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SECTION 1 - 2025, A YEAR IN REVIEW

1.1 Notable Sporting Successes

For a small county, Offaly is strongly represented in a variety of sports on the international stage, and **2025 proved to be no different.**



A major highlight of the year was when **Shane Lowry** holed a crucial putt on the 18th hole at the Ryder Cup to secure the half point Europe needed to retain the trophy against the USA.



Para swimmer **Nicole Turner**, who retired from international competition at the end of 2024, was awarded the **Offaly Person of the Year Award** in recognition of her stellar career in the pool from a very young age

Among the sportspeople competing internationally in 2025 were the following: -



- **Megan Armitage** competed in the Tour Down Under in cycling before stepping away from professional cycling to concentrate on triathlon. She secured her first podium finish at the Hervey Bay 100 triathlon in November.
- **Megan Burns** continued to represent Ireland internationally in Rugby Sevens, confirming her status as one of the country's leading players.
- **Ella Cantwell** topped the Irish U-18 girls' Order of Merit for golf in 2025 and secured her first cap for Ireland.
- **Cian Crampton** secured a top six finish at the European U-20 Track and Field Championships in the discus.
- **Aoife Dalton** established herself as one of Ireland's leading rugby players, earning selection to the Women's Six Nations Team of the Championship, helping Ireland qualify for the World Cup, and being awarded Ireland Women's Player of the Year.
- **Danielle Donegan** finished third at the National Senior Cross Country Championships, securing her selection to compete at the European Championships in December.
- **Alex Dunne**, competing for Rodin Motorsport, became the first Irish driver to win a Formula 2 race and finished fifth in his rookie season. He also participated in two Formula 1 practice sessions with McLaren.
- **James Dunne** secured the qualifying standard in the 1,500m to compete at the World Championships and World University Games, though injury prevented his participation. At the end of the year, he signed a professional contract with New Balance.
- **Paudie Farrell** made a breakthrough in 2025, winning his first U-20 caps for Ireland and competing at the World Rugby U-20 Championships.
- **Lucy Fitzgerald** made her U-19 international soccer debut for Ireland in a UEFA European Championship qualifying match against Serbia.
- **Twins Ellie and Emma Glavin** were both part of the Ireland U-20 Women's National Basketball Team squad in 2025.
- **Stuart Grehan** was named Men's Amateur Player of the Year by the Irish Golf Writers' Association in recognition of his dominant season. He was also selected for the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team.
- **Cormac Izuchukwu** established himself as a senior Ireland international rugby player, having made his debut in late 2024.
- **Trooper Brian Kennedy** was selected to represent Ireland at the 2025 World Boxing Championships in the 85kg category following his national elite title win.
- **Paul Loonam** continued his professional boxing career in 2025 with a further two bouts and two victories. Since turning professional in 2024, Loonam has a 6–0 record to date. Tragedy struck in July with the untimely passing of his father (Paul Senior, RIP), who had guided him and many other young boxers over several years.

- **Shane Lowry** remained the county's most prominent sportsperson in 2025, competing in 20 PGA Tour events and six DP World Tour events. The highlight of his year was helping Team Europe defend the Ryder Cup.
- **Ann-Marie Mc Glynn** continued to show that age is no barrier by winning the national half marathon in Tullamore, finishing as the second Irish woman in the Dublin City Marathon, and being selected to represent Ireland at the inaugural European Road Running Championships in Belgium.
- **Michael Milne** transitioned from a provincial rugby player to earning his first senior international test caps in matches against Georgia and Portugal during the summer of 2025.
- **Emma Mooney**, at 15 years of age, became the youngest player to score twice in a top-flight League of Ireland match. She represented Ireland at U-16 and U-17 levels during the year.
- **Aoife Murphy O Connor** was also part of the Athlone Town team that won both the Women's National League and the FAI Women's Cup. She was also included in the UEFA Women's U-19 European Championships qualifying campaign.
- **Heather Murphy** made her international debut, competing in the 10,000m at the European U-23 Track and Field Championships.
- **Ava O Connor** (a member of Tullamore Harriers, from Emo, Co. Laois) broke the Irish U-23 record in the 3,000m steeplechase and was selected to represent Ireland in the European Team Championships, the European U-23 Championships, the World University Games and the European U-23 Cross Country Championships.
- **Leah Stack** was selected for the Republic of Ireland's Girls U-16 squad and lined out in international friendlies in October.
- **Gráinne Walsh** continued to assert herself as a leading global amateur boxer by winning bronze at the 2025 World Boxing Championships.

