

Annual Report

April 2019 –
March 2020

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Disability
Sport NI

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Sensory Mile Event

Our Mission is:

To develop sports and active recreation opportunities which give disabled people an equal opportunity to live a full, active and healthy lifestyle.

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Key Achievements

2019-2020

15,679 children and adults enjoyed sport and active recreation through Disability Sport NI this year.

6,293 disabled people participated in sport and active recreation through our **11** Disability Sports Hubs sponsored by Progressive Building Society.

5,766 disabled people took part in our **6** local active recreation projects.

1,383 children and adults with disabilities competed in our **14** fun-focused community events.

1,048 children and young people participated in our education and awareness projects.

649 sports leaders, coaches, leisure services staff and teachers were trained to be more inclusive of disabled people.

332 disabled people were supported through our Wheelchair Basketball and Boccia Sporting Winners and Sporting Clubs Programme.

150 participated in the All Out Trekking Project.

54 active volunteers supported Disability Sport NI this year.

4 talented athletes were supported to train, compete and excel on the world stage.



CIYMS VI Tennis Club

In addition:

- **Dunville Pavilion, Belfast** became the **15th** centre in Northern Ireland to achieve our **Inclusive Sports Facility Accreditation**.
- **1** more governing body of sport, **British Gymnastics** achieved our Inclusive Sport Award, bringing the total to **8** governing bodies who have achieved the award to date.
- We further developed our NI-wide Wheelchair Basketball programme.
- We further developed our NI-wide Boccia programme.



All Out Trekking

An additional **£156,000** was also secured from the **Department for Communities through Sport NI** to develop the following key community capital projects designed to get more disabled people active:

- Refurbishment work at **The All Out Trekking Project** in Gosford Forest Park, Armagh.
- The installation of submersible lifts at Falls Leisure Centre and Kilkeel Leisure Centre.
- **25** bikes to facilitate the further development of inclusive cycling.
- **30** sports chairs to facilitate further development of wheelchair basketball.



Improving Health and Wellbeing

Community Sport and Active Recreation

We improved the health and wellbeing of **12,059** disabled people through **6** local sports and active recreation projects, (**4** of which were delivered through our Community Interest Company, Live Active NI), and The Disability Sports Hub Project.



Inclusive Gymnastics

The Inclusive Sport and Leisure Initiative

(in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)

This project continued to deliver a range of inclusive sports programmes throughout the whole borough council area. The Inclusive Sport and Leisure Officers Colleen Connolly (part-time) and Rebecca Greenaway (part-time) delivered a range of sports participation opportunities to **774** participants.

Highlights included:

- **48** children took part in a one-day taster event with an emphasis on relaxation and the benefits of physical activity, delivered in partnership with the Craigavon Area Learning Centres.
- The launch of a **Schools Inclusive P.E. Project** engaging classes in local mainstream primary schools where there was a child with a disability. The project raised awareness of disability inclusion for both teachers and pupils in a fun and engaging way. It also provided learning opportunities for teachers as to how to deliver inclusive activities for all of the children. All of the schools subsequently came together for a fun day of disability sports in Craigavon Leisure Centre.

Every Body Active 2020 Programme Belfast Disability Sports Hub

Repeat funding was secured through Belfast City Council's Every Body Active Programme to continue employing an Active Recreation Officer, Terry Conroy and subsequently Gerard McCartan to develop the Council's Disability Sports Hub.

There were active recreation opportunities delivered to 1168 participants.

The Disability Sports Hub Project

Disability Sport NI secured funding from Progressive Building Society to deliver a 3-year project developing a range of participation opportunities for disabled people at **11** Disability Sports Hubs - 1 in every district council in Northern Ireland.

The first year of the programme saw an amazing 27,244 active recreation opportunities delivered to 6,293 participants.



Autism Friendly Multi-Activity Session

Live Active NI Projects

Our Community Interest Company, Live Active NI continued to deliver 4 projects to improve the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities, people with long-term health conditions and other under-represented groups.



Autism Friendly Multi-Activity Session

Every Body Active 2020 Programme

We continued to act as a delivery partner for the Every Body Active Programme responsible for 2 areas in Belfast:

- North & West Belfast
- South & East Belfast

The programme is funded by the National Lottery Fund through Sport NI and managed by Belfast City Council to increase participation in sport and active recreation among the traditionally under-represented groups.

