and then back to the hut for a social get together at night. The weekend brought lots of bouldering, coaching, yoga, fun, and an excellent slideshow by Michelle O'Loughlin. Thank you to all those who were involved, especially the coaches who shared their skills, knowledge and positive energy over the weekend!

Climbing

GET CLIMBING

The Get Climbing programme, funded by the Dormant Account's Funding Scheme, focuses on working with hard-to-reach youth groups by engaging participants in climbing activities around Ireland. The aim of the initiative is to introduce young people to a whole new world of climbing, and the social interactions that go with it. 2024 saw many new participants take part in the programme, and we would like to thank all the walls, clubs and providers for running these fun and life changing initiatives.

STUDENT CLUB SEMINAR:

Tollymore

The weekend of the 18th of October saw Student Mountaineering Clubs come together at the first of MI's new seminars focused on supporting SMC's going forward. Over the weekend, 27 students from 9 Universities engaged in workshops which focussed on safe practice, risk assessment, group management and lots of practical skills for both hiking and climbing.

Thank you to Trevor Fisher and the team at Tollymore for looking after everyone so well; and to Paul Kellagher, Kevin Kilroy, Allan McGee and Damien O'Sullivan for generously volunteering their skills and time during the weekend.



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SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Sport Northern Ireland Youth Development

GRASSROOTS:

Youth Bouldering Competitions

Over three days, young climbers from Mountaineering Ireland clubs across the island participated alongside local climbers in a fun, social bouldering series at Boulder World Belfast. The aim was to create a welcoming and inclusive culture for young climbers through competition. These events focused on community and inclusivity rather than high-stakes rivalry, creating an environment where climbers of all abilities felt welcome.



INSTAGRAM POST

The format encouraged friendly competition, prioritising fun and personal achievement. The series helped build connections across the Irish climbing community, bringing together young climbers from different regions and clubs.

"Climbing offers so many ways to enjoy it, with different disciplines and levels to explore. It was great to collaborate with Mountaineering Ireland on this grassroots event. Competition challenges you, helps you improve, and teaches resilience - but also pride when you know you've given your best. From a young age, kids learn to play fair, trust the process, and see how dedication leads to progress. Most importantly, they learn how fun it can be! Can't wait for next year!"

Lucy Mitchell, Boulder World Belfast Manager

Sport Northern Ireland Youth Development

OUTDOOR CLIMBING:

Youth Climbing Clubs

New cohorts of young climbers within Mountaineering Ireland clubs were supported as families and volunteers worked together to provide outdoor climbing opportunities and encourage exploration of local natural resources. The number and experience of volunteers continues to grow across youth climbing clubs, with groups like Gilford Youth Climbing Club, Belfast Youth Climbing Club, North Coast Integrated Climbers, and The Hanging Rockers becoming hubs of activity for young climbers.

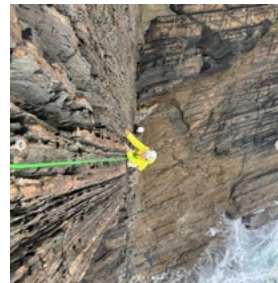
Thanks to passionate volunteers and experienced Mountaineering Ireland instructors, many young people are being introduced to the incredible world of rock climbing in Northern Ireland. Both young climbers and volunteers are gaining valuable experience in natural settings, learning technical climbing skills and responsible engagement with the outdoors—laying a solid foundation for lifelong participation in the sport.



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"My son and I recently took part in an outdoor climbing day with Mourne Youth Climbing Club and Mountaineering Ireland. It was our first time climbing outdoors, and we both had a fantastic day. The event was very well organised—from the climbs to the equipment available for both adults and children. The instructors were knowledgeable, encouraging, and provided a wide range of climbing opportunities. They took time with each participant and made every child feel capable. It was a relaxed and enjoyable experience, and my son came home full of energy and pride. A truly worthwhile day."

Lisa Murtagh, Competitor

Sport Northern Ireland Youth Development

DALRIADA CLIMBING CLUB:

Fundraiser for Carey Faughs GAA Club

In midsummer, Dalriada Climbing Club—one of our most experienced clubs—strengthened relationships with the McBride family, landowners at Ireland's premier cliff. Their charity abseil at Fair Head raised over £2,000 for the Carey Faughs GAA Club, giving people of all ages and abilities a thrilling introduction to outdoor adventure.

EDUCATION AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP

Mountaineering Ireland delivered climbing sessions for young people supported by the Education Authority, engaging participants in a focused physical activity that offered both physical and mental challenges in a controlled, supportive setting.

Six disadvantaged young people participated in indoor climbing sessions, gaining experience in problem-solving, teamwork, and physical exertion. Roped climbing required them to collaborate closely, building trust and learning to manage rope safety under supervision—fostering independence, leadership, and confidence.

This was Mountaineering Ireland's first collaboration with the NI Education Authority, and the potential for future partnership is substantial. Education Authority staff were instrumental to the program's success, which delivered clear benefits to both the young people and the staff involved.