In addition to those listed, many other young sportspeople represented the county with distinction at provincial, regional and national levels across a wide range of disciplines, while master and veteran competitors also continued to excel on national and international stages. The achievements highlighted in this section are the result of sustained commitment, perseverance and passion, supported by strong grassroots structures and the unwavering dedication of volunteers, coaches, parents and mentors. Together, they form the backbone of sport within the county, nurturing talent, inspiring participation and sustaining a vibrant and enduring sporting culture for future generations.

On the domestic Gaelic Games scene, county teams representing Offaly made progress in 2025: -



The “Senior Camogie team” won the “All Ireland Intermediate Championships” at Croke Park, one of the county’s biggest team successes of the year



“Grace Teehan” was named the “PwC GPA Intermediate Camogie Player of the Year”, a major national individual honour



The “Minor Football team” won the “Leinster Minor Football Championship”



The “Senior Football team” won the “Division 3 League”, and were promoted to Division 2

The “Offaly Senior Hurling team” secured promotion back to Division 1A of the League



1.2 Sports Partnership Operational Environment 2025

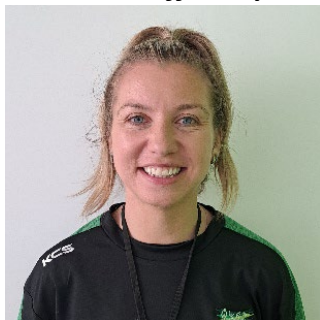
Budgetary

Continuing investment through various agencies including Sport Ireland, Dormant Accounts, the Health Services Executive, TUSLA, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and other funding partners resulted in Offaly Sports Partnership securing just over **€725,000** in financial contributions to deliver its range of programmes for the year.

In addition to this investment, the Healthy Offaly programme budget of €75,000 and two Offaly County Council funding schemes were managed by the Sports Partnership: -

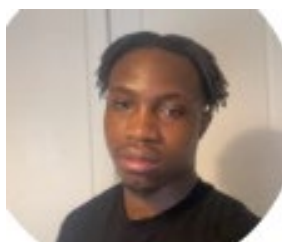
- i. €30,000 funding scheme for National Governing Bodies of Sport
- ii. €200,000 funding scheme for the development of a county camogie ground in Crinkill

Increased Staff Complement



One new role was created within Offaly Sports Partnership in 2025 due to increased investment from Sport Ireland. Mairéad Daly (pictured) was appointed to the role of Child & Youth Coach in August 2025. While the new post is a welcome addition to the Sports Partnership, nonetheless there is still a shortfall in funding for the Programme Manager and Development Officer roles.

Additional Staffing in 2025



Emmanuel Hastrup (pictured) of the South East Technological University in Carlow undertook a work experience placement with the Sports Partnership from January to April.

Emmanuel supported the Sports Development Officers in the delivery of their sport and physical activity programmes; and delivered schools and after schools' programmes as part of the Sports Partnership's integration through sport programme. After he completed his placement, Emmanuel continued to deliver sport and physical activities as part of the Sports Partnership's tutor panel during the summer months.

County plans

Significant work to develop two new plans for Co Offaly was undertaken during the year: -

i. County Outdoor Recreation Plan – “Offaly, Our Outdoors, 2026 to 2030”

Developed by the Outdoor Recreation Plan Project Team¹, chaired by Offaly County Council, the plan envisages a county where residents and visitors are free to enjoy a range of opportunities to engage in outdoor recreational activities on land, in the air and on water.

The draft plan went on public display in June. 16 submissions were received on same; and the plan was amended to reflect these submissions.

Following an instruction from the Department of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht, strategic environmental and appropriate assessments commenced on the amended draft plan in the latter end of the year. These assessments will be concluded in 2026. Thereafter, a final draft plan will be presented to the Outdoor Recreation Plan Project Team and the Dept of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht for review, approval and publication.

ii. Co Offaly Sports Plan, 2026 to 2030

Work on the first Co Offaly Sports Plan commenced in the summer months.