Active Recreation Officers, Davy Purdy, Karen Hutchinson, Rebecca Greenaway and James McBriar successfully delivered active recreation sessions and events to **2,192** participants.



Seated Balloon Games

Get Out Get Active (GOGA) Programme

We continued to deliver the Get Out Get Active Project within **2** council areas:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Derry City and Strabane District Council

The project, funded by Spirit of 2012, continued to support disabled and non-disabled people to get active together. Active Recreation Officers, Ryan McQuillan and Kieran Coyle delivered a range of activity sessions and events to **1,632** participants.

The Get Out Get Active Programme finished in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area and Derry City and Strabane District Council Area in December 2019. However, a successful GOGA in Action legacy programme continued to run in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon area.

Funding was secured from Spirit of 2012 and the London Marathon Charitable Trust to continue the Get Out Get Active Programme in 2020 in a further **2** council areas:

- Mid Ulster District Council
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council



A Goalball Session



The Get Out Get Active Superfamily 2k



Nordic Walking Session

Community Events

1,383 children and adults with disabilities competed in our 14 fun-focused community events.



Sensory Mile Event



Schools Boccia Championships

Some key events organised by the Community Sport Development Officer, Mark Montgomery were:



Sensory Walks

567 participants took part in 5 sensory walks at **Lakeland Forum, Foyle Arena, Victoria Park, Melvin Centre** and **Omagh Leisure Centre**.



Schools New Age Kurling Competition

161 participants competed at 3 competitions in **Girdwood Community Hub** and **Foyle Arena**.



Schools Boccia Championships

150 participants competed at 2 championships at **Girdwood Community Hub** and **Craigavon Leisure Centre**.



Junior Paralympic Fun Day

34 participants competed at **Antrim Forum**.



Celebration of Sport Event

360 participants took part in our activities at the event in **Valley Leisure Centre**.



Arthritis Care Events

111 participants took part in Arthritis Care Events.

Community Capital Projects

Following an investment of **£1,504,000** in the past 3 years from the Department for Communities through Sport NI, an additional **£156,000** was secured this year to further develop the All Out Trekking Project, 'Poolpod' initiative, inclusive cycling initiative and wheelchair basketball initiative.

All Out Trekking

Additional funding was secured to refurbish the existing facility at All Out Trekking to include the provision of accessible toilets, a portable hoist system, improved storage, and the resurfacing of the car park.

Poolpods

Following an investment into **11** Poolpod submersible platform lifts over the past 2 years, further funding was secured to place **2** Poolpods into **Kilkeel Leisure Centre** and **Falls Leisure Centre**.

Inclusive Cycling Initiative

Funding was secured to purchase new tandem bicycles for **4** tandem clubs and additional adult and children's mountain bikes to facilitate the development of a cycle hire scheme as part of the All Out Trekking Project.

Wheelchair Basketball Initiative

Funding was secured to purchase **30** beginner level Basketball Wheelchairs to support the development of **6** Clubs across Northern Ireland.



The Poolpod in action



All Out Trekking

Improving Access

Sports Facility Access

Inclusive Sports Facility Advisory Group

The Inclusive Sports Facility Advisory Group consists of representatives of the key disability organisations in Northern Ireland who are committed to ensuring that sports facilities are inclusive of people with disabilities. The group, which is chaired by Disability Sport NI Board Member, Michael Hilland met regularly during the year.

Key to the group's work is continuing to encourage facility operators and designers to follow the recommendations of our Accessible Sports Facility Design and Management Guidelines.

Guide 1 Accessible Sports Facilities Design Guidelines

Guide 2 Accessible Sports Facilities Management Guidelines

Guide 3 Accessible Sports Stadia Design Guidelines

Guide 4 Accessible Sports Stadia Management Guidelines

Boxing Facilities Guidance Notes

Sports Pavilions Guidance Notes



Inclusive Sports Facility (ISF) Accreditation Scheme

In partnership with All in Access Consultancy we continued to support a range of sports facilities throughout Northern Ireland to work towards achieving Disability Sport NI's Inclusive Sports Facility (ISF) Accreditation.

The scheme recognises sports facilities that meet optimum levels of good practice in terms of access for disabled people.



Inclusive signage

During the year Dunville Pavilion became the 15th centre to achieve the Inclusive Sports Facility Accreditation.