THE FAIR HEAD CLIMBING MEET 2024

Over four days, 350 participants camped, climbed, shared stories, and attended inspiring presentations from renowned climbers Catherine Destivelle and Ireland's own Niall Grimes in "the barn" at Fair Head, Ballycastle. The event offered a strong sense of community, new insights, and valuable connections within the Irish climbing scene.



Sport Northern Ireland Youth Development

EDI COLLABORATIONS:

GLL Better Gym Belfast + The Outdoor Partnership

Mountaineering Ireland partnered with GLL Better Gym (Belfast City Council) to run inclusive climbing sessions at Ozone Climbing Wall, providing 26 young people with disabilities the chance to experience indoor climbing in a welcoming, supportive environment.

These sessions also encouraged family involvement, allowing parents to share in the positive impacts. Mountaineering Ireland instructors gained hands-on experience in working with diverse needs, strengthening their capacity to deliver inclusive programming.

"This was a great opportunity that we were able to offer alongside Mountaineering Ireland for those with disabilities who experience greater barriers to participation within climbing. Together, we hope to continue providing experiences like this and support long-term engagement in the sport."

Dempsey Brown, Community Sports Officer, GLL

In addition, we worked with The Outdoor Partnership NI, Far and Wild, and Mourne Heritage Trust to organise three inclusive hikes in Dava Forest, Gortin Glen, and Castlewellan Forest Park. These hikes supported adults with limited mobility and additional needs in experiencing the outdoors. Hand trikes provided by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council enabled wheelchair users to take part. The hikes also featured talks on nature and local heritage, providing both physical activity and educational enrichment.

"Lots of the participants commented that the sessions boosted their confidence - it was a safe environment with help available when needed. Many said they knew others who would benefit from experiences like this."

Far and Wild



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Performance Development

Much progress has been made throughout 2024 in evolving the systems and structures that support the Climber Development Pathway. With the help of coaches, walls, climbers and staff the new Performance Strategy is evolving and will soon be ready for publication.

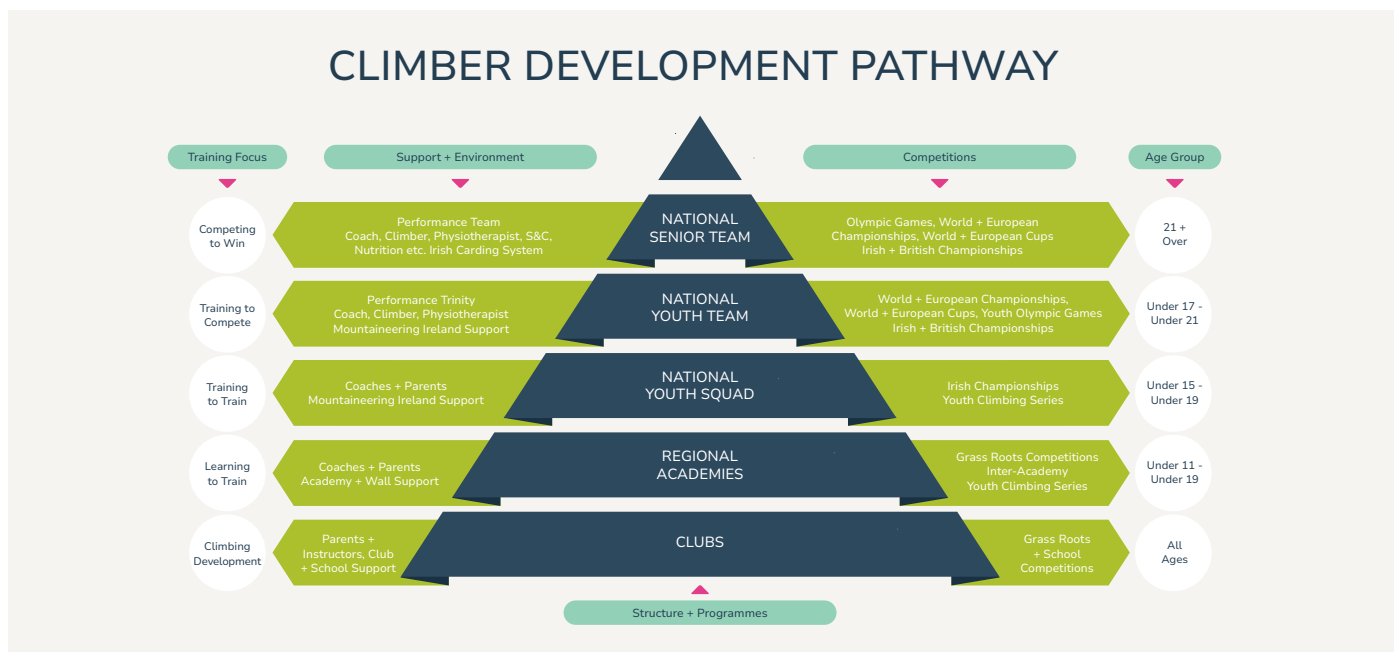
As a staff, we undertook the initial strategy development and this has now been handed over to the new Performance Climbing committee for review and refinement. As part of the development, we undertook a review of what has gone before, recognising the strong climbing tradition in Ireland and the more recent successes in competition climbing and the areas to where we now need to improve.