Four surveys (primary school pupils, post primary school students, adults and older adults, and diversity/inclusion/equality) were conducted. Over 2,500 responses were received. Additionally, nine focus group discussions were held, attended by over 180 people.

The plan, which will be completed in 2026, will take account of all local findings as well as local and national policy contexts.

¹ Outdoor Recreation Plan Project Team membership – Offaly County Council, BnM, Coillte, Fáilte Ireland, Local Enterprise Office, Offaly Local Development Company, Offaly Sports Partnership, Slieve Bloom Walking Group (community representative), Waterways Ireland

SECTION 2 - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WORKING GROUPS & STAFFING

2.1 Management Committee

In 2025, the Management Committee of Offaly Sports Partnership comprised representation from: -

- Three partner agencies, namely Offaly County Council, the Health Services Executive (HSE) and the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Athlone Campus
- Three public representatives, one from each municipal district
- Eight representatives (four female and four male) from the sport and voluntary sector

The work of the management committee was supported by two working groups: -

- i. The executive committee comprising of the chairperson, vice chair, financial monitor, a representative of the sports sector and the County Council's representative. The executive met as necessary where decisions needed to be taken between management committee meetings
- ii. The governance and risk working group which met to review internal policy and compliance with the governance code for sport



Deardriu Lally, Offaly County Council

Agency Representatives



Clodagh Armitage, HSE



Joe Meegan, TUS

Public Representatives



*Cllr Audrey Kennedy Hennessy
Birr MD*



*Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell
Edenderry MD*



*Cllr Ollie Bryant
Tullamore MD*

Sport & Voluntary Sector Representatives (female)



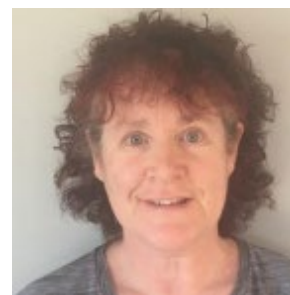
Ciara Ní Chéilleachair



Eileen O'Neill



Carol Scott



Breege Loftus

Sport & Voluntary Sector Representatives (male)



Sean Campbell



Jude Feehan



Van Gillissen



Ray Spain

Across quarter 4 2025 and quarter 1 2026, a process to select six voluntary sports representatives and two equality / diversity / inclusion representatives to join the Management Committee of Offaly Sports Partnership for the strategic period 2026 – 2030 was undertaken.

2.2 Staffing in 2025

In 2025, Offaly County Council continued to facilitate the employment of Offaly Sports Partnership staff: -

- The Coordinator and Administrator roles were 100% funded by Sport Ireland with Eamonn Henry and Olivia Murphy continuing in their respective positions.
- The Programme Manager role was funded to a maximum value of €63,000; with Liam O Reilly continuing in the role
- David Mc Caffrey continued in the 100% ESF+ funded Social Innovation through Sport Officer role
- The Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) and Community Sports Development Officer (CSDO) roles were funded by Sport Ireland to a maximum value of €43,000 each; with Jean Brady (SIDO), Denise Coghill (CSDO) continuing in their respective positions
- The Child & Youth Coach role was funded to a maximum value of €35,000; with Mairéad Daly commencing the role in August 2025
- A third level student from the South East Technological University (SETU) Carlow, Emmanuel Haastrup, completed a work experience placement with the Sports Partnership
- Offaly Sports Partnership also facilitated the line management of the Healthy Offaly Coordinator,

Dermot Egan on behalf of Offaly County Council



*Eamonn Henry
Coordinator*



*Liam O Reilly
Programme Manager*



*David Mc Caffrey,
ESF+ Sport4Empowerment Officer*



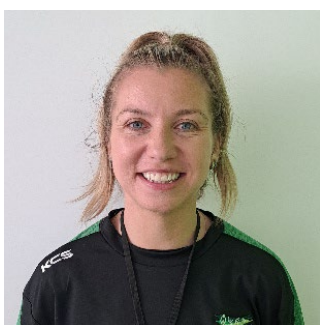
*Olivia Murphy
Administrator*



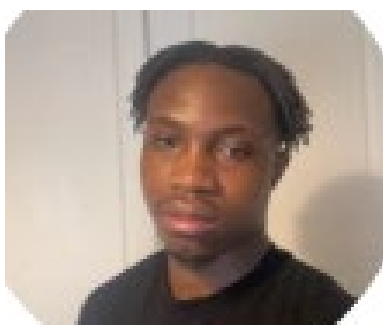
*Jean Brady
Sport Inclusion Development Officer*