- Omagh Leisure Complex
- Tollymore National Outdoor Centre
- Glenravel Sports and Community Centre
- LORAG, Shaftesbury Community Recreation Centre
- The Torrent Complex
- The Vale Centre
- RDA Causeway Coast Arena
- Bready Cricket Club
- Beragh Red Knights GAC
- Bangor Aurora Aquatic and Leisure Complex
- Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre
- Lakeland Forum
- Dungiven Sports Centre (Excellence Level)
- Foyle Arena (Excellence Level)
- Dunville Pavilion

Developing Sporting Talent

Athlete Support

Many elite athletes are now managed and supported by their mainstream governing bodies of sport. However, Disability Sport NI continued to support a number of athletes during the year through the Sport NI Sporting Winners Programme.

Athletes included:

Kelly Gallagher MBE
Alpine Skiing

James MacSorley
Wheelchair Basketball

Claire Taggart
Boccia

Conn Nagle
Wheelchair Basketball



Kelly Gallagher MBE and Charlotte Evans MBE named National Lottery Sporting Legends



Jayne Milligan, Northern Ireland Boccia Player

Mary Peters Trust

Disability Sport NI continued to support athletes competing at a UK or Irish level by facilitating applications to the Mary Peters Trust.

The following 3 athletes were successfully awarded funding during the 2019-2020 period.

- Jayne Milligan
- Hannah Uprichard
- Ross Davidson

“The donation from the Mary Peters Trust supported me to compete in the UK Boccia Championships and the Scottish International Boccia Open representing Northern Ireland. I loved both experiences and am very grateful for the opportunity.”

I got the honour of representing the Northern Ireland Boccia Team at Mary Peter's 80th Birthday celebration at Titanic. It was a great evening celebrating the birthday of one of Northern Ireland's greatest Olympians.”

Jayne Milligan
Northern Ireland Boccia Player

Wheelchair Basketball

We continued to deliver our Wheelchair Basketball Programme through Sport NI's Sporting Winners and Sporting Clubs Programmes.

Sporting Winners

The Wheelchair Basketball Pathway Officer, Phil Robinson continued to coach and manage the Northern Ireland Programme.

Highlights included:

- Northern Ireland Wheelchair Basketball Team successfully qualified for the British Wheelchair Basketball's elite 8s programme.

- The Northern Ireland squad also competed in British Wheelchair Basketball's National Junior Championships in July 2019.
- Disability Sport NI in conjunction with the Sports Institute for Northern Ireland delivered an intensive 3 month transitional programme for players who were identified by GB under 23 staff.
- Further 2 players successfully transitioned into the GB U25 Elite programme based in Sheffield.
- 5 NI Academy players invited to x 2 GB U25 Academy training camps.
- 1st NI 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Training Camp: 31st of Jan to 2nd of February 2020.



James MacSorley, GB Men's Wheelchair Basketball Player

"I am very grateful for the support of Sport NI and Disability Sport NI over the past year and my whole career. It has been invaluable in helping me get to where I am today, and I hope to keep achieving success in the future with the help of both of these great organisations."

James MacSorley, GB Men's and Juniors Wheelchair Basketball World Champion

Wheelchair Basketball Continued...

Sporting Clubs

The Wheelchair Basketball Club Development Officer, Danny Cooper delivered the Sporting Clubs Programme, supporting the development of wheelchair basketball clubs across Northern Ireland and launching the Northern Ireland Wheelchair Basketball League.

There was a further 1 wheelchair basketball club developed this year in Northern Ireland, making 5 clubs in total.

- The Knights Wheelchair Basketball Club
- The North West Wolves Wheelchair Basketball Club
- The Causeway Giants Wheelchair Basketball Club
- The Craigavon Lakers Wheelchair Basketball Club
- The Bangor Bulls

146 people benefited from the Wheelchair Basketball Sporting Clubs and Sporting Winners Programmes.

Highlights:

- Teresa Traynor was the first person ever to be awarded the Disability Sport NI's Club Person of the Year Award for Wheelchair Basketball.
- Perennials RFC sponsored the NI Wheelchair Basketball League in its inaugural season.
- **54** players from **4** wheelchair basketball clubs competed in the Northern Ireland Wheelchair Basketball League.
- The Knights Wheelchair Basketball Club was the inaugural winner of the domestic league competition.

“It has been a very exciting year for the sport of wheelchair basketball. Not only is our own club, the Craigavon Lakers going from strength to strength, we also now have a thriving club scene and Northern Ireland league to offer competitive opportunities to progress.”