CLIMBER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Work is ongoing throughout the Climber Development Pathway and we have recently launched an infographic so that climbers can identify their current position and see the next steps they may take.

We are delighted that four walls have come on board to work with us in developing the first of what we hope will be many Regional Academies: Awesome Walls (Dublin and Cork), Boulder World Belfast and SUAS Limerick. They have been working on the curriculum that aims to transition climbers from clubs through to the Irish Youth Squad. Lucy Mitchell, from Boulder World Belfast is leading the work in this area and supporting coaches in all four academies with their delivery of the programme. We want to transition more climbers through from club level to National Squad level and thank Dave Ayton, Lucy Mitchell and John Harrison for their support and backing for this work.

Full details of the purpose, aims and support programmes at each level are on the website.



Performance Development

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION SUCCESS

Indoor Climbing

2024 was a great year to inspire all competitive climbers with the Paris Olympics taking centre-stage on the calendar. We also celebrated our first senior podium position with Michael O'Neill at the IFSC NEOM Games where he won bronze.

DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS

We continue to work with the BMC and Climb Scotland in the delivery of a Youth Climbing Series through the Autumn months that concluded with a Grand Final in Leeds in 2024. We selected 24 climbers, that finished in the first three in the series in age groups U13, U15, U17 and U19 to travel to the competition and achieved very promising results. Daniel Shine claimed gold in the U17 category, Eliza Hill finished 4th overall after finishing top in the routes competition. In total, Irish climbers achieved 4 x top tens, 9 x top 20s and 8 x top 30s.

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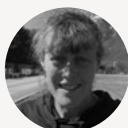
I would like to thank the Pathways team, Tobias Preisler, Philip Duke, Victoria Watterson, Daragh O'Connor, Sean O'Connor, Conor Orr, Lucy Mitchell and the Regional Academy coaches for the outstanding contributions they make to the programmes and projects that we deliver. Their vision, commitment and drive for excellence continues to raise our standards. I also want to thank Stephanie O'Connor, Linda Rafferty, Lauren Conlon, Aine McGuinness, Stephen Clune, Daragh O'Connor and James Tolland for the fabulous work they do in delivering our competitions along with the competition volunteers, whose support makes such a huge difference to the quality of the events. Thanks also to the staff who roll their sleeves up and get stuck into these events. I would also like to thank Laura Griffin, Digital Engagement Lead for her collaboration on Coaching and Climber Development projects.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the MI Board for their support and guidance.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the climbers, coaches, route setters and volunteers that make up our Climbing community and are the lifeblood of this sport.



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TRAINING

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Training

MOUNTAIN TRAINING BOARD IRELAND

Mountain Training Board Ireland have been particularly proactive in their support to training with updated codes of conduct, terms of reference all supporting good governance for this unique committee. Their broad remit as an awarding body, provider of Good Practice and Safety messaging is both challenging and interesting. It allows for the integration of bespoke and structured training for all on the island of Ireland. The committee met online for all but one face to face meeting where a Strategic Plan for training 2026-2028 was drafted for integration into the Mountaineering Ireland Strategy.

TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training providers excelled again in 2024, maintaining quality course provision overseen by moderation against the standard, all whilst adapting to a new reporting system.



Training

TRAINING FOR CLUBS + INDIVIDUALS

Successful international meets provide essential skills training for member to tackle winter and summer walking, mountaineering and climbing. For the first year, the Alpine Meet boasted 50:50 Female to Male Guides, 40% of participants were in the 18-26 Youth Category, helped by subsidised places and the additional benefit of it being a UIAA Youth Camp.

Back on the island of Ireland members took up essential skills training in teaching navigation, scrambling and climbing and how to support their clubs training needs. The training resources, presentations, videos + workshops continue to attract great traffic with individual videos topping 100'000 views. Gathering members to discuss training needs and ideas is always valuable and helps steer the future engagement with training in all its facets.



Training for Club Leaders and entry level Hikers (Happy Hiking) continue to engage members and attract new members. Thank you to the Provider team for their support in delivery of these skills development opportunities.

Funding for training continues in two formats with the time served Training Grants and the more recent Women in Sport funding grants. Training Grants focus on mountain training for hikers, mountaineers and climbers, helping foster a training culture amongst our membership.

Ring-fenced Women in Sport funding allows Mountaineering Ireland to provide targeted support towards the achievement of higher-level awards and career path progression to providership.

Together we are upskilling our membership and participants in skills for the activities we oversee.

Training

MOUNTAIN TRAINING UK + IRELAND

The Candidate Management system has been integrated and ensures transparency between the training boards, provides advanced reporting facilities and allows for comparison and trend awareness.

