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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT BERNARD BROGAN

What a year!

I have completed my first 12 months as President of the Federation of Irish Sport and have seen first-hand the great work they do in providing a unified voice for all of Irish Sport. It was my pleasure to attend and talk at the annual conference in May and get a sense of all the ideas and potential that exists in Irish Sport.

In my own sporting sphere I have been lucky enough to have been part of a great Dublin team that won our third All-Ireland and I will never forget on that day remembering back on all the volunteers, coaches, teammates and family that came together to make that moment happen. Sport doesn't just happen, it needs to be supported, nurtured and grown and I believe that the sports sector in Ireland is on the cusp of a wave of growth that will prove us to be world leaders.

We punch well above our weight on the playing field and the Federation's inaugural Sport Industry Awards gave me real proof, as if it were needed, that Ireland is also a world leader off the



pitch. Businesses such as STATSports and Kitman Labs can be seen having an impact on our TV screen every weekend at home and abroad. Sport is a business, it contributes to employment, 40,000 jobs plus, and delivers €1.9bn in household spending. If we are going to invest in our future we need to invest in Sport.

I was delighted that the government set up a Working Group on a Tax Relief in respect of current donations to sport, we have worked with the Department closely on this, and hope that this proposal will be progressed and included in all of the political parties Manifestos for government in 2016. I am also delighted to see that government has for the first year since 2008 increased current funding to Irish Sport and that Sport Ireland will receive €47m in 2016. I am confident from what I have seen from the members of the Federation that each cent will be money well spent in growing participation,

delivering high performance success and building the capacity of the sector to reach its potential. Sport in Ireland is more than just a game- 500,000 people volunteer each week, 2,500,000 people participate in sport, 40,000 jobs are supported by sport, €2.4billion is added to GDP and over €1billion in tourism receipts are received through sporting activities. Not to mention the value added to communities and the physical and mental wellbeing of our population.

I have endeavoured over the past year to spread the word that Irish Sport Matters and over the coming year I will continue to knock on the doors of anyone who

will listen to give a voice to the Federation's members. Over the following pages you will see the wide and varied contribution that National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships have made to Irish society over the past year which I am sure you will enjoy as much as I have.

Next year the people will go to the polls to elect a new government. We thought it was a good time in October to launch our own manifesto, a 'Manifesto for Irish Sport' to set out our own vision for the coming political cycle.

Below are our 5 key building blocks for Irish Sport

1. **Development of a National Sports Policy- a masterplan for Irish Sport**
2. **Restore current funding to 2008 levels by 2021.**
3. **Tax Relief for Irish Sport- an extension of the relief in place for sporting bodies for capital projects to areas of current spend.**
4. **2 Hours mandatory PE and Physical Activity in schools- as recommended by the WHO**
5. **Establish a Sport Tourism bidding agency- a strategic approach to bidding for events**

The Federation is committed to working together with all our stakeholders in making our Manifesto a reality. I was delighted to see Ministers Donohoe and Ring launch the consultation around a new National Sport Policy as well as increasing funding for 2016. We are well on the way to achieving our vision and will work hard over the coming years for our members to ensure that Irish Sport reaches its full potential. A more active and successful Ireland is a happier and healthier Ireland.

**Is mise le meas,
Bernard Brogan**

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO JAMES GALVIN



Irish Sport has enjoyed another great year in 2015. Our golfers continue to deliver on the world stage; with Rory McIlroy winning the Race to Dubai, Graeme McDowell, Padraig Harrington and Shane Lowry winning on the US Tour, five of our golfers being part of the victorious Walker Cup team and Leona Maguire being the number 1 ranked female amateur golfer in the World!

We also had success at the World University Games with Thomas Barr and Fiona Doyle carrying the flag for Ireland and bringing home medals in our most successful Games ever. Boxing also delivered at the European Championships with gold medals for Joe Ward and Michael Conlan and Dean Walsh also bringing home a bronze. And who will forget the Irish Hockey team beating England, winning European bronze and qualifying for Rio in 2016 all in one fantastic year.

Closer to home, both our men's and women's rugby teams won the Six Nations trophy and the Irish men's senior football team qualified for their third Euros after a thrilling two legged playoff with Bosnia.

Dublin and Kilkenny won out in the football and hurling deciders and the Cork Camogie team and Cork Ladies footballers emerged victorious in front of record attendances.

All of this high performance success would not be possible without the investment in sport at national level through Sport Ireland and the National Governing Bodies and the work being carried out on the ground each week by volunteers in clubs across the country.

Government funding to Irish sport stabilised in 2015 and after a steep decline since 2008 the government has announced a €3m increase in funding to Sport Ireland. This is warmly welcomed by the Federation and we hope it is the beginning of a new era of increased investment in a sector which delivers so much for Ireland Inc.

Development at the National Sports Campus has continued to continue apace. The FAI pitches are open and regularly host the national teams whilst the GAA pitches are soon to open. The Institute of Sport has opened a new indoor high performance centre which will aid our elite athletes in reaching their full potential. A new education and conference centre has opened adjacent to the FAI and this should enable the sports sector to develop and grow over the coming years.

The centre piece of the campus is of course the National Indoor Arena and ground was broken at the site by Ministers Donohoe, Varadkar and Burton during the summer. Next year should see the completion of this centrepiece in Sport Ireland's infrastructure. It is hoped that 2016 will see the commencement of the much anticipated Velodrome and to aid development at the campus €25m has been provided by the government for next year which we very much welcome.

This year saw the close working relationship between the Federation, Healthy Ireland and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport continue to grow; with a workshop hosted with our members to discuss and debate the draft National Physical Activity Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be published in the imminent future.

Sport Ireland was formally launched in October and this merger of the two agencies will see the development of Irish Sport come together to form a stronger combined state agency, assisting our members to deliver their real potential.

We have developed our close relationship with Fáilte Ireland and they have continued to support our members in bidding for events to bring to Ireland, with the Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 and the IPC World Swimming Championships 2018 being two of the many successes this year. A number of other bids such as the European Cross Country Championships at the National Sport Campus are well underway too.

Minister Donohoe and Minister Ring launched the National Sports Policy Framework consultation in November and we believe that this is an essential piece of government policy which will aid the sector to take a strategic approach to sport in the country. Minister Donohoe in his address to the attendees at the consultation expanded on his vision and reaffirmed his government's commitment to sport by saying:

"There is a wide range of organisations and entities involved in sport in Ireland, from local to national level, and greater clarity is needed on the strategic direction, desired outcomes and funding for sport across all levels. The new policy will consider the wider roles of sport in the economy, health, education, tourism,

business and social areas and how sport can help deliver Government objectives in these areas....I believe the National Sports Policy Framework should have a regular tool for allowing the voices of sporting NGBs to be heard. Their collective voices on matters such as budgets, agency relationships, planning and the performance of state bodies should be heard"

The Federation is the voice of Irish Sport and we will continue to be the conduit between our members and government in putting forward a strong and cohesive voice for the sector as part of the new National Sports Policy Framework.

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport continues to be a great supporter of the sport sector and we are very grateful for the positive working relationship that has been fostered. The Department facilitated a meeting with our members and Minister Donohoe in October and we believe this open and constructive dialogue has helped both partners in understanding each other's needs. We would like to wish Secretary General Tom O'Mahony a happy retirement and wish to put on record our thanks for his support over the years. We look forward to working with his successor Graham Doyle. Our positive and constructive engagement with Ministers Donohoe and Ring will continue until the end of the current government in 2016.

Thanks must also go to Sport Ireland, to Chairman Kieran Mulvey and to Chief Executive John Treacy and his team for all their support of our work over the course of the last year. Evidence of this being the collaboration on Just Sport Ireland - a dispute resolution service which has been adopted by over 60 NGBs - and the National Physical Activity Plan workshop, as well as other ongoing projects.

We would also like to thank our commercial partners JLT, Leman, OSK, FutureFit, Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, Print Depot and Dublin City Council for their continued support and assistance for the work of the Federation. Without their and the support of our 102 member organisations there would be no Federation.

I would also like to thank the team in the office for their hard work and dedication to the Federation. In my short time at the helm I have been hugely impressed by their passion and commitment to our members and to Irish Sport. We will be growing our staff in 2016 and I look forward to introducing some new members to the team in the coming weeks and months. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors who all give generously of their time to ensure that the Federation can be both an independent voice for Irish Sport, whilst providing committed assistance and representation for our members.

2015 was a time of real change in the Federation with our previous CEO Sarah O'Connor moving on after 8 years admirable dedication. I would like to thank Sarah for the immense effort she put in to building the Federation and contributing to sport in Ireland. I have enjoyed immensely my first few months in the role of CEO and intend to build on the good work done and to grow and lead the Federation forward into a new era supported by the Board and Members.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the contribution of our members in the following pages and that it will make people aware of the exceptional work that these organisations carry out every day and the potential that exists if sport is supported and nurtured. I hope that the Annual Review will allow you to sit back and take in the achievements of our members, teams and athletes, and to dream of the many successes that lie ahead, whilst all the while remembering that...Irish Sport Matters.

**Yours in Sport,
James Galvin**



SPORT AND HEALTH

Physical inactivity is estimated to cost the state €1.6bn each year whilst overweight and obesity is estimated to cost €1.1bn. Irish people spend an average of 5.3 hours each day sitting down and it is no surprise that only 32% of the adult population meet the minimum physical activity guidelines. The problem is stark and for everyone to see. It is a risk not only to the health of our nation but also to our economic outlook.

Thankfully sport can go some way towards providing a solution in reducing these figures and helping our population become a more active and healthier nation. The Healthy Ireland Survey reports that "Being more physically active" is the change most frequently selected towards improving health and wellbeing. 39% of those of a normal weight have a high level of activity, compared with 23% of those who are obese. It follows that getting our population moving more will improve the physical and mental health of our nation as well as contributing to the economic stability of the state.

In order to improve the health of our children we need to look at ways of improving and implementing the Physical Education curriculum. Our Primary Schools are the worst in Europe at providing physical education in school whilst only 10% of our Secondary school pupils receive the recommended 120 minutes of PE. Four out of five primary school children get their physical activity outside school and so it is clear that the National Governing Bodies of sport have a huge part to play in getting our children active.

