

Athletics NI Annual General Meeting

The Future of Athletics NI

CEO- Elaine Grant

Monday 12th December 2022
Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim



Introduction

- Thank you to all staff, athletes, coaches, officials & volunteers across the sport
- **Dedication**
- **Expertise**

“Greatest” sport in the world



The breadth of Athletics is its beauty and what draws us in

However in its beauty lies the greatest challenge.

How do we cater for all ensuring high quality experience across every discipline and at all levels of the pathway whilst:

- showing a duty of care to all
- ensuring everyone achieves their desired outcomes & personal goals
- ensuring everyone **feels safe, respected, recognised, valued** and treated with **dignity & fairness** daily
- delivering effectively against the expectations of our partners, funders and members





COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR



"Aidan, your strength, courage & determination is unbelievable. It is phenomenal over the years what you overcome to build the running community in Crumlin. You are an inspiration to us all!"

AIDAN O'NEILL

RUN ANON

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY COACH OF THE YEAR



Mark coached Nick Griggs to a European Indoor mile record & freely gives of his time to mentor & support many other junior endurance coaches in NI."

MARK KIRK

Summary Highlights

Performance Pathway Report- Tom Reynolds

Points table for Team NI Athletics results this century
8 points for Gold, 7 for Silver, 1 for 8th...

Year	Points
2002	11
2006	0
2010	0
2014	0
2018	16
2022	25

Commonwealth Games- 2 Silver Medals & 4 Further Top 8's

European Silver- Ciara Mageean

NI Records

John Kelly 20.16m (Shot) NI & Irish Record

Roisin Flanagan 15:26.76 (5000m)

Hannah Irwin 15:45.87 (10,000m)

Ciara Mageean 3:56.63 (1500m) NI & Irish Record



Ultra World Championships

Gareth King 9th Ind/5th Team (GB & NI)

European & World Mountain

Running Championships

Zac Hanna 2 x 5th places



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Talent

European U18 Championships 3 NI Athletes represented Ireland
Finn O'Neill (Decathlon), Kirsti Foster (1500m), Lughaidh Mallon (1500m)

World U20 Championships 2 NI Athletes represented Ireland
Nick Griggs (3000m), Callum Morgan (3000m)

European Youth Olympic Festival (U17) 2 NI Athletes represented Ireland
Toby Thompson (200m), Lucy Foster (1500m)

European U20 Athletics Off Road Running Championships Ryan Smith was selected to represent Ireland



NI Records

Nick Griggs 3:56.40i (Mile) European U20 record
Nick Griggs 7:53.40 (3000m) NI & Irish U20 record
Finn O'Neill 6838 points (Decathlon) NI U18 record

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Para Athletics

World Para Athletics Grand Prix

Andrew Greer was selected to represent GB & NI Juniors in the T54 100m & 400m in Jesolo, Italy where he won both events.

Commonwealth Games

Eve Walsh Dann in the T38 100m (10th)

Mark Millar in the T54 marathon (6th)

Invictus Games

Mark Clougherty won 3 Gold & 1 Bronze in April

Classification

4 athletes classified

2 on the British Athletics pathway

2 on the Paralympics Ireland pathway.