“Wheelchair Basketball is a completely mixed sport and it is great to see so many females joining the sport. I thoroughly enjoy it and am now completely immersed in my club even taking up the role of Chairperson.”

Racheal Cuddy, Chairperson of Craigavon Lakers Wheelchair Basketball Club



Racheal Cuddy, Wheelchair Basketball Player

Boccia

We continued to deliver our Boccia Programme through Sport NI's Sporting Winners and Sporting Clubs Programmes.



Claire Taggart, Boccia Paralympian

Sporting Winners

The newly appointed Boccia Performance Pathway Officer, Terry Conroy, continued to coach and develop the Northern Ireland pathway programme.

Highlights included:

- Disability Sport NI hosted the 2019 UK Boccia Championships in the Antrim Forum from 14th - 16th June 2019. This saw **31** of the top boccia players from across the UK attending, including **5** Northern Ireland athletes, to compete for 4 Individual titles.
- The NI Performance Centre programme continued to run on a monthly basis, with mini-camps supporting **8** athletes.
- **7** athletes were selected to represent Northern Ireland at the Scottish International Open, as well as Claire Taggart being selected to represent Boccia UK.

Claire Taggart continued to be involved in the Boccia UK programme, and helped the BC1/2 team to secure qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics:

- **Zagreb Regional Open**
Individual silver medal + Team gold medal.
- **European Regional Championship**
Individual silver medal + Team bronze medal.
- **Nymburk Regional Open**
Individual gold medal + Team gold medal.
- **Povoa World Open**
Individual quarter finalist.
- Finished 2019 ranked 10th in the BC2 Individual World Rankings and contributed to the BC1/2 Team finishing the year ranked 8th in the World.

"I was delighted to retain my UK Championship title in 2019, and to do so at home in NI made it even more special. It was amazing to be able to compete on home turf as well as have the support from my friends and family, most of whom haven't seen me compete before. It was a great event, very well run and showed NI off to the other home nations as a country ready to compete and challenge the best in the UK."

Claire Taggart, Boccia Paralympian

Boccia Continued...

Sporting Clubs Programme

The Boccia Performance Pathways Officer, Terry Conroy delivered the Sporting Clubs Programme, supporting the development of Boccia clubs across Northern Ireland and supporting Active Recreation Officer, Rebecca Greenaway to deliver the Northern Ireland Boccia League.

Highlights:

- **15** weekly Clubs & Sessions took place across Northern Ireland.
- The first 'Club Person of the Year Award' was presented at Disability Sport NI's 2019 AGM to Caroline Millar.
- Titanic Quarter Cycling Club continued to sponsor the Northern Ireland Boccia Leagues for the second consecutive year.
- The Northern Ireland Individual Championships entered its third year, with **21** individuals taking part.
- The NI Pairs League saw **11** pairs competing over 3 Rounds. Unfortunately, the season was cut short due to Covid-19 and therefore finishing places were awarded at the end of the third round.

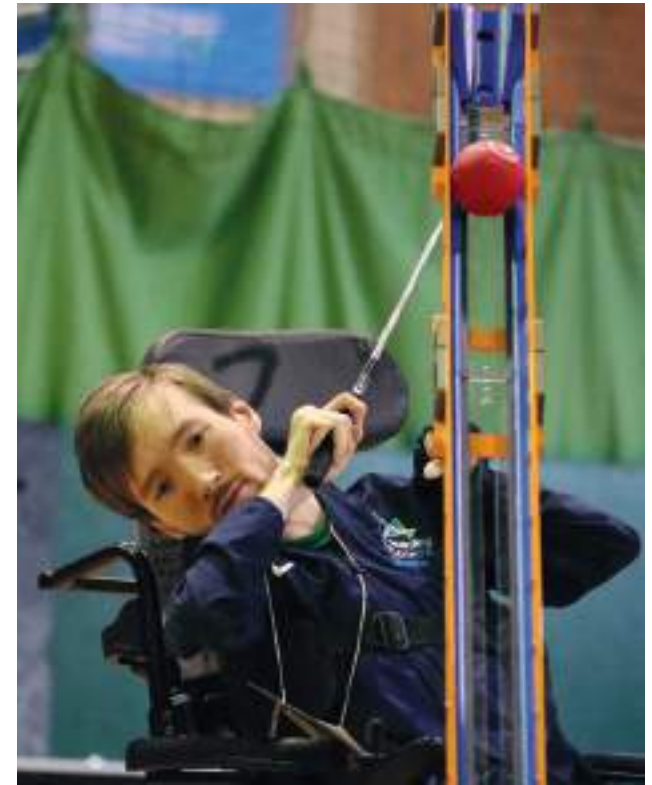
Individual League Winners

BC1/2 - Scott Cromie
BC3 - Daniel Elliott
BC4 - Raurai McDermott

Team League Winners

The Scrambled Legs Boccia Team -
 Paul McLister and Daniel Elliott

135 people benefitted from the Boccia Sporting Winners and Sporting Clubs Programme.