The Mountain Training Climbing Awards review is almost complete and will result in amendments to the shared awards and an additional qualification in the new year. Collaboration between the UK + Ireland training boards has focussed on development of training offerings and reasonable adjustments to support those with additional needs access the training pathway.

TRAINING DATA

Mountaineering Ireland Award/Scheme	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Mountain Leader Award	98	76	124	87	85	59	87	107	112
Hill + Moorland Leader	2	6	20	26	10	9	37	15	19
Lowland Leader Award	88	77	71	75	74	121	116	157	191
Expedition Module	-	48	71	75	74	121	-	-	-
Camping Leader	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	11	9
Rock Climbing Instructor	122	142	116	95	85	90	71	99	83
Rock Climbing Development Instructor	-	-	-	1	0	2	4	5	3
Multi Pitch Award	3	2	10	2	5	7	1	6	4
Climbing Wall Instructor	34	53	77	97	41	73	79	98	76
Climbing Wall Development Instructor	7	2	36	17	4	12	7	13	17
Level 1 Climbing Coach	18	2	23	16	0	1	1	0	1
Indoor Climbing Assistant	-	-	-	-	19	15	11	19	4
Mountain Skills Registration*	1187	1089	1120	574	862	1162	1308	1097	1471
Rock Skills Registration	N/a	N/a	N/a	56	38	66	41	44	50
Total registrations	1559	1495	1668	1094	1297	1738	1795	*1755	*2046
Mountain Skills Participants	1187	1089	1120	774	891	1238	1412	1115	1617
Rock Skills Participants	-	-	-	43	16	32	36	24	38
Total Participants for all awards	1559	1497	1668	1246	1211	1705	1820	1880	*2062
Fundamentals	73	90	192	-	-	-	-	-	-

*2024 figures taken from MI system + MT system during integration.

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DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

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Digital Engagement

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE:

Stories that Connect

Our quarterly print magazine remains a cornerstone of member communications. In 2024, we published three high-quality issues (no autumn issue was sent due to delays in the process of appointing a new editor) each one packed with inspiring member stories, practical skills advice, access and conservation updates and coverage of key events like the Winter Meet, Women with Altitude, the Summer Alpine and Climbing Meets as well as the Autumn Gathering and the annual Lynam Award.



MOUNTAIN LOG: Printrun



Spring 2024: 14,500



Summer 2024: 15,500



Winter 2024: 15,500

Distributed to more than 13,000 members per issue, the magazine also enjoyed a healthy pass-along rate, extending its reach by 700 of each issue distributed to shops for sale. For those who prefer digital formats, we began highlighting key articles in our email newsletters and on our website, offering added flexibility and accessibility.

One of the most encouraging insights from our recent member survey was the overwhelmingly positive feedback about our quarterly magazine. Members continue to see it as a valued source of connection, inspiration and practical guidance. We are delighted that a digital version of the magazine will also soon be offered to our members! This new format not only supports accessibility and sustainability, but also allows members to enjoy the content anytime, anywhere.



Digital Engagement

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Consistency + Growth

In 2024 our monthly newsletter continued to serve as an important communications tool, keeping members informed and engaged throughout the year. We published 11 editions, each crafted to highlight the latest news, upcoming events and competitions, training and environmental updates and member stories. We even threw a few competitions and giveaways in the mix!

Timely seasonal content ensured relevance and encouraged ongoing member interaction. The May 2024 edition enjoyed the highest click rates, you can decide whether it was announcing the new Happy Hiking series or Summer Alpine Meet that peaked our members' interest!



By year-end, our subscriber list grew to 8,425—a 17% increase over the previous year. With an average open rate of 68.7%, the newsletter consistently outperformed industry standards for non-profit communications of 40.4% (source Mailchimp), a testament to the strength of our content and the loyalty of our readership.



Digital Engagement

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Expanding Reach + Engagement

On social media, after making Digital Engagement Officer a permanent, full time position we made significant strides in both reach and engagement. The social platforms were used to promote our programmes, key dates and celebrate milestones and achievements

On Facebook our reach jumped by 94.6% and our Instagram reach grew from 10,000 in 2023 to over 588,000 in 2024—an increase of more than 5,000% driven by consistent content, stronger storytelling and improved audience targeting. We also saw a significant rise in how our audience interacted with our content, with a 64.4% increase in engagement year-over-year.

With a follower base of 28,000, our Facebook content reached 495,000 people in 2024—an impressive 1,668% increase over our audience size, reflecting strong growth and extended visibility beyond our immediate community. We also expanded our use of interactive Instagram stories including polls, quizzes, and Q&As which led to a healthy increase in engagement.



One of the year's stand-out moments was the recognition of Mountaineering Ireland volunteers' work on Wicklow Mountains National Park which achieved a reach of over 99,000, 860+ likes and generated a strong increase in profile visits and link clicks. The overwhelming response showed just how much our amazing community values and appreciates the dedication, passion and hard work of our incredible volunteers.