Our adults though need to lead by example, as only a third are reaching the 30 minutes 5 days a week guidelines, and research shows that children are most influenced by their parents. Sport is for everyone and there is a sport for everyone.



Our members are running programmes each week across the country getting people active, below are just some examples of the initiatives run in 2015:

- 750 pupils from 34 primary schools across 15 counties participated in Offaly Sports Partnerships Sports Hall athletics programme.
- 213 primary school children from 14 schools participated in Cycle Safety training organised by Louth LSP during Bike Week.
- 16,225 participated in programmes and events run by Limerick Sports Partnership in 2015.
- 2,500 cyclists participated in the An Post Rebel Tour.
- 8,500 participants in 22 programmes run by Cork Sports Partnership.
- 132 older adults are participating in the Clare Sports Partnership's older adult's programme each week.
- Athletics Ireland has grown membership from 29,682 in 2009 to 56,000 in 2015.
- 10,420 people are now racing members of Triathlon Ireland following 10 consecutive years of growth.
- 16,105 members of Swim Ireland with over 5,000 signing up for the Swim for a Mile programme
- 800 School teams entered this years SpikeBall competition.
- 7,000 Secondary School students participated in the Women in Sport Indoor Get Going Get Rowing programme.
- 250,000 active participants hillwalking/climbing in Ireland each week.
- 3,000 participated in the ISA's Try Sailing initiative.
- 102,384 children participated in 1,100 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps nationwide.
- 800 paddlers took part in the International Liffey Descent.
- 27,794 members of Cycling Ireland a 20% increase since 2014.

SPORT CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMY



Sport is a big employer in Ireland. 40,000 jobs are sustained by sport whilst €2.4 billion is added to the Irish economy in areas such as travel, tickets, clothing, media and club membership in addition to fundraising, donations and sponsorship.

Indeed research by Onside estimates that the sports sponsorship market is worth €152m and this is money that is being ploughed back into the development of sport in each town and village across Ireland.

Sports Tourism is also a big driver of visitors to the country contributing to tourism receipts of over €1bn each year to the Irish economy, with 15,000 travelling to see the Ireland v England Six Nations match alone spending €764 each on average.

The recent Rugby World Cup in England is estimated to have contributed £2.2 billion to the economy with over 466,000 visitors travelling to the tournament. With most of the infrastructure in place and with the goodwill of all the people of Ireland a given, wouldn't it be great for Ireland to host the event in 2023!

Next summer will see the Republic of Ireland competing in the Euros in France which will again spike consumer spending here and give us a taste for the tournament which will come to Ireland in 2020 providing another economic boost.

We are often asked to provide economic evidence to support the implementation of policy decisions, and below we have outlined just some of the examples of how sport contributed enormously to the Irish economy in 2015:

- €21.3m was the value of the Ireland v England Six Nations match, with 15,000 overseas visitors spending €11.5m, with each person spending €764 on average during their trip.
- 31,000 supporters came to Croke Park to support the 6 teams competing at the TG4 All Ireland Finals resulting in the largest attendance at a Female European sporting event in 2015.
- 1.15m people on average tuned in to watch Ireland beat France in the Rugby World Cup on TV3.
- 40,000 jobs supported by Irish Sport, contributing €2.4billion to the economy.
- 920,000 people watched Shane Long score the Republic of Ireland's winning goal against Germany on RTE.
- €152m is the value of the overall Irish sports sponsorship rights fee market according to Onside.
- 100,000 visited the Dublin Horse Show generating €40m for the economy.
- €3.5m the economic value of the Killarney Adventure Race.
- 875,300 on average watched the All Ireland final between Dublin and Kerry on RTE.
- 4,500 international competitors from 62 countries travelled to take part in the Dublin Marathon.
- €220m was generated by GAA inter county fixtures.
- €1.3 billion the value of sport related volunteering.



SPORT ENHANCING IRELAND'S REPUTATION WORLDWIDE

Sport is a power for good and is recognised as one of the key ingredients for social cohesion in any society. Sport is also a way of bringing nations together, for enhancing a country's reputation and showing on and off the sports field that friendships can be forged no matter what has gone before.

The past year has seen Ireland win the Six Nations, qualify for the Euros in 2016 (beating the world champions Germany along the way), conquer Australia in the international rules test at Croke Park, beat the West Indies, Zimbabwe and the UAE at the Cricket World Cup, as well as winning 66 medals on the international stage...

Irish supporters, athletes and teams fly the flag with distinction each year and this year was no different. We now can

look forward to an Olympics with our first competitors in a team sport in over 60 years, the Irish Men's Hockey Team, and a summer of football where the nation will hold its breath once more...

We have highlighted the achievements of our teams and athletes on the following page to give an idea of the breadth of success which Irish Sport is delivering for the investment by government in 2015:



Achievements of our teams and athletes

- 66 Medals were won by Irish athletes in 2015, a 20% increase on 2014.
- Gold medal for Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe, becoming the new European Modern Pentathlon Champion sealing his place in the 2016 Olympic Games in the process.
- Thomas Barr (UL) winning gold in the 400m Hurdles and Fiona Doyle (University of Calgary) winning silver and bronze in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke respectively at the World University Games in South Korea.
- 4 rowers qualified for the Olympics in Rio 2016.
- Ireland's Jack Woolley taking a Gold Medal at the Taekwondo Russian Open and reaching the quarter Finals in the World Championships.
- Senior women's squash team won a bronze medal at the European Championships.
- Craig Breen runner up in European Rally Championship.
- Irish Rugby's men and women lifted the Six Nations trophy.
- Republic of Ireland senior men's football team qualified for the European Championships in France 2016.
- Leona Maguire is the World Number One Ranked Amateur Golfer, earning her the Mark H McCormack Medal.
- Rory McIlroy won the Race to Dubai for the third time.
- Ian O'Sullivan won Bronze at the Clay Pigeon Shooting European Championships in Slovenia .
- Team Ireland Equestrian - Showjumping Team won the Dublin Aga Khan Nations Cup.
- An unprecedented 5 Irish players were chosen on the victorious GB & I Walker Cup golf team.
- Senior Men and Senior Women won Gold at World League 2 Hockey.
- Senior Men's Hockey team won Bronze at the European Championships then qualified for Rio 2016.
- European Championships gold medals for Joe Ward and Michael Conlan with Dean Walsh also bringing home a bronze.
- Ireland beat the West Indies by 4 wickets at the ICC Cricket World Cup in New Zealand.
- 3 medals in badminton for Chloe, Sam and Joshua Magee at the European Games in Baku.
- Silver for Mark English at the European Indoor Championships in Prague.
- Paul Brady won an incredible fifth World Handball title in a row in Calgary.
- 89% of people feel that sport has a positive effect on the country's reputation.
- Over 400 clubs worldwide are affiliated to the GAA.

SPORT CHANGES LIVES

Sport has the power to bring people together to impact on the lives of those that take part and to offer hope where once there was despair. It also creates a social outlet for many who may otherwise suffer isolation and can contribute to increased educational and professional attainment.

Research by the ESRI has found that students who participate in sport in their final years of second-level school are significantly and substantially more likely to continue their formal education after leaving school. This is evidence if ever it were needed that sport changes lives and gives young people a sense of purpose and direction, transferring skills of perseverance, teamwork and hard work.

Sport also provides a positive outlet for many of those with a physical or intellectual disability and this year saw our athletes competing on a world stage, once again bringing glory upon Ireland, and programmes being delivered by our members in clubs across Ireland. We show the best of ourselves through sport and on the following page we have highlighted the achievements and initiatives of our members this year:

- 13 World & 1 European Championship medals won by Irish Paralympic athletes on the Road to Rio.
- 59% of participants and 53% of volunteers in sport socialise regularly with fellow participants.
- 88 Special Olympics Ireland athletes participated very successfully in the 2015 World Games achieving 82 medals which included 26 Gold, 28 Silver and 28 Bronze and 41 placement ribbons.
- Sports participation is associated with earnings increases of more than 10% for both male and female participants.
- 70% of participants say meeting people is a reason for playing sport.
- Returns on investment in sports programmes in the UK for at-risk youth are estimated at £7.35 of social benefit for every £1 spent.
- 130 inactive men took part twice a week for 12 weeks in Waterford Sports Partnership's 'Men on the Move' programme having a very positive impact on their social and mental health.
- 61% of women over 65 who participate in sport do so to spend time with friends and family.
- Vision Sports Ireland ran Mayfest- Ireland's biggest sports and leisure weekend for vision impaired people.
- 1,935 participate in 26 clubs run by Irish Wheelchair Association- Sport.
- 4 athletes took part in the 20th World Transplant Games in Argentina in August and won a total of 13 medals.
- 84% of highly active people report feeling happy most of the time compared to 75% of sedentary people.
- The Irish Cerebral Palsy Football Team qualified for Rio in 2016.
- Seán Baldwin qualified for the Rio Paralympics in Target Shooting.
- Rena McCarron Rooney secured qualification for the 2016 Rio Paralympics in Table Tennis.
- Young people can reduce their risk of leaving school without any qualifications by 12.75% by participating in a sport for development project.
- 1.3m adults are members of sports club in Ireland.
- 8,808 members of Special Olympics Ireland in 360 clubs across Ireland.
- 500,000 people volunteer in sport on a weekly basis.
- There are a total of 12,000 clubs in Ireland providing camaraderie, participation and competition.



Dennis O'Connor, Director

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The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an important date in the diary of any sports club or (Organisation). The best way for an Organisation to approach an AGM is to begin preparing for it well in advance. As soon as an Organizations' season starts the President and Committee should start preparing for the AGM. Here are some tips to assist in making your Organization's AGM easier to prepare for and to ensure that it is well attended.

1. Schedule the AGM early

Schedule the date of the AGM as early as possible in the season and communicate the date to the members on a regular basis. Ultimately ensure that adequate notice of the AGM is given to members.

2. Agenda

Prepare and circulate the agenda to all members well in advance of the scheduled AGM. The agenda should set out deadlines for comments and/or the addition of items for discussion in advance of the AGM.

3. AOB

"Any Other Business" should not be used as a heading for all discussions falling outside of Club Accounts and Committee Selection. The agenda should be as specific as possible as to what is to be discussed and dealt with at the AGM.