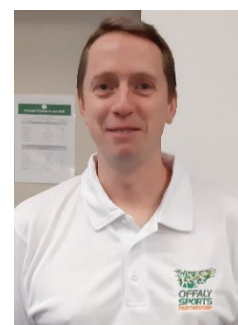
*Denise Coghill
Community Sport Development Officer*



*Mairéad Daly
Child & Youth Coach*



*Emmanuel Hastrup
Student placement*



*Dermot Egan
Healthy Offaly Coordinator*

2.3 Sports Hubs / Contracted Tutors / Interns / Student Placements / Volunteers

Much of the work of Offaly Sports Partnership throughout the year was also made possible through the efforts of our Community Sports Hubs in Daingean, Mucklagh and Ballycumber; and our contracted tutors.

The Daingean Sports Hub (operating out of the Daingean Community Sports Hall on the grounds of Daingean GAA), the Mucklagh Sports Hub (operating out of Mucklagh Community Centre) and the Ballycumber Sports Hub (operating out of the Ballycumber Activity Centre) supported the delivery of a range of outreach programmes to schools, clubs, organisations and the local community as well as continuing to secure greater usage of their facilities.

Contracted tutors supported the delivery of education and training programmes, the sports inclusion disability programme, school programmes and women in sport programmes.

SECTION 3 – IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE OFFALY



2025 was the final year for delivery of actions under Offaly Sports Partnership current five-year strategic plan, “*Active Offaly 2021 – 2025*”.

The framework of the plan will be utilised in 2026 while the new Co. Offaly Sports Plan is developed.

During 2025, actions continued to be delivered under the five thematic pillars guiding the work of the Sports Partnership: -

1. Instil Fundamentals & Improve Youth Fitness
2. Increase Adult & Older Adult Participation
3. Include the Least Active
4. Integrate & Celebrate
5. Improve Capacity & Inform the Sector

Pillar 1 - Instil Fundamentals & Improve Youth Fitness

Offaly Sports Partnership is committed to instilling fundamentals and improving fitness levels by providing children and young people with a positive introduction to sport and physical activity, which supports lifelong involvement. A range of actions were delivered in 2025 in support of this commitment.

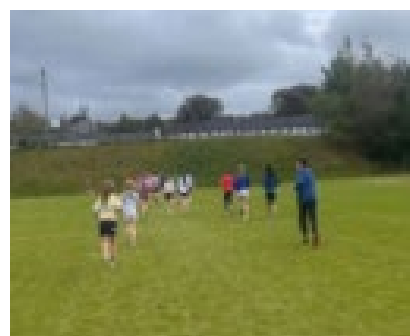
Following the recruitment of our new Child & Youth Coach, six schools² participated in a schools coaching programme covering athletics, basketball, fundamental movement skills and Olympic handball. Over 750 pupils from junior infants to sixth class were facilitated on the various programmes. Two ASD classes³ also participated on the programme. Additionally, two after schools' programmes were delivered in Banagher and Tullamore catering for up to 50 children across third to sixth class.



Fundamental movement skills



Basketball



Cross country



St Rynagh's Basketball Blitz

² Schools coaching programme participants - Scoil Bhríde Clara, Scoil Bhríde Tullamore, Scoil Eoin Phóil Tullamore, St Brendan's Boys PS Birr, St Joseph's NS Tullamore and St Rynagh's NS Banagher

³ ASD schools coaching programme participants - Scoil Bhríde Clara and St Rynagh's Banagher

Pillar 2 - Increase Adult & Older Adult Participation

A range of actions, with a particular focus on increasing the participation of older adults in sport and physical activity, were undertaken in 2025. Among the actions delivered were two activator pole / social walking programmes for over 50 participants, seven gentle fitness programmes for over 100 participants, o50s boccia, and pickleball for over 25 participants. Among the participants on the gentle fitness programmes were older adults with Dementia and Parkinsons, as well as those aged 80+ years.