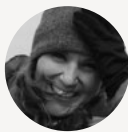
Another highlight was an introduction to our Happy Hiking series featuring top hiking tips. Stronger than ever, the series is back for 2025 offering advice on everything from protecting the environment to outdoor essentials such as battery banks and dry bags. Each short video is packed with practical tips to help you hike smarter and make the most of your days in the hills!

Digital Engagement

CONCLUSION

Across all channels, our goal has remained clear: to keep our community connected, informed and inspired. This year's communications efforts reflect the commitment, consistency and collaboration that define our approach. From every social post and email campaign to the printed pages of our magazine, we thank you for reading, sharing and being part of the journey.

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GET IRELAND WALKING

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Get Ireland Walking

CELEBRATING PROGRESS, PARTNERSHIPS + PARTICIPATION IN WALKING

NATIONAL WALKING DAY

A nationwide event held during European Week of Sport, featuring 80+ community events promoting walking for health, connection, and climate action. The campaign reached 1.6 million+ people on social media, highlighting Ireland's dedication to a more walkable future.



WEBSITE

The Get Ireland Walking website was significantly upgraded to enhance user experience and accessibility. New features will include an interactive events calendar, community group listings, and updated walking resources, supporting walkers, leaders, and stakeholders in promoting walking across diverse target groups.

NEW NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER + E-LEARNING PLATFORM

Appointed in mid-2024, the National Development Officer is leading key strategic initiatives, including direct support for walk leaders and affiliated groups, and the development of a new e-learning platform to empower group leaders and coordinators.

WALK21 LISBON

Get Ireland Walking showcased Ireland's efforts in promoting walking for health, climate, and community well-being at Walk21 Lisbon. The event offered international insights and strengthened connections with global walking advocates.

Get Ireland Walking

SUMMIT STEPS

Launched in 2024, Get Ireland Walking aims to create pathways from community walking into hill walking clubs through this structured supported programme in partnership with Mountaineering Ireland.

WOODLANDS FOR HEALTH

The Woodlands for Health programme grows from strength in partnership with Coillte and Mental Health Ireland. The programme is a referral project focused on forest-based walking sessions to support mental health recovery. Participants reported improved well-being, social connection, and confidence.

NATURE CONNECTIVITY

A new pilot programme was delivered with Nature Therapy Ireland and a group of children with Autism within a national school and took place in a local forest over a 6-week period in Co. Waterford.

MEN'S RECOVERY WALK SERIES

A new Men's Recovery Walk Series provides safe, supportive spaces for men in addiction and mental health recovery to engage in regular, guided walks. The programme fosters peer support and takes place each month over a 12-month period. This is a partnership project with Fingal Active Cities.

GET YOUR COUNTY WALKING

The Get Your County Walking Project has been scaled up and workshops have taken place across four counties: Cork, Waterford, Laois and Limerick. Action Plans have been co-developed and stakeholder groups established across the counties.



Get Ireland Walking



RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS

Get Ireland Walking have submitted a research grant application in partnership with SETU to review and develop suitable walking indicators to measure the impact of our national and local objectives.

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SAFEGUARDING

Staff Lead: Pamela Bastable



Safeguarding

Catherine Hibbit stepped out of the role of National Children's Officer and Pamela Bastable took over in September 2024.

An internal club safeguarding audit is taking place during the 2024/2025 season identifying all clubs with juveniles registered as members. For clubs to affiliate for next season, additional information will be requested from these clubs. This is to ensure all clubs with juveniles continue to be compliant with the Children's First Act 2015. Mountaineering Ireland will continue to support any club that needs assistance in achieving compliance.

- Beginning in January 2025 - there is new safeguarding content being circulated monthly via the Mountaineering Ireland newsletter.
- Mountaineering Ireland have run 1 Safeguarding 1 course in 2025 and will run more as the demand arises.

GARDA VETTING

Pamela Bastable/Julie Carolan attended the National Vetting Bureau training day in Thurles in December 2024, with a follow up training session in June 2025.

Mountaineering Ireland continues with the vetting policy of renewal every 3 years which aligns with the requirement for safeguarding to be completed every 3 years also. Mountaineering Ireland processed 28 vetting applications in 2024.

RISK ASSESSMENT + CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Mountaineering Ireland's CCS and Risk Assessment have been updated as of 04/11/2025 and can be accessed [here](#).