4. Consultation period

The Organisation should hold a consultation period for any proposal that may be met with skepticism or resistance well in advance so as to avoid emotive discussion and debate at the AGM.

5. Use a Professional

If there are technical changes to be made to the governance of the Organisation as a result of the proposals mentioned in point 4, then bring a professional along to explain those changes. Attendees are then more likely to stay on point rather than focussing on the individual delivering the message.

6. Chairperson

Appoint a strong chairperson who has the personality to move discussions along and keep to a schedule whilst being able to deal with any passionate members who may be attending the AGM.

7. Minutes

Ensure adequate minutes of the AGM are recorded and avoid using any emotive language in the minutes.

8. Voting

Make sure that you know the voting rights of various members at the AGM

9. Quorum

Know the quorum required to pass a motion at the AGM

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1. Each year prepare a detailed income and expenditure budget before the start of your financial year.
2. Prepare a cash flow forecast using your income and expenditure budget as your starting point but please take account of the fact that a cash flow forecast, forecasts the actual inflow and outflow of cash.
3. Once you have prepared the cash flow forecast it will show you when you will have surpluses and deficits of cash and this will help you throughout the year to know in advance what your cash flow needs are.
4. Prepare monthly / quarterly management accounts. Management accounts at a minimum should contain your income and expenditure accounts and if possible a balance sheet for the period in question.
5. Match the actual results per your income and expenditure account to your budgeted income and expenditure account and this will show up variances to the budget.
6. Investigate all material variances to the budget and take corrective action.
7. Corrective action may entail revising the budgeted spend for the remainder of the year, reallocating of spend from one area to another or identifying income shortages.
8. Also monitor on a monthly basis your actual cash flow to your forecasted cash flow to ensure that the organisation doesn't run into cash flow difficulties.
9. In order to perform the tasks above it is vital that your organisation has a properly designed and functioning accounts system.
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Note: Total Irish Sports Council (ISC) Funding includes Core Grant Funding, High Performance Funding, Direct Athlete Funding and Women in Sport Funding, please refer to ISC website for a detailed breakdown. www.irishsportsCouncil.ie

Angling Council of Ireland

www.anglingCouncil.ie

Total ISC Funding: €9,500

Participants: 7,500

Clubs: 78

Highlight of 2015

We successfully hosted 2 World Championship events in 2015. Sea Angling from boats out of Bundoran and freshwater Predator shore angling at Craigavon Lakes. These international highlights were great motivating events and helped our twenty coaching hubs to grow and reach over 1000 novices.

Key Objective 2016

Growth through coaching programmes supported by bringing another 2 World Championships to Ireland. We plan to achieve growth of 15% in membership and send teams to participate in 20 international competition.

Archery Ireland

www.archery.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,150

Participants: 1,500

Clubs: 40

Highlight of 2015

In 2015 our archers attended more international events than ever before, and achieved more Irish archers in world ranking positions than in the past. As well as World & European events archers also attended the first ever European Games in Baku.

Key Objective 2016

The key objective for 2016 is to get our archers qualified for the Olympic. Archery Ireland will also be hosting the 2016 World field championships in Wicklow, with hundreds of top archers from across the world attending this will be a spectacular event.

Athletics Association of Ireland

www.athleticsireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,994,000

Participants: 56,000

Clubs: 335

Highlight of 2015

Membership continues to grow across all age groups and has grown from 29,682 in 2009 to 56,000 this year. The Fit4Life initiative has resulted in a significant increase in female membership and the female to male ratio is now 55/45. While we continue to prioritise our club activities we also have focused on both organising own-managed events and partnering with

other organisations in road-running which is bringing more people into the sport of athletics and also raising revenue for AI to invest back into developing our sport. We had success at the European Indoor Championship with Mark English winning the silver medal in the 800 metres. Rob Heffernan placed 5th in the 50km walk at the World Championships in Beijing. The juveniles had a very successful year winning a number of medals at the European youth Olympics and Michaela Walsh finishing an impressive 6th at the World Youths.

Key Objective 2016

We plan to continue the growth of membership and We plan to continue the growth of membership and clubs in 2016 as well as mass participation events. The development of Coaches and Officials will be a key part of achieving our growth. The national cross-country and track and field programmes will continue to be a primary focus in Juvenile, Junior, Under 23, Senior and Masters. International competitions include- the World Indoor Championships, the European Outdoor Championships, World Race Walking Cup, World Juniors, European Youths, Olympics Games and the European Cross Country Championship. Working with Sport Ireland we will continue to support our HP athletes. We will also focus on Code of Ethics and Child Safeguarding.

Australian Rules Football League of Ireland

www.arfii.com

Participation: 380

Clubs: 11

Badminton Ireland

www.badmintonireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €498,723

Participants: 71,479

Clubs: 387

Highlight of 2015

The highlight for badminton in 2015 was 3 medal achievements at the inaugural European Games in Baku. Chloe, Sam and Joshua Magee are siblings and this made the achievement even more special. Membership has continued to grow as we targeted school groups and new clubs. We ran many coaching courses for players and coaches to expand our expertise base and provide value for our members.

Key Objective 2016

Our aim is to qualify 3 badminton players for the Rio Olympics in 2016. We intend to focus on the development of our badminton programmes within schools, new clubs and our membership in order to broaden the base. The introduction of "Clubmark" accreditation for our clubs to help them demonstrate their quality and commitment. To further strengthen the Governance of our sport for the future.

Basketball Ireland

www.basketballireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €680,330

Participants: 17,895 club players; 1,407 technical members Clubs: 227

Highlight of 2015

Another sold out National Cup Final in the National Basketball Arena. Secured two live broadcasts for the 2016 National Cup Finals compared to one in 2015. An Irish Women's 3x3 Basketball team represented basketball on the international stage at the 1st ever European Olympics in Baku, where they reach the Quarter Finals losing out to eventual winners Russia. The U16 Irish girls recorded a best ever European finish at 7th in Macedonia as four underage teams competed in Europe this summer.

Key Objective 2016

To maintain the positive trajectory of the Federation which has been evident through recent years; to reduce or finally wipe out the legacy debt which has burdened us for seven years; to further increase participation and profile of the sport; to re-enter on a sustainable basis the international forum of European basketball.

Baton Twirling Association of Ireland

www.btsai.ie

Total ISC Funding: €14,194

Participants: 712

Clubs: 21

Highlight of 2015

We had a very successful year in competition taking 6th place for Junior Pair in European Championships out of twelve competing countries in Maribor, Slovenia. We also took home two gold, one silver and one bronze from the International Cup held in Abbotsford, Canada.

Key Objective 2016

We will be competing in France and Sweden in 2016.

Bol Chumann na hEireann

www.irishroadbowling.ie

Total ISC Funding: €18,809

Participants: 2,235

Clubs: 67

Bowling League of Ireland

www.irishlawnbowls.ie

Total ISC Funding: €23,160

Participants: 2,830

Clubs: 30

Highlight of 2015

Shane Leonard of St James's Gate travelled to Broadbeach in Australia in March to represent all of Ireland in the World Junior Championships. This was a great honour for both Shane and the BLI. Although Shane did not win he performed very well and was a fine representative for Ireland. He was subsequently appointed captain of the All Ireland U-25 team.

Key Objective 2016

Our key objective for the year is to promote the game of lawn bowls to a wider audience. In particular to encourage young people to take up the sport. To this end we are acquiring sets of new age bowls which will allow us to demonstrate the game of bowls in schools.

Camogie Association

www.camogie.ie

Total ISC Funding: €378,519

Participants: 100,000

Clubs: 601 (incl 50 clubs internationally)

Highlight of 2015

Highest attendance at All Ireland Camogie Finals in past 5 years; breakthroughs by Waterford, Laois and Carlow who won their first All-Ireland titles at Intermediate, Premier Junior and Junior A grades. Cork Senior Camogie team achieving back to back titles and with Dublin, jointly topping the All-Ireland Roll of Honour with 26 titles each. Greatest number of coaches accredited. First national participation event for parents and children, Hurl with Me Programme. Inaugural

Players' Player of the Year jointly with the Women's Gaelic Players' Association.

Key Objective 2016

Publication of new National Development Plan for the sport.

Canoeing Ireland

www.canoe.ie

Total ISC Funding: €273,943

Participants: 3,500

Clubs: 74

Highlight of 2015

International Liffey Descent over 800 paddlers on the River Liffey. Jenny Egan taking bronze at the European championships. 5000m. 4th at the BAKU European Games. Our Paddle Surf Team taking 5th Place at the world Paddle Surf Championships. Liam Jageu's 5th place at the U23 European Slalom Championships. Over 400 Juniors taking part in Junior Paddle Fest in Co Wicklow. Developing The Sluice Weir in Lucan as a permanent White water course with the aid of a DTTAS capital grant. Launch of the national Blue ways. 5 Women in Sport Kayak days.

Key Objective 2016

Secure Olympic Qualification in Slalom and Sprint disciplines. Further growth in Membership. Increase in overseas athletes for the International Liffey Descent. Further growth and roll out for the Blueways across Ireland. Roll out of National Kayak Day. Further growth of our Women in Sport Programme

Cerebral Palsy Sport Ireland

www.cpsi.ie

Total ISC Funding: €48,146

Participants: 150

Cricket Ireland

www.cricketireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €477,394

Participants: 47,300

Clubs: 118

Highlight of 2015

The highlight of the year was Ireland's brilliant 4 wicket win against Test nation West Indies in front of a full house in Nelson, New Zealand, at the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup in February. Ireland also recorded wins against Test nation Zimbabwe and the UAE in the tournament, narrowly missing out on a place in the quarter finals. Cricket Ireland also successfully co-hosted the ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier in July, which featured 14 international teams playing across four different venues. The tournament was awarded the Best International Sporting Event Award at the 2015 Irish Sport Industry Awards.

Key Objective 2016

The key objective for Cricket Ireland is 2016 is to extend Ireland's unbeaten run in the ICC InterContinental Cup with wins against Papua New Guinea and Hong Kong to remain on course to play Test Cricket in 2018.

Croquet Association of Ireland

www.croquetireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €4,938

Participants: 300

Clubs: 10

Cycling Ireland

www.cyclingireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €657,500

Membership: 27,794

Clubs: 450

Highlight of 2015

Membership grew a further 20% across 450 clubs and we are closing the gender gap with now 20% female membership. International performances and athlete progression remains very good and the new Great Dublin Bike Ride event was a great success. Some 407 coaches went through our coaching programmes and we piloted a new cycle safety program CycleRight.