“The Northern Ireland Boccia League has provided a great opportunity for me to develop my boccia skills in a competitive environment. I thoroughly enjoy the social aspect of the sport and hope that my experience in the Northern Ireland league will provide me with the experience that I need to compete in the UK Championships in years to come.”

Daniel Elliott
 Northern Ireland Boccia Player

The UK Boccia Championships

Disability Sport NI was delighted to host the UK Boccia Championships at Antrim Forum on 15th and 16th June 2019.

5 players from the Northern Ireland Programme competed:

- Claire Taggart
- Jayne Milligan
- Scott Cromie
- Hannah Uprichard
- William Graham

Claire Taggart retained her title as BC2 UK Boccia Champion.

UK Boccia Championship Winners



BC1 UK Boccia Champion
David Smith MBE



BC2 UK Boccia Champion
Claire Taggart



BC3 UK Boccia Champion
Scott McCowan



BC4 UK Boccia Champion
Stephen McGuire

Inclusive Sport Award



The Disability Sport NI Inclusive Sport Award is designed to recognise governing bodies of sport who make a commitment to creating an inclusive sports environment for disabled people.

This year we were delighted that **1** more governing body of sport, **British Gymnastics** secured the Inclusive Sport Award.

The following **8** governing bodies of sport have now secured the Inclusive Sport Award and continue to implement their action plan to make their sports more inclusive of disabled people.

- Irish Football Association
- Athletics NI
- Ulster Rugby
- Swim Ulster
- Ulster Tennis
- RYA NI
- NI Judo Federation
- British Gymnastics

A number of other governing bodies of sport are also currently working towards the award.



British Gymnastics Inclusive Sport Award Presentation

“The team at British Gymnastics in Northern Ireland was delighted to receive the Disability Sport NI Inclusive Sport Award. We are fully committed to including disabled people in the sport of gymnastics and look forward to continuing to work with Disability Sport NI on developing a more inclusive workforce, a more inclusive competitor pathway and a coaching pathway.”

British Gymnastics

Inclusive Club Award



The Disability Sport NI Inclusive Club Award Scheme recognises the achievements of 2 clubs, who have each been inclusive of disabled people.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Inclusive Disability Club of the Year:

Tandeming Together Cycling Club

Inclusive Mainstream Club of the Year:

Castle Tower Football Club

"It is a great honour to receive this award on behalf of Tandeming Together Cycling Club. The mission of Tandeming Together Cycling Club is to encourage people with sight loss to keep fit and enjoy the countryside in the company of a sighted person (pilot) on a tandem bike.

"We also lend tandem bikes to cyclists with sight loss across the length and breadth of Ireland to ensure that as many people as possible are able to try it."

Danny McSherry, Chairperson of Tandeming Together Cycling Club



Castle Tower Football Club, Inclusive Club Award Presentation



Newry Tandeming Together



Training course participant

Supporting Inclusion

Training Programmes

Disability Sport NI's training courses are designed to encourage and support sports leaders, coaches, leisure services staff and teachers to better include people with disabilities in sport and active recreation.

This year we delivered **42** courses to **649** people:

- Inclusive Skills and Games
- Disability Inclusion Training
- Sainsbury's Inclusive PE
- Autism and Sports Coaching
- Boccia Leaders Award
- Wheelchair Sports Skills
- Sight Loss in Sport
- Pupil to Paralympian
- Chair Based Activities

Volunteers

There were **54** volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help us deliver our programmes throughout the year.

We would like to say a big thank you on behalf of our charity.

Education & Awareness Projects

A total of **1048** children and adults participated in Education and Awareness projects to challenge and address negative attitudes and misconceptions about people disabled people.

1048 children and adults benefited from Youth Sport Challenges delivered to **24** different schools, youth and community groups and council initiatives.