Activator pole programme



Gentle fitness programme



Mens' Boccia Final

Belmont A v Rahan with Belmont A securing the win



Mixed Boccia Final

Rahan v Birr / Crinkle B with Rahan securing the win



Womens' Boccia Final - Ballycumber v Clonbullogue with Ballycumber securing the win

Additionally, local clubs were supported to deliver participation programmes for adults including the Healthy Offaly funded Offaly 5k road race series, and cycling events for adults as part of Bike Week 2025



*Healthy Offaly funded
Offaly 5k road race series*



Bike Week - Grand Canal Greenway Cycle Relay



Pillar 3 - Include the Least Active

By far, Offaly Sports Partnership's largest area of work continues to be our commitment to fostering equality of opportunity by enabling identified low participation groups to partake in sport and physical activity.

In 2025, this work was led out by our development officers, and supported by various tutors: -

- David Mc Caffrey in the area of inclusive sport for youth at risk, ethnic minorities and migrants;
- Jean Brady in the area of inclusive sport for people with additional needs / disabilities; and
- Denise Coghill in the area of community sports

The following pages provide a synopsis of the Sports Partnership's work in supporting the participation of those least active, with interventions reaching five of the identified low participation groups, including: -

- i. Disadvantaged and Low-income communities
- ii. People with additional needs / disabilities
- iii. People of an ethnic minority background
- iv. Women & Girls
- v. Older adults – see pillar 2 for information on the older adult programmes delivered

3.1 Disadvantaged and Low-Income communities

Among the programmes delivered by Denise to support the participation of disadvantaged and low-income communities in sport and physical activity were: -

- Games on the green / Community sports days - delivered in association with the Housing Section of Offaly County Council, 16 games on the green / community sports days were supported during the year catering for 200 young people aged 6 to 25 years
- Community Games return to sport programmes in six locations (Banagher, Clara, Daingean, Edenderry, Ferbane and Rhode) catering for 250 children
- Teens social cycling along the Grand Canal in Belmont for 10 participants
- Teens kayaking in Shannonharbour for over 75 participants across 10 sessions



social cycling for teens



games on the green



teens kayaking



community sports days

3.2 People with Additional Needs / Disabilities

Jean, the Sports Inclusion Development Officer, continued to support just over **950** people with additional needs / disabilities to participate in sport and physical activity programmes including: -

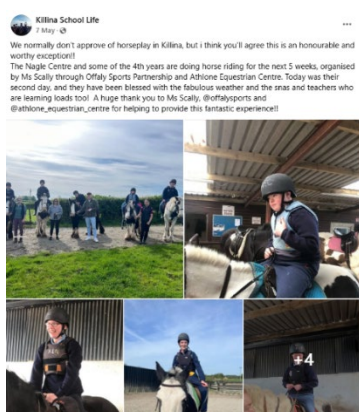
- **13 adapted physical activity programmes** in schools and for community-based disability organisations catering for 130 participants including primary school pupils, post primary school students, adults and older adults
- **1:1 physical activity support programmes** for 60 children and young people with additional needs / disabilities
- **July provision days** – three sports days were hosted in Leah Victoria Park, Tullamore; while several schools were also supported individually. In total, 100 pupils across 15 schools were accommodated on the programme
- four **“Learn to”** programmes (cycling and swimming) for over 40 children with additional needs / disabilities.
- four **multi sports camps** for 140 children with additional needs / disabilities and their siblings during term breaks including easter and the summer
- six **recreational sports days / programmes** for 500 people with additional needs / disabilities including primary school pupils, post primary school students, adults and older adults



Banagher College / IWA Sport Boccia



Multi-sport camps



Therapeutic horse-riding



Learn to cycle



Adapted physical activities

3.3 People of an Ethnic Minority Background

David, the Sport4Empowerment Officer oversaw delivery of various interventions targeting people of an ethnic minority background including: -

- four exercise programmes for 34 adults resident in three IPAS centres at local gyms in Edenderry, Moneygall and Tullamore
- four recreational sports days / programmes for 200 people including children, young people and adults
- three water safety, swim and kayak programmes for 40 adults
- the Friendship, Integration and Teamwork Through Sport (FITTS) programme, an after schools programme in Banagher catering for 35 children, 50% of whom are of an ethnic minority background. FITTS in turn led on to the delivery of a community games athletics support programme for 30 children, while a junior athletics club was also established in Banagher because of FITTS