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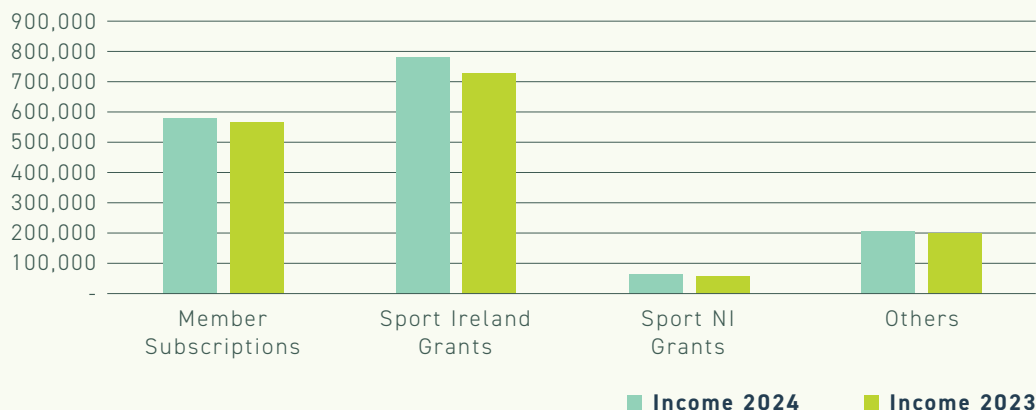
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Mountaineering Ireland Income	2024	2023	% Increase
Member Subscriptions	€ 582,078	€ 565,814	3%
Sport Ireland Grants	€ 781,907	€ 726,958	8%
Sports NI Grants	€ 64,190	€ 60,136	7%
Others	€ 209,528	€ 203,920	3%
Total	€ 1,637,703	€ 1,556,828	5%

Sport Ireland Grants	2024	2023	% Increase
Core Grant	€ 283,000	€ 247,000	15%
Get Ireland Walking	€ 160,847	€ 152,440	6%
Get Ireland Walking: Dormant Accounts Funds	€ 122,706	€ 118,975	3%
Women in Sport	€ 63,778	€ 42,287	51%
Get Climbing: Dormant Account Funds	€ 59,172	€ 50,500	17%
Covid19 Resilience: Dormant Account Funds	€ 65,735	€ 31,016	112%
Covid19 Recovery Grant: Dormant Accounts Funds	€ 0	€ 50,000	-100%
Her Moves	€ 6,359	€ 8,963	-29%
Others	€ 26,669	€ 34,740	-23%
Total	€ 781,907	€ 726,958	8%

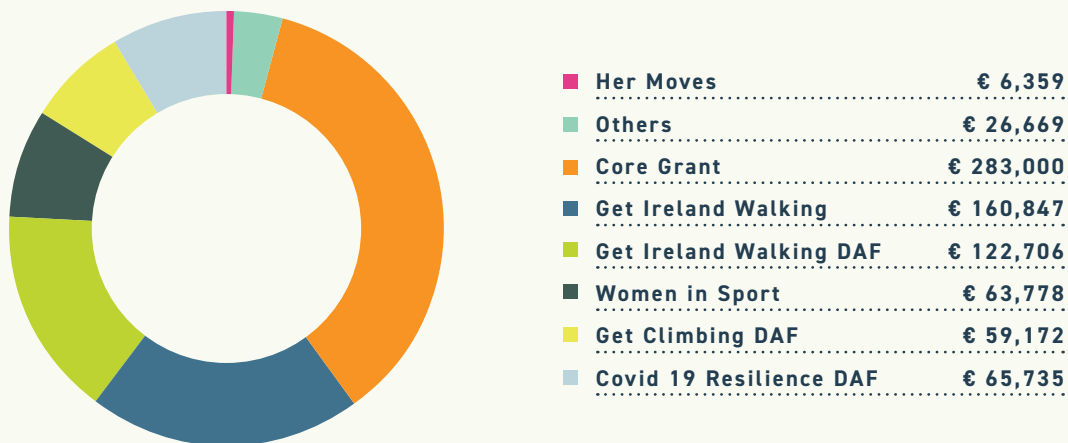
Member Services	2024	2023	% Increase
Training	€ 98,653	€ 89,690	10%
Member Events	€ 37,220	€ 23,785	56%
Climbing Competitions	€ 23,226	€ 19,585	19%
Irish Peaks + Other Publications	€ 18,462	€ 29,333	-37%
Irish Mountain Log Advertising	€ 8,209	€ 17,556	-53%
Others	€ 23,758	€ 23,971	-1%
Total	€ 209,528	€ 203,920	3%

2024 v 2023 INCOME (€)