Key Objective 2016

2016 will see Irish cyclists compete both in the Olympics and Paralympics with strong performances expected. We will also continue to push for the construction of Ireland's first Indoor Velodrome. We will be expecting to build on the success of some key participation events

like BikeFest and the Great Dublin Bike ride as well as continue to support the many existing domestic events across all disciplines.

Deaf Sports Ireland

www.deafsportsireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €60,278

Participants: 158

DIT Sport and Recreation

www.ditsports.ie

Football Association of Ireland

www.fai.ie

Total ISC Funding: €2,707,910

Participants: 450,000

Clubs: 2,000

Highlight of 2015

The development of our National Training Centre at Abbotstown and the Senior Men's Team qualification for the Euros with some hugely memorable matches along the way against Germany and Bosnia in the Aviva stadium. There was an incredible atmosphere in the stadium and a great spirit shown by the team as they took on the World Champions and later qualified for the Euros.

Key Objective 2016: To launch the next FAI Strategy which covers the period from 2016 to 2020. This strategy highlights 9 pillars that are key areas for the FAI to focus on which include Grassroots, Women's football, Club & Community Development, Player Development, SSE Airticity National League, National Competitions, International Football, Facilities, and Organisational Development. The strategy outlines a clear direction for the association to follow for the next five years.

GAA Handball

www.gaahandball.ie

Total ISC Funding: €92,959

Participation: 15,500

Clubs: 225

Highlight of 2015

Cavan's Paul Brady won an incredible fifth World title in a row in Calgary, Canada in August while Antrim's Aisling Reilly retained her Ladies Open title as part of the

most successful Team Ireland to have taken part in the World Championships who returned home with a total of 20 medals.

Key Objective 2016

GAA Handball plan to welcome the European Wallball Tour to Ireland with Ireland becoming an official stop on the circuit with Europe's top players coming to compete. We will also be launching our new strategic plan with the objective to build a brighter future for GAA Handball.

Gaelic Athletic Association

www.gaa.ie

Total ISC Funding: €2,409,653
Participation: 508,936 Members and 334,339 Players
Clubs: 2,329 Clubs in Ireland and Internationally

Highlight of 2015

Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps- During July and August 2015, a total of 102,384 children participated in 1,100 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps nationwide. This represented a significant 15% increase on 2014 participation figures (89,022 participants). Camps were held in all 32 counties and, in addition to this, Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps were also held in Britain, North America, Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) and Perth. Eight Counties recorded participation levels in excess of 4,000 children with Cork GAA recording a total of 12,697 attendees at their Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps. Six Counties reported an increase in excess of 19%, namely: Wexford (34% increase); Cavan (33% increase); Monaghan (30% increase); Roscommon (26% increase); Waterford (20% increase) and Louth (20% increase) The Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps won an award for Best Mass Participation Event of 2015 at the Irish Sports Industry Awards.

Key Objective 2016

One of the GAA's key objectives for 2016 is the introduction of The Celtic Challenge. The Celtic Challenge is a developmental hurling competition for 16 and 17 year old players who are not participating in State Examinations during the months of May and June 2016. Through the Celtic Challenge, players aged 16 and 17 years old, will be provided with a 7 week programme of meaningful, pre-scheduled games including five divisional finals that will be played on Saturday 18th June. The programme is scheduled at a time of year where there is minimum interruption to Club or County Fixtures i.e. between 4th May and 18th June. The Celtic

Challenge is the only competition in hurling that will have teams from all 32 counties participating and, in total, 110 games will be provided to 912 players on 38 teams.

Golfing Union of Ireland

www.gui.ie

Total ISC Funding: €265,000
Participation: 149,526
Clubs: 419

Highlight of 2015

The Union adopted a new strategy for 2016-2020 at a Special General Meeting in May 2015. The implementation of this strategy has begun and will continue into 2016 and beyond. On the playing side, an unprecedented 5 Irish players were chosen on the GB & I Walker Cup team. Paul Dunne, Jack Hume, Gary Hurley, Gavin Moynihan and Cormac Sharvin all contributed handsomely to a 16.5-9.5 victory over the USA team.

Key Objective 2016

Advance work in all areas of the strategy which will target the Unions specific goals which focus on High Performance, Development, Optimising Governance, Supporting volunteerism and on the development of one governing body for golf in Ireland in collaboration with the ILGU.

Gymnastics Ireland

www.gymnasticsireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €331,240
Participation: 14,000
Clubs: 92

Highlight of 2015

Gaining qualification for 1 male gymnast and 1 female gymnast to the 2016 Rio Test Event, the final stage of qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games. Successfully rolling out our new national events programme with approx 5,000 participants. In addition to this we also launched our new participation event programme - "The GymSTART Challenge" with 3 events held in three locations around Ireland.

Key Objective 2016

Gaining qualification for our two gymnasts to compete in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games; securing Ireland's 2nd qualified male gymnast and 1st female gymnast.

To see completion of building for the new National Indoor Arena which will be home to the new National Gymnastics Training Centre and base for our national events programme from 2017 onwards, in addition to our base for hosting future major international events.

Horse Sport Ireland

www.horsesportireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,455,451
Participation: 50,000
Affiliates: 27

Highlight of 2015

Team Ireland Equestrian - Showjumping Team win Dublin Aga Khan Nations Cup. Seven showjumpers in World's Top 100. Eventing Team win Boekelo Nations Cup. Junior Showjumping Team Silver medallist at European Championships. Pony Showjumping Team Silver medallists at European Championships. Young Rider Showjumping Team Bronze medallists at European Championships. Young Rider Eventing Team Bronze medallists at European Championships. Jennifer Kuehnle Individual Gold medallist at European Children On Horses Showjumping Championships. Zara Nelson Individual Bronze medallist at European Pony Eventing Championships. Breeding - MHS Washington (ISH) & Laura Renwick (GBR) win Silver medal in 7 Year Old World Breeding Jumping Championships, Talks Cheap (ISH) & Eoin McMahon win Bronze medal. SRS Adventure (ISH) & Sophie Richards win Bronze medal in 6 Year Old World Breeding Eventing Championships. Irish Sport Horse Studbook takes Overall World Championship title. HSI - strategic plan 'Reaching New Heights' launched. The inaugural Jumping In The City series is a huge success and wins Best Innovation at the 2015 Sports Awards.

Key Objective 2016

Senior Showjumping, Eventing and Dressage - to achieve a medal at the 2016 Olympic Games at Rio. To continue underage medal success at European Championships. To continue to implement the recommendations of the strategic plan.

Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ireland

Total ISC Funding: €3,520
Participants: 704

Clubs: 55

Highlight of 2015

The international event in Leeds was very successful. A huge contingent travelled from Ireland. Entries in the competition were up 100% on previous years. Indeed all entries in the various competitions in Ireland were also up. This proves all voluntary groundwork is at last paying dividends.

Key Objective 2016

One key objective is to get more television coverage for next season. This will help to promote the game and hopefully encourage new players to register with the HPAI. We also hope to set up an indoor venue, which will cater for competitions during the winter months and inclement weather.

Ice Skating Association of Ireland

www.isai.ie

Total ISC Funding: None
Participation: 250

Highlight of 2015

National Championships 2015 held in Odyssey Arena attracting record spectators of 60! Senior and Junior Ladies Champions both bring home International Medals for their country!

Key Objective 2016

Establish Speed Skating in Ireland.

Ireland Lacrosse

www.irelandlacrosse.ie

Total ISC Funding:
Participation: 250
Clubs: 5

Highlight of 2015

Our Irish women's national team finished in 5th at the European Championships in the Czech Republic, and the Irish men's indoor team finished in 6th at the World Indoor Championships - this unique event was held on Onondaga Nation Territory, a Native American Indian reservation near Syracuse, New York.

Key Objective 2016

We are working to have more people - male and female, youth and adult - playing lacrosse in Ireland. Our men's U19 national team will also participate in the

World U19 Championships in Vancouver, and our men's senior national team will participate in the European Championships in Hungary.

Irish Amateur Boxing Association

www.iaba.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,356,713

Participation: 16,500

Clubs: 376

Irish Amateur Wrestling Association

www.irishwrestling.org

Total ISC Funding: €14,605

Clubs: 22

Highlight of 2015

We had 2 wrestlers qualified for European games in Baku, we had meeting with United World Wrestling in Baku to help grow the sport with their support.

Key Objective 2016

To hold 2 level 2 coaching courses host visiting USA team in the summer and book Sports Campus Arena for 2017 to celebrate 70 years as association.

Irish Fencing Federation

www.irishfencing.net

Total ISC Funding: €25,511

Participants: 1,300

Clubs: 21

Irish American Football Association

www.americanfootball.ie

Total ISC Funding: €26,020

Participants: 2,800

Clubs: 31

Highlight of 2015

Belfast Trojans won the GFLI Atlantic Cup in the Netherlands. 2015 saw a 20% increase in the number players in kitted American football. 22 teams played competitive kitted football - the most ever in Ireland. A new flag football (non-kitted) structure was introduced with leagues now operating in four regions.

Key Objective 2016

The IAFA plans to add a further 3 new clubs playing competitive kitted football (Wexford, North Dublin & the PSNI). A new National Programme including a Centre of

Excellence for elite adults and developing U20 players will commence. There will be a focus on increasing female participation in flag football.

Irish Cheer Sport Association

www.irishcheersport.wix.com/icsa

Participants: 2,500

Clubs: 16

Highlight of 2015

Team Ireland participated in the International Cheer Union World Championships plus the International All Star Federation Worlds in Florida in both Co-ed and All Girl teams! Clubs Travelled to the UK and France to compete and won their divisions plus bids to return to the United States for more international events.

Key Objective 2016

To apply for Sports Recognition for our sport of Cheerleading. To continue to promote our sport with qualified coaches and allow it to grow in all areas of Ireland with the skills to produce routines which encompass skills of tumbling/stunting/jumping routine with athletes of all ages and abilities.

Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

www.icpsa.ie

Total ISC Funding: €89,125

Participants: 582

Clubs: 23

Highlight of 2015

Ian O'Sullivan won Bronze at the European Championships in Slovenia. Derek Burnett represented Ireland in the European Games, Baku. The Ireland Shooting Academy (ISA) was formally launched by the ICPSA 21 Feb. It's principle aim is to develop and sustain a pathway for Irish athletes to develop performance levels required for success at World/Olympic level.

Key Objective 2016

To improve and develop Ireland Shooting Academy athletes to the High Performance Standard for the 2020 Olympics and beyond. To develop a wider base and pool of shooting athletes with potential and progress them along the pathway to the High Performance Programme and World/Olympic competition.

Irish Flying Disc Association

www.irishultimate.com

Participants: 1,100

Clubs: 35

Highlight of 2015

The Irish National Senior Mixed team attended European championships in Copenhagen in August. They reached the final enjoying an undefeated season up until that point, winning several international tournaments along the way. They unfortunately lost to Great Britain in the final, securing silver medals for Ireland.

Key Objective 2016

Continue to grow the sport in schools and colleges around the country. Given the sport is new in Ireland we have not yet been recognised by the ISC, we have been working towards this for six years and securing Irish Sports Council Recognition is our biggest goals this year.

Irish Hockey Association

www.hockey.ie

Total ISC Funding: €778,312

Participants: 144,523

Clubs: 147

Highlight of 2015

Senior Men and Senior Women won Gold at World League 2. Hosting the Women's WL2 tournament in Dublin. Senior Men won Bronze at European Championships then qualified for Rio 2016. Senior Men climbed to number 12 in world ranking. Establishing the National EY Hockey League. Senior women promoted to A Division.

Key Objective 2016

Senior Men taking part in Olympics in Rio 2016 and coming in top 5. Senior Women travelling to New Zealand for an international tournament in Spring 2016. Hosting the 2016 Eurohockey Youth Championships (U18) for Boys and Girls in Cork in July.

Irish Ice Hockey Association

www.iiha.org

Participants: 300

Clubs: 5

Irish Indoor Bowling Association

www.iiba.co.uk

Participants: 25,000

Clubs: 850

Highlight of 2015

Retaining the team title at the British Isles Championships winning all 6 matches and winning 3 out of 4 individual championships at Aberdeen in November 2015.

Key objective 2016

Our key objective for the year is to win at least one discipline at 2016 World Bowls at Leigh, Manchester.

Irish Inline Hockey

www.inlinehockey.org

Participants: 500

Clubs: 23

Irish Judo Association

www.irishjudoassociation.ie

Total ISC Funding: €123,016

Participants: 2,109

Clubs: 46

Highlight of 2015

Maxim Trigub of Coolmine Judo Club was selected to represent Ireland at the 2015 European Youth Olympic Festival held in Tbilisi, Georgia. Maxim was Ireland's first entry in this event since Lisa Kearney 10 years ago. Maxim is a member of the Emerging Talent Programme and National Coach Keith Gough said it was great to have Maxim fight at this prestigious tournament. Added to the excitement of his selection, Maxim was selected to be Flag Bearer for Team Ireland, the second time a judoka has been selected to carry the Flag at the European Youth Olympic Festival.

Key Objective 2016

To increase the profile of judo through strategic development and to employ a development officer for the first time in the associations' history with a clear aim of strengthening judo at provincial level in the first instance before moving towards a national programme of further development. In support of this development programme, the association will look to partners Sport Ireland and the European Judo Union for funding opportunities.

Irish Kidney Association – Sport

www.ika.ie

Participants: 100+

Highlight of 2015

4 athletes took part in the 20th World Transplant Games in Argentina in August and won a total of 13 medals, including 7 gold, placing Ireland 15th out of 44 countries on the medal table. Restarted programme with Temple Street Children's Hospital to promote children in transplant sports. Colin White, sports programme coordinator and national team manager, was elected to serve as the Treasurer of the World Transplant Games Federation.

Key Objective 2016

Build on our children's programme and enter a team in the British Transplant Games in Liverpool in July. Recruit a team of 30+ adults for the European Transplant & Dialysis Sports Championships in Vantaa, Finland in July.

Irish Ladies Golf Union

www.ilgu.ie

Total ISC Funding: €169,680

Participants: 42,000

Clubs: 378

Highlight of 2015

As of 13 May 2015 Leona Maguire has held the title of World Number One Ranked Amateur Golfer, earning her the Mark H McCormack Medal. She enjoyed an outstanding season, which she came close to rounding off with a victory in a professional event on the Ladies European Tour when she finished one shot behind the winner at the ISPS Handa Ladies European Masters at Buckinghamshire Golf Club.

Key Objective 2016

The ILGU has several sports objectives for 2016. Our main areas of focus will be on the continuous development and implementation of a robust high performance plan for our elite players, growing the number of females joining clubs, effectively running all national tournaments and championships and supporting golf clubs in their development.

Irish Martial Arts Commission

www.imac.ie

Total ISC Funding: €28,442

Participants: 25,000

Clubs: 350

Highlight of 2015

Senior World Championship held in Ireland in November 2015.

Key Objective 2016

To promote the responsible regulation of Martial Arts as a family activity.

Irish Olympic Handball Association

www.olympichandball.org

Total ISC Funding: €33,948

Participation: 4,725

Clubs: 11 plus 75 schools

Highlight of 2015

National Men's team participation IHF emerging nation's competition in Kosovo, finishing 13th from 20 teams. Appointment of a new Development officer. Exciting finish to our league with UCD in the final for the 1st time in a number of years.

Key Objective 2016

Talent Identification and Performance following from success of Men's team. Participation, Continuity and Development with assistance of the new Development officer. Develop more Volunteers within the IOHA. Stronger communication regarding the sport in Ireland. Strong Finance and Governance codes.

Irish Orienteering Association

www.orienteering.ie

Total ISC Funding: €44,670

Participants: 3,000

Clubs: 19

Irish Rugby Football Union

www.irishrugby.ie

Total ISC Funding: €2,600,000

Participants: 161,252

Clubs: 223

Highlight of 2015

In a year where our men and women both lifted Six Nations silverware it is hard to pick one highlight. However, for many it will be the continued growth of the women's game and the hosting of Ireland's first seven

tournament on a weekend that our women's squad secured their place on the World Series.

Key objective for 2016

Next year will see our women's team move to Donnybrook Stadium as we build towards the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup, to be held in venues in Dublin and Belfast, while our women's and men's sevens squads target qualification for the 2016 Olympics.

Irish Sailing Association

www.sailing.ie

ISC Total Funding: €1,021,900

Participants: 50,000

Club Numbers: 62

Highlight of 2015

This year saw the launch of the ISA's Try Sailing initiative. Try Sailing is a national network of clubs and centres working to provide people of all ages and abilities the chance to get out on the water, and give sailing a try all year round. This year we just beat our target of getting 3,000 people on the water.

Key Objective 2016

Broadening the appeal of sailing to the general public, and drive a mass participation in sailing at the local level. The Try Sailing programme will also encourage former sailors who may have moved away from the sport to come back and try it again.

Irish Surfing Association

www.isasurf.ie

Total ISC Funding: €62,500

Participants: 1,059

Clubs: 16 clubs

Irish Squash

www.irishsquash.com

Total ISC Funding: €165,150

Participants: 2,636

Clubs: 102

Highlight of 2015

Our international teams both at senior & junior level had a super 2015. The highlight was the senior women's team winning a bronze medal at the European Championships along with the senior men winning

a silver medal in Division 2 and gaining promotion to Division 1. Our Under 19 team had a great Europeans also, with Michael Craig winning an individual Bronze and the team just missing a silver medal. The Under 15 won bronze and the U17's came 4th at their Europeans. Madeline Perry won the IRISH OPEN in April, her last professional tournament, after a super career, getting as high as World No.3. A super role model for young players.

Key Objective 2016

Build on the success in 2015, especially with the junior teams. Develop more coaches/facilitators to drive participation. With this as a key goal, we are launching a 1 day introductory coaching course which will result in more people in clubs/schools qualified to aid play. Also deliver more club coaching courses at level 1/2 for club coaches. Engage with clubs, being a supportive body giving sound advice to our clubs/members, as to how to gain new members and drive greater participation.

Irish Table Tennis Association

www.irishtabletennis.com

Total ISC Funding: €148,344

Participants: 3,288

Clubs: 105

Highlight of 2015

We saw great achievements from both our junior and senior national teams on the International circuit. The highlight came as Rena McCarron Rooney secured qualification for the 2016 Rio Paralympics. TTI also hosted the Senior Six Nations Championships, an event which produced both from a performance and logistical point of view, as Team Ireland finished in 2nd place overall.

Key Objective 2016

The primary objective of 2016 will be to drive participation across the country and with it, increase membership of TTI as a whole. We will also continue to foster the development of talented young players while also supporting our ever improving international athletes using all resources available to us.

Irish Taekwondo Union

www.taekwondoireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €33,000

Participants: 800

Clubs: 35

Highlight of 2015

Athletes achieving Podium and Gold Medal finishes at International events. Ireland's Jack Woolley taking a Gold Medal at the Russian Open and reaching the quarter Finals in the World Championships.

Key Objective 2016

Build on the successes of 2015 internationally and by doing so encourage more people to participate in Taekwondo as a sport, a form of fitness or for self-defence.

Irish Ten Pin Bowling Association

www.tenpinbowling.ie

Total ISC Funding: €25,118

Participants: 1,756

Clubs: 30

Highlight of 2015

The ITBA received an invitation from Japan Bowling Congress to send two bowlers and an official to a prestigious tournament. This was a world bowling showcase event and we were represented by bowlers Amanda Larkin and Chris Sloan with official Paddy Gibbons. Ireland took two golds and one bronze at the adult Triple Crown. Craig Grattan won under 24 Junior Irish Open. At the Bowling World Cup we were represented by Paul Stott Jnr (6th of 86) and Aoife Hall (29th of 71).

Key Objective 2016

To complete our National Development Program and to re-brand Tenpin Bowling in Ireland by building on the success of the 'Bowling for All' theme, promoting our 2020 Vision: "Bowling will be recognised as a healthy and clean sporting and recreational activity that is family oriented, spanning the generations and caters for able-bodied and people with a disability alike.