Refugee Week soccer blitz



Laois / Offaly soccer integration tournament

3.4 Women & Girls

Various programmes were delivered to support the participation of women and girls in sport and physical activity throughout 2025 including: -

- i. Offaly Sports Partnership's fourth annual Women in Sport week



Golf with Tullamore Golf Club

110 participants



HER Moves boxercise



Circuits for women programmes



Leinster Rugby blitz

300 participants



3v3 basketball in Tullamore College

90+ participants



Pauline Curley Relay Marathon

50 participants

- ii. Offaly Sports Partnership's third annual HER Outdoors Week from 11th to 17th August.

This year, 12 stand up paddle boarding sessions were delivered across the county catering for 100 women and girls



iii. HER Moves

The primary programme delivered under the HER Moves project in 2025 was boxercise programmes for inactive teenage girls

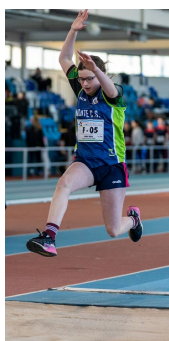


iv. other women in sport programmes delivered included Boxercise for over 30 women, as well as female specific programmes in the sports hubs in Daingean, Mucklagh and Ballycumber



Pillar 4 – Integrate & Celebrate

In addition to the ESF+ funded Sport4Empowerment Programme managed by David Mc Caffrey, Offaly Sports Partnership also delivered the second annual Diversity Games and Para Athletics Festival in association with Athletics Ireland and TUS Athlone to encourage the integration of children with additional needs / disabilities, and children of an ethnic minority background into mainstream sport. Over 700 students from 36 schools across 10 counties took part across the two days.



Pillar 5 - Improve Capacity & Inform the Sector

A range of actions were delivered to address the various elements associated with the pillar of improving capacity and informing the sector. Among the actions delivered were: -

i. **Community Sports Hubs** – in 2025, three community sports hubs were operating in Offaly: -

Established in 2020, the Daingean Sports Hub operates out of the Daingean Community Sports Centre at Daingean GAA; and was supported by Liam O Reilly.



Community
Sports Hub

Established in 2022, the Mucklagh Sports Hub operates out of the Mucklagh Community Centre; and was supported by Jean Brady.



MUCKLAGH
COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB

Established in 2023, the Ballycumber Sports Hub operates out of the Ballycumber Activity Centre at Ballycumber GAA; and was supported by Denise Coghill.



Community
Sports Hub

The Community Sports Hubs are made possible with funding from Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts; and have a focus on bringing local people together to provide a home for local clubs and sporting organisations, thereby increasing the number of people of all ages participating in sport and physical activity in their communities.

Various programmes catering for **2,291** people including children and young people, adults and older adults, and people with additional needs / disabilities were outreached to schools, community groups and sports clubs across the three sports hubs.

ii. **Education & Training programmes**

In 2025, Offaly Sports Partnership delivered several education and training programmes including: -

- *safeguarding* (child protection training) - Mick Curley delivered 11 programmes for 180 participants including staff and tutors of Offaly Sports Partnership, and club volunteers
- *sports leader training* – Offaly Sports Partnership continued to facilitate delivery of this training. 50 students from two post primary schools availed of the training which is a mix of theory and practical work with a focus on leadership skills, fundamental movement skills and adapted physical activities. The students also get an introduction to the work of the Sports Partnership when they support us to deliver events as part of the practical element of this programme
- *volunteer supports* – volunteers from several clubs were supported to avail of training in first aid and walk leadership

iii. **Funding supports**

Offaly Sports Partnership continued to support clubs, organisations and schools to secure funding through local funding schemes including bike week, club development and Offaly County Council’s supports for National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Bike Week 2025 in May saw the Sports Partnership deliver its third annual Grand Canal Greenway Cycle Relay from Edenderry to Shannon Harbour. 75 participants took part in the event with some hardy cyclists completing the full 65km, while others opted for a shorter ride between stages.