Youth Sport Challenge Activity

Making It Happen

Governance and Representation

Governance

Disability Sport NI continued to review and update its policies and procedures, maintaining its robust level of assurance from Sport NI.

Active Living: No Limits 2016-2021 Action Plan

Disability Sport NI remained committed to supporting the implementation of the Active Living: No Limits Action Plan, which is a plan to improve the health and wellbeing of disabled people in Northern Ireland through participation in sport and active recreation.

The plan was developed by a project board consisting of representatives of key statutory and voluntary organisations in Northern Ireland including:

- Department for Communities
- Sport Northern Ireland

- Disability Action
- Disability Sport NI
- Department for Education
- Department for Health
- The Office of the First and Deputy First Minister
- The Public Health Agency
- The Northern Ireland Sports Forum
- Special Olympics Ulster
- Deaf Sport NI
- The Blind Sports Network NI
- The Chief Leisure Officers Association (CLOA)

Key achievements include the further development of the Disability Sports Hubs initiative and related investments in capital equipment as described on pages 7 and 11 in addition to continued uptake of the Inclusive Sport Award by governing bodies of sport as described on page 20.

Representation

Disability Sport NI continued to represent the interests of disabled people on the following key national organisations and committees:

- Active Living: No Limits 2016-2021 Forum
- British Paralympics Association National Paralympic Committee (Paralympics GB)
- Boccia UK
- Sport Matters Implementation Group (SMIG)
- UK Home Country Disability Sports Organisations' Chief Executive Officers Forum
- UK Disability Sport Training and Education Source Group

Disability Sport NI also maintains a close working relationship with Paralympics Ireland and the British Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Annual Accounts

A full set of the charity's audited accounts for the period is available on the Disability Sport NI website, however an overview of the organisation's financial position for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 is provided below:

Total income for the financial year was £769,851 compared with £1,165,689 in the previous year.

Total expenditure for the financial year was £804,099 compared to £948,844 in the previous year.

There was a net deficit in the current year in the amount of £34,248. This comprised of a net surplus in unrestricted funds of £14,887 and a deficit of £49,135 in restricted funds. Accumulated funds at the end of the year therefore decreased from £426,183 to £391,935.

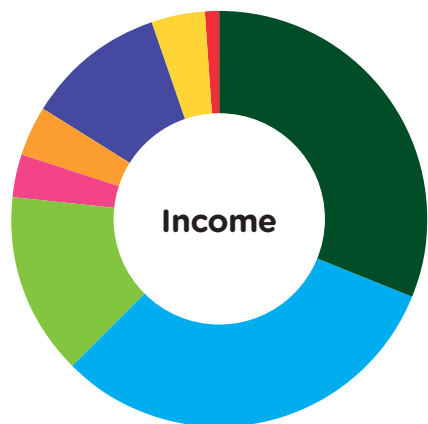
Restricted Funds

Restricted funds held at the year-end amounted to £166,778. The majority of these funds (£165,266) will cover the depreciation costs associated with assets acquired in the last few years and will be expended in line with the organisation's depreciation policies.

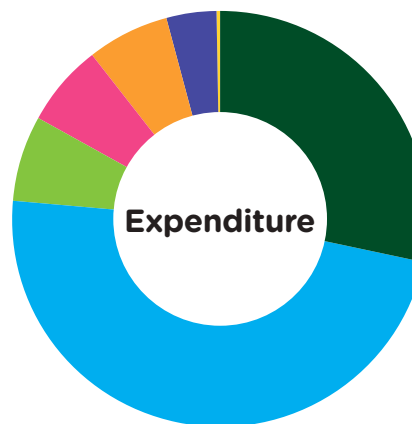
Unrestricted Funds

The charity held general reserves of £225,157 at the year end. £23,023 of these reserves have been designated to support future costs associated with specific projects which include the All Out Trekking programme and the Northern Ireland Boccia League.

Note: The Annual Accounts exclude income and expenditure related to projects delivered through Disability Sport NI's Community Interest Company (CIC), Live Active NI. Annual accounts for Live Active NI are available on the Live Active NI website.