Irish Tug-of-War Association

www.irishtugofwar.com

Total ISC Funding: €25,730

Participants: 700

Clubs: 40

Highlight of 2015

We have our schools project up and running and have established youths, ladies and development squads which will carry our sport into the future.

Key Objective 2016

We aim to keep building on the good development work already carried out.

Irish Underwater Council

www.diving.ie

Total ISC Funding: €56,180

Participants: 2,000

Clubs: 72

Highlight of 2015

Dive Ireland 2015, International Dive conference and Trade Show. The event is the highlight of the diving calendar as its the targets meeting of divers in the year and kicks off the start of the diving season.

Key Objective 2016

We will be launching our new snorkelling and underwater hockey strategic plans along with graduating 24 new Coaching Ireland Tutors. We will also be hosting our national underwater photography competition s well as the famous Dive Rallies which take place throughout the summer.

Irish Water Safety – Sport

www.iws.ie

Total ISC Funding: €20,000

Participants: 2,501

Clubs: 25

Highlight of 2015

This has been Ireland most historic and greatest ever year competing at the European Championships. Irelands senior team were place 9th overall winning 18 medals and breaking 27 Irish records in Aberavon in Wales in August 2015. At the European Junior & Masters Lifesaving Championships in Torrevieja, Alicante, Spain in September, Team Ireland won a total of 31 medals and the ladies team were crowned European Champions on the Beach competition. A first for Ireland.

There were eleven Regional and National competitions and we enjoyed increased participation in the sport at home from Nipper (8-14) right up to Masters level in all competitions.

Key Objective 2016

In 2016 we are aiming to have more lifesaving competitions at home to cater for the increase in numbers participating at regional and National Level. Our National Development Squad and High Performance Squad will continue to develop and grow. On the International Stage our main goals are top ten finish for Junior and Seniors teams at the World Lifesaving Championships which are to be held in the Netherlands in the city of Eindhoven for Pool events and Noordwijk for beach events.

Irish Waterski and Wakeboard Federation

www.irishwwf.ie

Total ISC Funding: €11,950

Participants: 9,500

Clubs: 200

Highlight of 2015

Irish rider won E&A. Irish Record broken in Waterski. 1st Cable Team in the E&A. We hosted the 1st E&A Pro Tour. Our Wakeboard Team achieved 12th overall in the Worlds 2015. Squad development, introduced a 12 year old to E&A Championships. We hosted an International Judging/Calculators Seminar in Ireland.

Key Objective 2016

Ireland to host the European & African Wakeboard Championships August 2016, and we will enter a full Irish Team. Progress our Cable Team, and to support the opening of new Cable Parks. To involve more young people in the cable discipline and promote the Cutting Edge Educational program.

Irish Wheelchair Association – Sport

www.iwasport.ie

Total ISC Funding: €240,834

Participants: 1,935

Clubs: 26

Highlight of 2015

We had teams competing at 4 major international competitions including, European Championships in

Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby and Para Powerlifting. Junior team competing at the International Wheelchair and Amputee World Junior Games. Our members featuring strongly on the Paralympics Ireland Table Tennis, Athletics and Swimming teams at European and World championships.

Key Objective 2016

To continue to grow participation opportunities for new and current members. To support our members that will compete at the Paralympic Games in Rio.

Ladies Gaelic Football Association

www.ladiesgaelic.ie

Total ISC Funding: €384,655

Participants: 176,880

Clubs: 1,296

Highlight of 2015

2015 was another important year of growth for the Ladies Gaelic Football Association. The biggest highlight of which was the attendance record that we set at the TG4 All Ireland Finals in Croke Park on September 27th. Over 31,000 supporters came to Croke Park to support the 6 teams competing at the TG4 All Ireland Finals resulting in the largest attendance at a Female European sporting event in 2015.

Key Objective 2016

Our key objective for 2016 is to continue growing the sport through the innovative use of appealing and interesting programmes. We will also map out our pathway to continued growth in for the next 6 years when we develop our strategic plan in partnership with all of our stakeholders.

Motorcycling Union of Ireland

www.motorcycling-ireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €58,936

Participants: 861 Competition Licence

Highlight of 2015

Motorcycling Ireland held over 200 events / all disciplines Road Racing/ Motocross / Trials /Enduro / Short Circuit / Touring / Veteran & Vintage / Drag Racing / Hillclimb. Dublin City Motocross Club Ltd held their first Supercross competition event which was very successful. Dublin City Motocross run the club for under privileged youths in the area. One Irish Motorcyclist won the World

Championship Johnny Rea Coupe de l'Avenir Motocross Belgium Under 25 came overall 7th Juniors came overall 11th. Motocross de Nations France 17th overall. Women's World Trial Championships, Tarragona Spain 30th overall & Trial Des Nations Tarragona Spain 9th overall 2015. Men's Trial des Nations came 6th overall. Jack Kennedy competed in the BSB British Championships, came 7th and 11th overall. Cormac Conroy won the FIM 750 Championship and came 2nd in the final Forgotten Era.

Key Objective 2016

To promote our Sport through Social Media Full coverage Social Media with the new office equipment, sending Teams to all International events and all World events and to train two tutors.

Motorsport Ireland

www.motorsportireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €134,969
Participants: 3,400
Clubs: 36

Highlight of 2015

Craig Breen runner up in European Rally Championship. Strategic Plan 3 published. Sport returns to growth. Motorsport Ireland appoints first ever Development Officer – Art McCarrick.

Key Objective 2016

Continue to grow the sport and introduce and deliver a new initiative to assist our young drivers competing internationally.

Mountaineering Ireland

www.mountaineering.ie

Total ISC Funding:
Participants: 12,000 members, 250,000 active participants hillwalking/climbing in Ireland
Clubs: 184

Highlight of 2015

One of the many highlights for 2015 was Mountaineering Ireland's support and promotion of the participation of all age groups, especially youth, in all aspects of mountaineering. The Youth Alpine Initiative was a real highlight with young people from across Ireland undertaking 6 months intensive training culminating in the group summiting on 4,000m peaks in the Alps in July 2015.

Key Objective 2016

To continue to maintain high standards in mountain training and to support skills development for our members while continuing to provide a talent development pathway to high performance. To represent the interests of walkers and climbers on the island of Ireland and to be a voice for the sustainable management of the uplands.

National Target Shooting Association

www.targetshooting.ie

Participants: 600
Clubs: 6

Highlight of 2015

2015 highlights were the participation in international competitions (including ISSF and IPC) in UK, Germany, Croatia, Slovenia and Luxembourg. Our IPC member, Seán Baldwin, has qualified for the Rio Paralympics and was successful in reaching finals although medals proved elusive.

Key Objective 2016

Our long-term plans include building a national squad and increasing our participation in international competition with a view towards qualification for Tokyo during the next Olympic cycle.

Paralympics Ireland

www.paralympics.ie

Total ISC Funding: €990,000
Federation of 23 member sports

Highlight of 2015

13 World & 1 European Championship Medals won by Irish athletes on the Road to Rio. Qualification of the Irish CP Football Team for Rio 2016.

Key Objective 2016

Top 30 place on the Rio 2016 Medals Table.

Pentathlon Ireland

www.pentathlon.ie

Total ISC Funding: €190,000
Participants: 200

Highlight of 2015

Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe becoming the new European Modern Pentathlon Champion in a historic day for

Irish Sport in Bath. Arthur becomes the first ever Irish pentathlete to win gold and sealed his place in the 2016 Olympic Games in the process.

Key Objective 2016

We continue to raise awareness of our unique sport through community based initiatives and youth development. To cater for the growing interest in Modern Pentathlon Ireland we will be hosting the Youth A World Championships in Limerick. On the high performance side we are clear in our objectives to support athletes qualifying for the Olympics.

Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland

www.ppui.ie

Total ISC Funding: €62,402
Participants: 7,200
Clubs: 107

Racquetball Association of Ireland

www.raquetball-ireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €14,600
Clubs: 28

Highlight of 2015

All Ireland Singles & Doubles Championships held in Galway for the first time. 4 players competed in the US Open in Minneapolis. Team of 7 players competed in the 27th IRF World Junior Championships in Dominican Republic (bronze medals in Girls Under 14 Doubles). Key Objective 2016: The Association intends to roll out Level 1 coaching program to clubs in 2015. Redevelopment of the Association's website. Introduction of a online tournament management system. Participate in the World Championships in Cali, Columbia. Participate in the World Junior Championships

Rowing Ireland

www.rowingireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €749,955
Participants: 10,000
Clubs: 66

Highlight of 2015

Qualification of four athletes to Rio, significant growth in non -traditional income, the largest ever Irish Championship event, rowing popularity and

membership engagement at an all-time high and the exposure of over 7,000 Secondary School students to the Women in Sport Indoor Get Going Get Rowing programme.

Key Objective 2016

Continued growth of our membership, podium success at Rio and support for Club planning are all items high on the agenda for 2016.

Softball Ireland

www.softball.ie

Participants: 800
Clubs: 32

Highlight of 2015

After another year of growth, Launch of Softball Sevens, Bronze Medal at the European Co-Ed Slowpitch Championships, First participation in the European Women's Fastpitch Championships.

Key Objective 2016

The continued growth of the game focusing on Women's and schools participation through the extension of Softball Sevens. On an International front, Softball Ireland will compete at its first Women's World Fastpitch Championships in Surrey, Canada.

Student Sport Ireland

www.studentsport.ie

Total ISC Funding: €87,701
Participants: Domestic Leagues- 1,750; WUG- 63 High Performance Athletes
Teams in Student Leagues: 128

Highlight of 2015

Thomas Barr (University of Limerick) winning gold in the 400mH and Fiona Doyle (University of Calgary) winning silver and bronze in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke respectively at the World University Games hosted by the South Korean city of Gwangju.

Key Objective 2016

The continued development of programmes to promote increased participation in sport and physical activity by third level students and to support the participation of high performance students at the 2016 World University Championships

Snowsports Association of Ireland

www.snowsports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €20,000

Special Olympics Ireland

www.specialolympics.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,200,000 Core Grant, plus

€250,000 for the 2015 World Summer Games

Participants: 8,808

Clubs: 360

Highlight of 2015

88 Athletes participated very successfully in the 2015 World Games achieving 82 medals which included 26 Gold, 28 Silver and 28 Bronze and 41 placement ribbons. Significantly, Team Ireland recorded 31 Personal bests by 13 individual athletes in the 3 timed/measured sports, athletics and aquatics and kayaking.