The Sports Partnership also supported two cycling clubs to deliver activities as part of the week



Club development grant funding - 24 clubs / organisations secured €12,000 in funding under this scheme: -

Birr MD	Edenderry MD	Tullamore MD
Ballyskenagh / Killavilla GAA	Daingean Canoe Club	Clara GAA
Banagher Athletics	Edenderry Junior Athletics	Mucklagh Schoolboys/girls Soccer
Ferbane Athletics	Edenderry GAA	Shamrocks LGF
Killoughey Badminton	Edenderry Golf	St Manchan’s LGF
Naomh Ciarán LGF Club	Edenderry Pitch & Putt	St Sinchill’s Camogie
Seir Kieran GAA	Kilclonfert GAA	Tullamore Canoe
St Rynagh’s Camogie	Raheen GAA	Tullamore Cycling
West Offaly Lions Rugby	St Brigid’s Boxing, Edenderry	Tullamore LGF

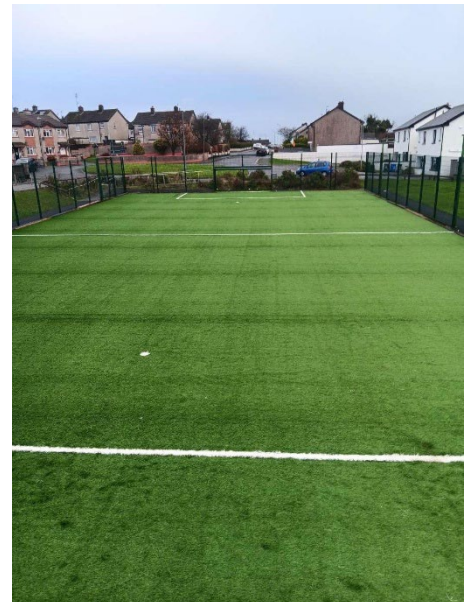
National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) scheme - Offaly County Council supported the Football Association of Ireland and Leinster Rugby to deliver their grassroots programmes for children and young people across Co Offaly. Offaly Sports Partnership on behalf of the local authority administered the €30,000 in grant funding assigned to this programme.

Capital projects – three capital projects were supported: -

- i. The elected members of Offaly County Council approved Local Property Tax funding in the amount of €200,000 towards the development of a county Camogie grounds in Crinkill. Offaly Sports Partnership on behalf of the local authority is administering the grant funding assigned to this development.
- ii. Under the Healthy Ireland Outdoor Swim Infrastructure Scheme, Offaly Sports Partnership administered a small grant to the value of €15,000 to install an accessible ramp to complement the redevelopment of the Banagher outdoor swimming pool



- iii. Under the Sport Ireland “Participation Nation” and “Amuigh Faoin Spéir” Grant Schemes, Offaly Sports Partnership secured €60,000 to support the refurbishment of the multi-use games area in Church View, Edenderry as well as the installation of biodiversity supports nearby



iv. Volunteer recognition

The National Network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships, including Offaly, is proud to support and promote the annual Federation of Irish Sport Volunteers in Sport Awards. The awards are a nationwide celebration of the grassroots activities and spirit of volunteerism that is the backbone driving sport and physical activity in our communities.

In recognition of his long years of service in sports, particularly in Community Games, Jude Feehan (Chair, Offaly Sports Partnership) was awarded the Federation of Irish Sport's Offaly Volunteer in Sport for 2024.



Go Raibh Míle

2025 was another highly successful year for Offaly Sports Partnership. Staffing increased following the recruitment of the Child & Youth Coach, with the Sports Partnership also hosting a third level student placement at the start of the year. Funding of just over €725,000 was secured to support the delivery of the Sports Partnership's 2025 programme of activities, events and programmes.

A large range of activities were delivered reaching children and young people, and various identified low participation groups. The Sports Partnership also continued to assist the sports sector in Offaly in securing investment for ongoing developments.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the work of the Sports Partnership in 2025 including: -

- the 14 members of the Management Committee of Offaly Sports Partnership
- dedicated staff members
- schools, clubs and community organistaions that engaged with Offaly Sports Partnership throughout the year
- external tutors and contractors supporting programme delivery
- funders and local partners including Sport Ireland; Offaly County Council; Dormant Accounts; the Health Services Executive; Healthy Offaly; TUSLA; Technological University of the Shannon, (Athlone); Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and the National Transport Authority

A massive comhgairdeas also to the Offaly sports people who represented their county and country proudly on national and international stages.