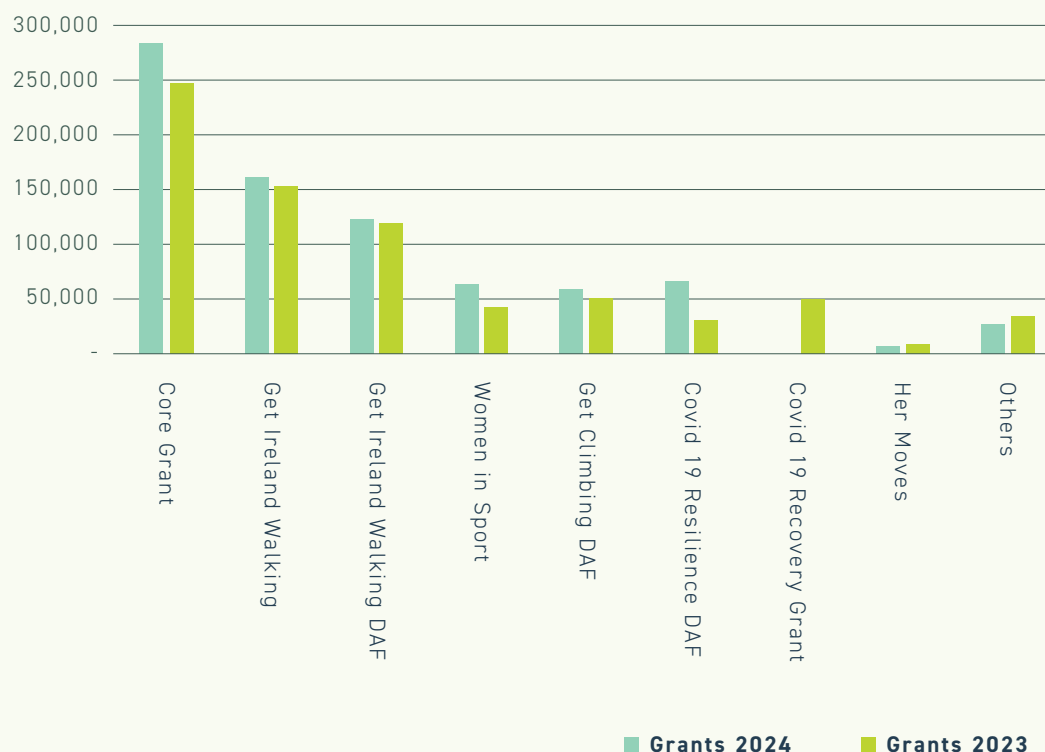


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2024 SPORTS IRELAND GRANTS

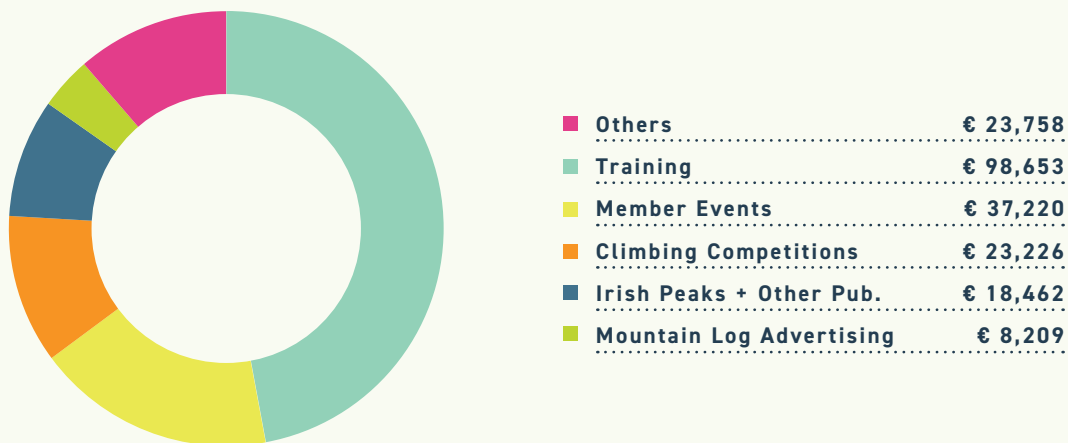


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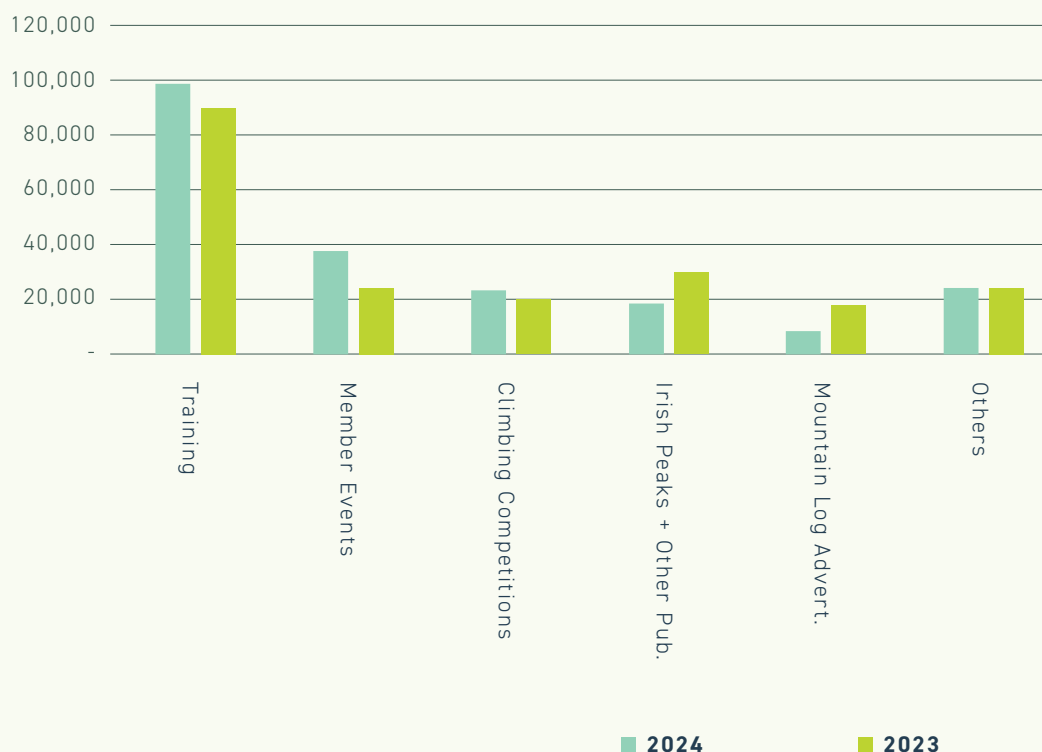