Key Objective 2016

Completion of the next Strategic Plan which will establish the key objectives for the organisation from 2016 – 2020. Host the 2016 National Winter Games in Alpine skiing and Floorball. Host Area (first level) competition events in 13 summer sports in all regions.

Swim Ireland

www.swimireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €1,484,000

Participants: 16,105 (53% female, 65% under 18)

Clubs: 164

Highlight of 2015

AGM voted for best practice governance with new board structure and independent directors. 48 athletes competed at International events with one Olympic qualification achieved, 2 World medals, 5 European Youth medals and 7 Top 16 places at the Worlds Juniors. 52 aquatic education course (579 candidates) delivered in 2015 (one per week). 5,000 sign-ups for our Swim for a Mile training programme designed to get people back swimming. Jointly hosted the Aquatic Coaching Conference with the American Swim Coaches Association attended by over 140 coaches.

Key Objective 2016

Develop a National Swimming strategy and proudly represent Ireland at the Olympic Games.

Tennis Ireland

www.tennisireland.ie

Total ISC Funding: €483,747

Participants: 40,000

Clubs: 200

Highlight of 2015

James McGee Ireland's no 1 player makes it in to top 150 in ATP world rankings. Jenny Claffey joins the pro-tour and wins first futures in Egypt. Irish Wheelchair player Garreth Greene reaches world ranking of 115. Simon Carr age 15 wins National Senior Indoors title and reaches final in doubles Futures event with Bjorn Thomson. Bjorn Thomson makes top 100 ITF junior ranking. Georgia Drummy age 15 reaches 128 in ITF junior world ranking. Three U14 players in top 100 of Tennis Europe rankings.

Key Objective 2016

To continue to develop structures which can see us develop world class players. To see our top 2 Juniors in Grand Slams. To retain Junior Tri-nations title. To continue to increase the numbers playing tennis nationally by promoting outreach tennis programmes amongst clubs/schools & parks and develop social inclusion programme at grass roots.

Triathlon Ireland

www.triathlonireland.com

Total ISC Funding:

Participants: 10,420

Clubs: 84

Highlight of 2015

Triathlon Ireland celebrated its 10th consecutive year of participation growth, breaking through the 10,000 racing members barrier for the first time.

Key Objective 2016

Continue to develop participation towards 12,000 members, roll-out of Junior and WIS projects with support from funding partners, Rio Olympics and Paralympics success, development of 2nd year of our Super Series draft-legal competition, relocating to the superb facilities.

Vision Sports Ireland

www.visionsports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €34,713

Participants: 600

Highlight of 2015

MayFest 2015, Ireland's biggest sports and leisure weekend for vision impaired people, was held from 22nd to 24th May (various Dublin venues). The 12 sports available were: athletics, blind football, futsal, judo, novelty, SNAG golf, swimming, table cricket, tandem cycling, tenpin bowling, tug o'war and walking.

Key Objective 2016

Focus to further increase participation levels of vision impaired people in sports of their choice. A likely highlight will be our MayFest Forum where representatives of all sports NGBs as well as many other interested groupings will be invited to explore what makes vision impaired sportspeople tick.

Volleyball Ireland

www.volleyballireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €238,818

Participants: 1,710 individual, 18,360 schools

Clubs: 45

Highlight of 2015

The Volleyball Association ran its second sitting volleyball intro course with the help of Cavan/Monaghan Sports Partnership. This year we also piloted our Mini-Spikers programme for 6 to 9 year olds in selected Primary Schools and also ran our firsts Masters event. 800 School teams entered this years SpikeBall competition to compete for a place in the National SpikeBall finals.

Key Objective 2016

Our focus remains on growing participation but very much with an eye on sustainability. For this reason we are looking to grow more local recreational leagues and support the volunteers who run them.

Weightlifting Ireland

www.weightliftingireland.com

Total ISC Funding: €18,818

Participants: 638

Clubs: 33

LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

Active Donegal

www.activedonegal.com

Total ISC Funding: €195,403

Cavan Local Sports Partnership

www.cavansportspartnership.ie

Total ISC Funding: €124,750

Clare Sports Partnership

www.claresportspartnership.ie

Total ISC Funding: €296,790

Highlight of 2015

In 2015 the Older Adults Programme has proved to be an extremely successful and has resulted in the set up of seven new older adults groups that meet for an hour each week. These groups have physical activity at their core, through the roll out of activities recommended by Go for Life. There is also an opportunity for local services such as Gardai, GP etc to visit the groups to make an important connection with the older population. This is true with particular reference to North Clare, where a successful partnership has been established with CSP and the North Clare Primary Health Care Team. To date an average of 132 older adults per week are participating in the CSP older adult's programme.

Key Objective 2016

Our key objective in 2016 is to rollout our new strategy. The achievement of the overall strategy will be delivered through a number of projects described as transformational in the manner in which they address our key strategic goals and harness the human and physical resources of the county. The basis for the plan is to achieve quality deliverables among the target groups with our community, schools and clubs central to future activity.



Cork Sports Partnership

www.corksports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €325,407

Highlight of 2015

Organised 48 Code of Ethics courses across City & County. 2,500 cyclists participated in the An Post Rebel Tour. Secured €142,000 additional funding through Dormant accounts for West Cork Islands Community Sports hub and 4 Community Coaching Courses. SportsAbility Day 2015 - attracted local & national media coverage with Over 300 visitors attending and many clubs recruiting new members on the day. 22 Sports Programmes operating across 12 NGBs in Cork with over 8,500 participants. Established a Digital Marketing Strategy for CSP including the development of a new Mobile Responsive Website, Email & Social Media Marketing Channels. Working with 2 YMCA groups in Cork on a Meet&Train programme where 20 young people (17-22yrs) took part in a 6 week training programme and all took part their first 5k on Nov 8th – our annual Rebel Run.

Key Objective 2016

Continue to focus efforts in the area of sports participation and physical activity, working in partnership with key stakeholders, clubs, communities to further grow and develop the highlights listed above.

County Carlow Local Sports Partnership

www.carlowsports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €129,168

Highlight of 2015

51 local clubs were assisted with development support and over 150 local sports leaders, volunteers and coaches took part in Local Sports Partnership training to upskill. Secured €20,000 to deliver a sports inclusion programme for people with a disability in County Carlow. Approximately 5,800 people took part in Carlow Local Sports Partnership programmes during 2015. Over 150 families to part in our HSE funded Get Outdoors Geocache.

Key Objective 2016

To secure funding needed to engage a sports development officer to deliver a physical activity programme for people with a disability on a full-time basis.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership

www.dublincity.ie

Total ISC Funding: €234,760

Highlight of 2015

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership decided to engage with young girls across the City by using boxing as a tool. This was done through the co funded IABA Boxing in the Community Officers, and so the very 1st Women In Sport All Female boxing programme was introduced to young girls in post primary schools. During the 13 week programme over 250 girls participated from 8 schools, with 40 schools competing in the Showcase exhibition in the National Boxing Stadium.

Key Objective 2016

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership will strive to create a viable , visible and vibrant City for all. We will achieve this by developing a new strategy for Sport and Wellbeing in the City that will guide us through to 2020 and beyond.

Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Sports Partnership

www.dlrsportspartnership.ie

Total ISC Funding: €151,000

Highlight of 2015

Worked with local Primary Schools to increase participation, communication and knowledge in the area of sport and physical activity. This was achieved through organizing an information seminar for teachers and principals, which was then followed up with sports taster days and follow on networking.

Key Objective 2016

To continue to work with key target groups to engage and include them in sport and physical activity. A number of flagship events and participation programmes will be rolled out in addition to volunteer training and club development workshops.

Fingal Sports Office

www.fingal.ie

Total ISC Funding: 147,095

Programmes: 580

Highlight of 2015

KIDSMARATHON- Fingal County Council, Sports Office in Association with SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon organised this 8 week programme targeting 6th class students in 23 Fingal Primary Schools. Students participated in four running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first Marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity. The finale saw the students running their last mile at the Dublin Marathon on October 26th to complete their 26.2 miles!

Key Objective 2016

To Design and launch a MOODLE website to provide teachers, coaches and those involved in sport to access top quality coaching and teaching instruction and to enhance and advance existing programmes.

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership

www.kerryrecreationandsports.ie

Total ISC Funding:

Highlight of 2015

A highlight of 2015 was the commencement of Parkrun in Kerry. 2015 saw the launch of two Parkruns notably, Tralee parkrun (January) and Killarney parkrun (June). The enthusiasm and level of volunteering along with the good feel factor within the community is a continuous source of inspiration. Well done to all involved, both supporters and the invaluable volunteers!!

Key Objective 2016

The above highlight reaffirms the achievement of a 2015 objective – to encourage continued efforts in partnering with and from community groups and local agencies. An objective for 2016 is to continue the same because the sum is greater than the individual parts but greater partnering.

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

www.krsp.ie

Total ISC Funding: €176,502

Highlight of 2015

The highlight of 2015 was the Street Festival, Ciclovía with the transformation of High Street into a giant playground with 1,500 in attendance participating in street soccer, inline skating, basketball, martial arts displays, balance bike courses and many other activities. The School Sport Support initiative which saw the introduction of Sportshall Athletics and Physical Literacy

programmes to primary schools. KRSP secured €18,000 for provision of equipment for sports for People with Disabilities.

Key Objective 2016

To empower communities to increase participation through inclusive sports for all programmes and to empower sports clubs to provide quality opportunities for engagement in sports and physical activity. We will focus on supporting and encouraging pre-schools and schools to prepare and implement an effective PE, PA and Sport (PEPAS) programme for children and young people.

Kildare Sports Partnership

www.kildare.ie/kildaresp

Total ISC Funding: €140,127

Clubs: 450

Highlight of 2015

The MOJO Programme- Mojo is a 12 week, 2 day per week, interagency programme developed to provide a coordinated response to men who are in ‘distress’ because of the recession and unemployment. Kildare Sports Partnership rolled out the physical activity element of the programme which proved very successful, especially as many of the participants had not taken part in sport or physical activity before.