■ Sport NI Core Grant	31.17%
■ Sport NI Project Grants	31.50%
■ Other Grants	14.03%
■ Training Income	3.42%
■ Other Income	3.86%
■ Sponsorship	10.74%
■ Donations	4.23%
■ Consultancy Income	1.04%



■ Performance Sport & Club Development	28.49%
■ Community Participation & Competition	48.12%
■ Training, Education & Volunteering	6.56%
■ Communications & Engagement	6.47%
■ Sports Facility Access	6.26%
■ Strategic Planning & Policy Development	4.06%
■ Fundraising Costs	0.04%

Our Board of Directors and Staff 2019 – 2020

Directors

- **Michael McAteer MBE**
(Appointed Chair February 2018)
- **Dawn McGookin**
(Appointed Vice Chair May 2018)
- **Darren Cave**
- **Ken Armstrong**
(Resigned November 2019)
- **Laura-Lee Jenkins**
- **Michael Hilland**
- **Orla Fox**
- **Stephen Friel**
- **Paddy Marshall**
(Appointed 28th January 2020)
- **Jill Poots**
(Appointed 28th January 2020)
- **Graham Fitzgerald**
(Appointed 28th January 2020)

Honorary Presidents

- **Angela Hendra MBE**, Honorary President
- **Dr Janet Gray MBE**, Honorary President

Staff

- **Kevin O'Neill**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Karen Drennan**, Finance and Business Manager
- **Aubrey Bingham**, Community Sport Manager

- **Elaine Reid**, Performance Sport Manager (Maternity Leave from Feb 2019)
- **Anita O'Connor**, Administrator
- **Andrea Herron**, Communications & Engagement Officer
- **Philip Robinson**, Wheelchair Basketball Performance Officer
- **Odhrán Doherty**, Boccia Performance Pathway Officer and Active Clubs Coordinator
- **Mark Montgomery**, Community Sport Development Officer
- **Colleen Connelly**, Inclusive Sports and Leisure Officer, Craigavon (Maternity Leave)
- **Danny Cooper**, Wheelchair Basketball Officer and Disability Sports Hub Coordinator (Appointed April 2019)
- **Pablo Córdoba Huertos**, Disability Sports Hub Coordinator, (P/T Appointed April 2019)
- **Brian Lenehan**, Assistant Community Sports Development Officer
- **Terry Conroy**, Active Recreation Officer – Belfast Disability Sports Hub
- **Tessa King** (P/T Up until April 2019)
- **Gerard McCartan**, EBA Belfast Hubs – (Appointed July 2019)
- **Judith Cooper**, Performance Officer (Maternity Cover to 31st October 2019)

Hub Activity Leaders

- **Tim Craig**, Ards and North Down (Resigned November 2019)
- **Rebecca Greenaway**, Mid Ulster and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon
- **Andrea McAlinden**, Newry, Mourne and Down
- **Barbara Redmond** (Appointed July 2019)
- **Christine Stewart**, Antrim & Newtownabbey (July 2019 - May 2020)
- **Diane Fernie**, Causeway Coast & Glens and Derry City & Strabane (Appointed July 2019 and Feb 2020)
- **Ian Carlisle**, Belfast (Appointed October 2019)
- **Tessa King**, Ards and North Down (Appointed Nov 2019)
- **Victoria McCormack**, Mid Ulster and Fermanagh & Omagh (Appointed May 2019 and October 2019)
- **Victoria McMaw**, Mid and East Antrim (July 2019-January 2020)

Live Active NI Board of Directors and Staff

Directors

- **Michael McAteer MBE**
(Appointed Chair February 2018)
- **Kevin O'Neill**
- **Karen Drennan**
- **Aubrey Bingham**
- **Elaine Reid**

Live Active NI Staff

- **Sonia Langasco**, Project Manager
(Appointed August 2018)
- **David Purdy**, Active Recreation Officer,
Belfast
- **Pablo Córdoba Huertos**, Active Recreation
Officer, Belfast (P/T from April 2019)
- **Rebecca Greenaway**, Active Recreation
Officer, EBA North and West (P/T Appointed
April 2019)
- **Kieran Coyle**, Active Recreation Officer,
Derry City and Strabane District Council
(up to 31st December 2019)
- **Ryan McQuillan**, Active Recreation Officer,
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon BC
- **James McBriar**, EBA North & West
(P/T Appointed January 2020)
- **Karen Hutchinson**, EBA North & West
(P/T Appointed April 2019)

Funders

2019 - 2020



Belfast
City Council



Our Vision is:

An inclusive society where disabled people fully participate in all aspects of life, including sport and active recreation.

Be active. Be the best.



Wheelie Active Club



Disability
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Be active.
Be the best.

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