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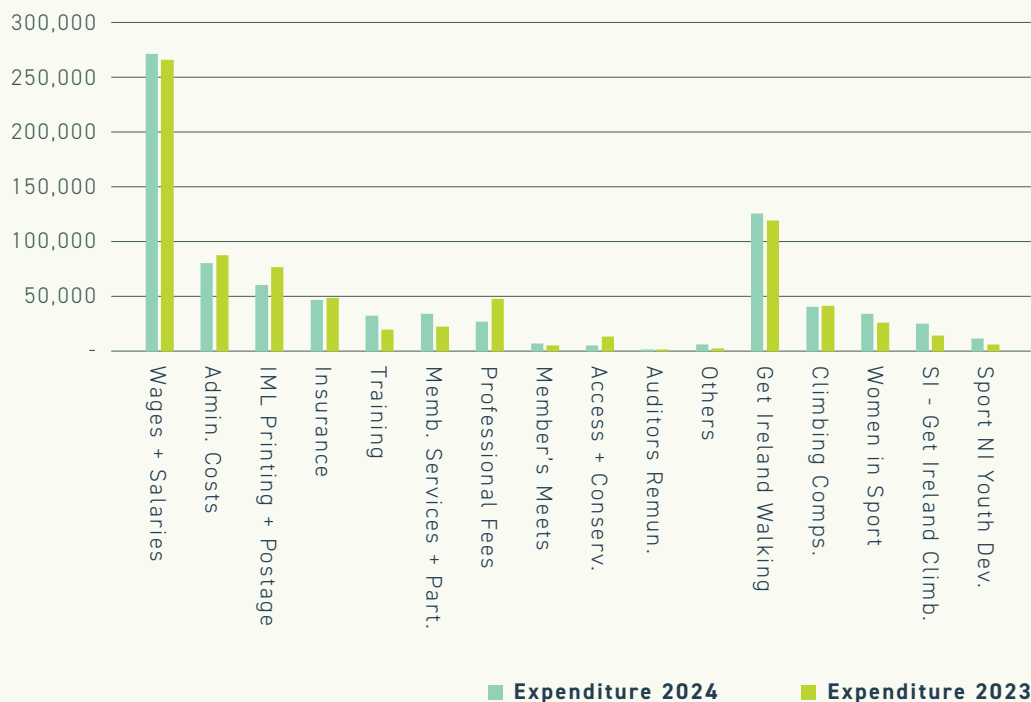
MEMBER SERVICES 2024 v 2023



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Mountaineering Ireland Expenditure	2024	2023	% Increase
Wages and Salaries	546,095	535,803	2%
Administration Costs	163,346	177,341	-8%
Irish Mountain Log Printing + Postage	121,961	154,920	-21%
Insurance	96,030	98,643	-3%
Training	66,440	41,622	60%
Member Services + Participation	69,167	46,043	50%
Professional Fees	55,279	97,153	-43%
Members Meets	15,340	11,268	36%
Access + Conversation	11,646	27,312	-57%
Auditor's Remuneration	4,859	4,735	3%
Others	13,898	5,412	157%
Programmes			
Get Ireland Walking	253,245	240,542	5%
Climbing Competitions	83,029	85,376	-3%
Women In Sport	69,823	53,177	31%
Sport Ireland - Get Climbing	51,334	30,870	66%
Sport NI Youth Development	24,103	13,006	85%
Total	1,645,595	1,623,223	1%

2024 v 2023 EXPENDITURE (€)



Financial Statement

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES 2024



Bank Charges	€ 697
Utilities	€ 3,807
Office Expenses	€ 5,252
PPE / Cloth. / Branding	€ 11,320
Temporary Admin.	€ 11,343
Rent	€ 14,728
Staff Meetings	€ 2,520
Recruitment Costs	€ 3,183

Telephone	€ 12,484
Website + IT	€ 36,459
General Administration	€ 12,491
Marketing + Comms	€ 6,227
Subscriptions	€ 9,819
Depreciation	€ 30,654
Surpl. of Foreign Exchange	€ 2,362



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