Summary Highlights

Events, Marketing & Admin Report- Shauna Bratten

Club Affiliations 2021-2022

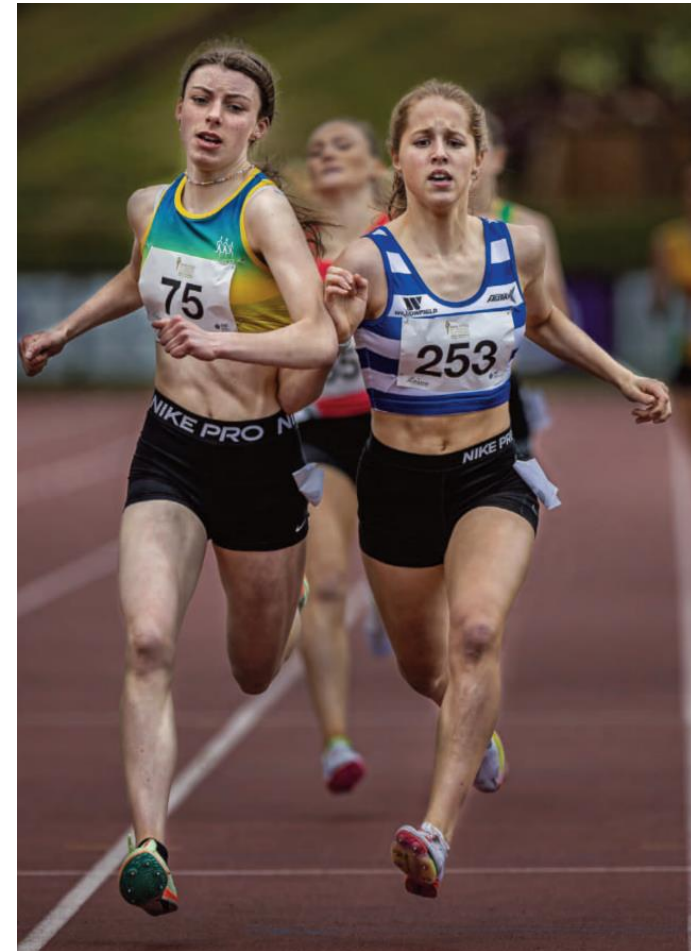
95 affiliated clubs

Total membership of **8,477**

(1160 Junior, 7307 Senior athletes)

Permits

Cross Country		Road Races		M/Run	Track & Field	
2016-2017	27	2016-2017	324		2017	7
2017-2018	19	2017-2018	258		2018	13
2018-2019	32	2018-2019	315		2019	15
2019-2020	26	2019-2020	137		2020	16
2020-2021	14	2020-2021	102	15	2021	19
2021-2022	25	2022	134	22	2022	22



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Key Events

- Northern Ireland International XC- 22nd Jan 2022
- NI & Ulster Senior XC Championships- 26th Feb 2022
- NI & Ulster Indoor Age Group Championships- Sat 5th & Sun 6th Mar 2022
- Titanic 10k- Sun 3rd April 2022
- Belfast International & Schools Event- Fri 27th & Sat 28th May 2022
- NI & Ulster U14-U20 Age Group Championships- Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June 2022
- NI & Ulster Senior Championships- Sat 18th June 2022
- NI & Ulster Combined Event Championships- Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Sept 2022



Marketing & Communication

17 formal coach education courses have taken place with 213 coaches gaining qualifications.

Beginning of implementation of the UK Wide Coaching Strategy that launched October 2021.

Over 310 coaches attending online & face-to-face CPD workshops in the Extending the Reach of Talent Development Series.

Development & continuation of partnerships with The Daily Mile, Sport NI, Spotted, Kyniska Advocacy to support club development, running participation and welfare.

Continued support for running participation through Run NI to running groups through C25K programmes, mentorship, educational workshops and online resources.

Growth in proactive work in Safeguarding and Welfare including Sport NI & CPSU self-audit, formal training in Safeguarding for clubs and community, online modules to support Duty of Care and implementation of new policies & procedures in line with the Quinlan Review.



Summary Highlights

Mary Peters Track- Wendy Phillips

Buggy Club continues to attract new members & flourishes all year round

BUGGY-CLUB
NI



Key Events

Highest number of International Championships:

- IMC 14th May 2022
- Belfast International & Mary Peter 50th Gold Medal Anniversary 28th May 2022
- Schools International (SIAB) 16th July 2022
- NI Combined Events Championships 3rd/4th Sept 2022

Mary Peters 50th Gold Medal Anniversary

BELFAST INTERNATIONAL
SATURDAY 28TH MAY 2022



Our Sport, Our Strategy, Our Approach for Athletics NI

Answer Choices	Responses	
Coach	32.37%	56
Official	12.72%	22
Athlete	58.38%	101
Parent/ Guardian	19.65%	34
Club Officer	10.40%	18
Committee	16.18%	28
Other (please specify)	9.25%	16
	Answered	173
	Skipped	4

Survey Summary of Themes & Priorities



Priorities

Participation & Development

- Serve the whole Sport
- EDI

Competition

- Review & Refine
- EDI

Club Development

- Proactive

Coach Development

- Club/Pathway/Informal learning

Regional Development

- Get outside Belfast
- Rural Vs Urban

Schools

- Curriculum

Volunteers

- Succession Planning
- Reward & Recognise

Performance Pathway

- Selection Consistency
- Connection to role models
- Open & Transparency





Themes

- Curriculum
- Communication
- Clarity/Consistency
- Transparency
- Selection Consistency
- Club/School/Pathway Links
- Partnerships
 - Councils/Universities/schools

In the next 6 years, what do you believe should be Athletics NI's strategic priorities?



Future of Athletics NI

New Strategy

New funding Partnerships (SNI & others)

New Committee Structures & Opportunities

Focus on:

Open/Transparent
Communication





Call to Action

Come on the bus