Key Objective 2016

As our new Sports Inclusion Disability Officer is commencing in the new year, in conjunction with South Dublin Sports Partnership, the key objective for 2016 is to focus on increasing our involvement with people with disabilities and develop an improved strategy in this area.

Laois Sports Partnership

www.laoissports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €176,731

Participants in programmes: 2,527

Highlight of 2015

Healthy Living Programme saw 30 participants transform their lifestyles and introduction of Sports Leader Award for 13 + age group. 291 people received training through various LSP & Sport Ireland Courses.

Key Objective 2016

To review our Strategic Plan and implement new plan.

Leitrim Sports

www.leitrimsports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €143,426

Limerick Sports Partnership

www.limericksports.ie

Total ISC Funding:

€304,686, €130,000 dormant accounts

Participants in programmes and events: 16,225

Highlight of 2015

125 Women completed the Women on Wheels Programme (WOW). They took part in the Tour De BURREN, and Pieta House as their target events. Participants joined a Viber group while others have Joined Sophie's Foundation Cycling Club. Each programme was 10 weeks, meeting every Monday and every 2nd Saturday! Distances varied from 15k to 30k with all completing 50k by targeted event. Participants also attended Bike Maintenance workshops and Nutrition Workshops while they also received weekly ebullitions on Core work, safe cycling tips etc. Participants were engaged from March to Oct with a small group now participating in an indoor Turbo bike session on Monday nights.

Key Objective 2016

In 2016 we will endeavor to deliver key Actions in our new Strategic Plan and key Actions in the new National Physical Activity Plan. We expect to expand our Community Sports Hub and Job Seekers programme so as to facilitate more Community based Physical Activity opportunities. Finally, we plan to engage with local third level institutions to complete local research so as to support existing programmes and plan based on empirical evidence for future programmes. This research will target Older Adults, Men 30-60 and Teenagers.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

www.louthlsp.ie

Total ISC Funding: €81,818

Highlight of 2015

213 primary school children from 14 schools participated in Cycle Safety training organised by Louth LSP during Bike Week.

Key Objective 2016

Ensure a new strategic plan is in place.

Mayo Sports Partnership

www.mayosports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €221,430

Participants programmes: 15,000

Number of Clubs in your area: 580

Highlight of 2015

25 communities across Mayo participate in "Operation Get Active Mayo" - In January / February 2015 over 700 men, women and children from all age categories took part in different walks and runs around the county which ran from Achill to Carracastle and Kilmaine to Belmullet.

Key Objective 2016

Continue to deliver on the Dormant Account supported programmes such as the Ballyhaunis Sports Hub (developing the first Cricket Practice facility of its kind in Irealnd), Goal to Work Sports Coach Training Programme and Youth Sports Leadership Training.

Meath Local Sports Partnership

www.meathsports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €238,907

Highlight of 2015

Recognition received for our Active Minds programme in that it was nominated for the Dementia Elevator awards (decision early Dec). Active Minds programme is a physical activity based programme for people with early onset dementia. Feedback from the service providers has shown that short bursts of physical activity on a daily basis has positive effects on the participants helping to maintain current cognitive levels. Club development resource pack was developed and made available to all clubs within the county.

Key Objective 2016

To be fully compliant in all aspects of the Governance Code by year end 2016.

Monaghan Local Sports Partnership

www.monaghansports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €148,420.

€34650 from dormant accounts

Participants in programmes: 4,000

Highlight of 2015

Highlights include the number of adults aged 50+ who are more active as a result of a varied programme of activity initiated by LSP, the development of ParkRun locally, the advances made in integrating people with a disability in community based sport, coordinating National events at a local level including National Bike Week, National Recreation Week, National Play Day, Polska Éire event.

Key Objective 2016

Key objectives include: A new strategic plan for sport & physical activity in Monaghan, 'Let's go Walking, Monaghan' campaign to promotes more walking in the community, Inclusion in the community (an integrated approach for the participation in physical activity by people with a disability and education of the deliverers of same)

Tipperary Sports Partnership

www.tipperarysports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €417,690

Highlight of 2015

On the 1st July 2015, South Tipperary & North Tipperary Sports Partnership merged to form Tipperary Sports Partnership with an all county remit to develop Sport & Physical Activity.

Key Objective 2016

To develop a new Strategic Plan for Tipperary. Rebranding and marketing of Tipperary Sports Partnership will be a key objective. Continued delivery of core programmes and implementation of participation programmes with a specific focus on a new Social Inclusion Programme. The roll out of the Outdoor Community Sports Hub on the River Suir & completion of the Community Coaching programme.

Offaly Sports Partnership

www.offalysports.ie

Total ISC Funding: €214,539

Highlight of 2015

The national SPORTSHALL Athletics event continues to be managed by Offaly Sports Partnership. Up to 750 pupils from 34 primary schools across 15 counties participated in 2015. This programme is supporting the improvement of children's fundamental sports skills, and is a pathway into the sport of athletics.

Key Objective 2016

Launch of Offaly Sports Partnership's third strategic plan for sport and recreation in Offaly. Five key themes have been identified forming the basis for this plan: Improve youth fitness, increase adult participation, include the least active, integrate & celebrate, improve capacity & inform the sector.

Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership

www.sligosportandrecreation.ie

Total ISC Funding: €239,291

Highlight of 2015

Launch of the External Evaluation of the SSRP 'Cranmore Regeneration through Sport' project which demonstrated the positive impact of sport and recreation in a disadvantaged community in the urban area of Cranmore in Sligo town. Positive outcomes included a significant increase in the number of sporting opportunities available and the number of people of all ages participating in sport. The evaluation identified impacts including community empowerment, social networking, positive mental health gain, improved self esteem and enhanced community morale. The model of delivery which is based on a partnership approach involved SSRP, statutory agencies and community stakeholders and proved to be an effective model. (see poster summary attached).

Key Objective 2016

To facilitate a range of community sports participation programmes, education opportunities and policy positions which drive sports participation for all age groups, facilitate community empowerment and leads to a stable local sporting infrastructure.

South Dublin County Local Sports Partnership

www.sdcspl.ie

Total ISC Funding: €138,800, plus 40,000 in dormant account funding

Highlight of 2015

Getting funding from Sport Ireland for a new Sports Disability Officer post. This part-time position (shared with Kildare) will help us to deepen and strengthen our provision of sporting opportunities for people with a disability (intellectual, sensory or physical) in our

community. We believe it will lead to a much greater appreciation for the importance that people with a disability place on being able to participate in sport and healthy physical activity, and for the ease with which clubs and facilities can address it.

Key Objective 2016

To strengthen our provision of sporting and health promoting activities to our community – to schools, club coaches and administrators, hard to reach groups and more – and to be a local pillar for the national objectives of Sport Ireland and the National Physical Activity Plan.

Waterford Sports Partnership

www.waterfordsportspartnership.ie

Total ISC Funding: €209,651

Highlight of 2015

The Men on the Move programme was a real highlight in 2015 with over 130 men taking part. This programme targeted men who are inactive with twice weekly physical activity sessions for twelve weeks. Aside from the physical impact, the programme has had a very positive impact on the social and mental health of many of the participants. Being awarded Dormant account funding for the Carrickphierish School Community Sports Hub was also a highlight.

Key Objective 2016

To build and strengthen the relationships with our partners in order to continue providing sustainable physical activity opportunities for the people of Waterford. In particular in 2016, we will celebrate ten years of the Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford, focus on the development of a successful sports hub in the Carrickphierish Community Campus that will visibly increase participation in that area and we will develop a robust evaluation process for our activities in partnership with Sport Ireland.

Westmeath Sports Partnership

www.facebook.com/westmeathsport

Total ISC Funding: €160,391

Highlight of 2015

The development of our children's handcycling programme along with the full integration of Meet and Spin and Walking community programmes. The establishment of our first ParkRun in AIT and the development of a second one in the county will be a big

boost to the running/walking community. For our older population, the introduction of the Co for Games in the county was a huge success, further enhanced with the trip to the National Games in Dublin.

Key Objective 2016

With the opening of the Old Rail trail greenway, we hope to develop a sustainable cycling/walking/running culture along the route. This, along with the development of our new strategic plan, will hopefully assist us in targeting the inactive in the county.

Sports Active Wexford

www.wexford.ie/sportsactive

Total ISC Funding: €224,028

Highlight of 2015

The activNable Project is being developed in response to a perceived need to increase the activity levels of people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues in residential care settings in County Wexford.

Key Objective 2016

To develop the Community Sports hub Initiative.

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership

www.wicklowlsp.ie

Total ISC Funding: €90,750

Highlight of 2015

The beginning of our Community coaching programme that we are rolling out in Arklow. This is a joint venture between ourselves and the KWETB and the participants take part in job preparation skill building and a range of sports coach training that is provided by the NGBs.

Key Objective 2016

To conduct a needs analysis of the physical activity requirements and provision for people living in Wicklow. Wicklow LSP will also promote the activity happening around the county and increase our profile to people in Wicklow.



There are 5 key building blocks to ensure Ireland's **SPORTING FUTURE**:

1 NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY

Develop, adopt & implement a sport strategy (over the next political cycle) that looks to maximise the power and positivity of sport across Government to enhance the lives and health of all Ireland's citizens. The strategy should be both aspirational and transformative with ring-fenced funding, dedicated political oversight and review mechanisms. The FIS is currently preparing a position paper outlining our thinking in more detail.



2 FUNDING

Aim to restore funding levels for sport to 2008 levels by 2021 through costed programmes and initiatives to deliver targeted outcomes in terms of increased participation and retention levels as well as international performance.



3 HELP TO HELP OURSELVES

A Level Playing Field? Treat sport on a par with all other areas of the not for profit sector by introducing a tax relief on donations to sporting bodies in respect of items of current expenditure (cost from €1.65 million per year).



4 GIVE YOUTH THE BEST CHANCE

Provide the next generation with the best opportunities and commit to the delivery of at least 2 hours mandatory sport & physical activity (as recommended by DoH/WHO in schools each week) whilst trying to formalise links between schools and community sports clubs.



5 SPORTS TOURISM

Develop a sport specialist dedicated bidding entity/unit to ensure Ireland benefits from the €450 billion worldwide sports tourism industry whilst allowing our international athletes compete more frequently at home.





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