

Nominees for 2022/23 Executive Committee



Ellen Cullen

Dublin City, Chair, 2022
Committee member

Turned up at a Dublin Cycling Campaign public meeting 6 years ago, started volunteering and have been on the Executive committee for the last 2 years. Occasionally chair/ present at DCyC public meeting, do radio interviews and a bit of social media for the campaign.

If elected back onto the Executive committee I plan to work on our Volunteering strategy - there are a lot of passionate/ annoyed people on bikes out there desperate for Dublin to become a more accessible, liveable, cycling friendly city - we need to harness this enthusiasm!



Paschal Comerford

Treasurer, 2022
Committee member

I am a cyclist, parent, commuter and a long standing member of the Campaign. For the last 10 years I have been the campaign treasurer and have used my accounting and financial background to keep the campaign's finances on the straight and narrow. I believe the campaign has been influential in driving positive change for cyclists across the city over the last 20 years, but there is still a long way to go, and I am putting myself forward to remain in the role of treasurer in the hope that we can see such changes in cycling attitudes and infrastructure continue to improve and make cycling safer and more enjoyable for all.



Vinnie Meyler

Dublin City

Member of the campaign for 5 years. Currently committee secretary and secretary of the Board. I have been involved in Liffey Cycles, Veg Fest, Bike Parking, Bike Week and Light-up-your-bike.

1. I want to step-down as secretary but continue on the executive committee for now
2. Broaden the appeal of cycling throughout Dublin and Ireland in conjunction with cyclist.ie and affiliate groups
3. Mostly I just want to cycle my bike

2022 Committee
member
Secretary 2019 - 2022



Siobhán McNamara
Dublin City
2022 Committee
Member

I'm Siobhán McNamara, I live in Dublin 12, I work as a secondary school librarian, and for the past six years my bike has been my primary form of transport. I was too afraid to cycle for a long time, but now I use my bike practically every day. I joined the executive committee two years ago having previously done a little volunteering with the Campaign, and I have loved being involved. I have organised and run some of the virtual public meetings and family cycles, represented Dublin Cycling Campaign in Cyclist.ie, the national network of cycling advocacy organisations, and attended events and group cycles on behalf of the Campaign. My involvement with the Campaign has made me even more convinced that active travel is the ultimate win-win - it's good for people, and it's good for the planet - but to enable more walking, cycling, and wheeling, we need to reallocate road space to people, not cars. As a city, and even more so as a country, we have a lot more work to do before people of all ages and abilities will feel safe getting around by bike or trike. So I would like to stay on the committee and continue to advocate for more livable and people-friendly streets.



Colm Walsh
Dublin City
2022 Committee
Member

I have been a member & supporter of the Dublin Cycling Campaign for many years. I am a serial bicycle collector, four active bikes at last count. My current favourite is my Reise & Müller Load 75 e-Cargo. I've clocked up 2,500km in 12 months, all stolen from my diesel-gate Volvo 7-seater, by transporting kids, the dog, shopping, recycling and Christmas trees around Dublin 6 and beyond.

I graduated with a MSc in Sustainable Transport & Mobility at TU Dublin, in January 2022. My class, and faculty were most inspiring. Covid lockdown kicked in 6 weeks after commencement and actually nurtured the process of learning. As part of this degree, I worked on project evaluations with DLRCoCo on the Coastal Mobility Route, a Covid Mobility response, culminating in a report to the DLRCoCo.

I had a six month research assistant role in 2021 at the Spatial Dynamics Lab, UCD, contributing to the WeCount programme which rolled out citizen science Telraam traffic & air quality monitors through EU Horizon 2020.

I have served on the Executive Committee, the Infrastructure working group & participated in many campaigns, actions & events. I have attended the Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee for Dublin City Council as a cycling rep for the campaign, and recently, represented at the DCC Active Travel Programme Office meetings. It is so pertinent now, to be involved as advocates, and constructive contributors to this most exciting 5 year plan. This shall add 300km of cycling network to Dublin, and co-ordinate with Bus Connects, another cycling and walking improvement to the city. This is such an important time for our Campaign to be involved with engagement, and consultation, at this level. I wish to be part of this.



Emma Cahill
DLR, 2022 Committee member

Emma Cahill, cycling ever since my primary school days in Dublin! Some might say that I was lucky to have a cycling commute to school, others might say that my parents were insane to let me cycle to school, especially in Dublin.

I currently represent DCYC on Dun Laoghaire's SPC for Transportation and Marine.

We have 2 boys age 9 & 11 and they are my motivation for campaigning for segregated cycling lanes. I'm a firm believer of 'build and they will come!'



Joe Gilligan
Fingal
2022 Committee Member

My name is Joe Gilligan and I am running for re-election to the Executive Committee. If elected, it will be my second year in the role.

I was recently elected chair of Fingal Active Travel Group, the DCyC sub-group in Fingal. Over the past few months with the group, I have met with the Fingal County Council Active Travel Department and have begun to engage with them on a regular basis in order to improve the quality and quantity of protected cycle infrastructure in Fingal.

I am originally from St Margaret's, a rural village in Fingal, and have spent years cycling on country roads. I recently moved to Cabra where I now commute into the city centre for work and cycle all around the d1/7/9 area as part of my daily activities.

Over the past year on the EC, I have helped organise some of our group cycles including the Phoenix Park Santa Cycle, and the recent Light Up Your Bike cycle, also in the Phoenix Park. I have also been running the DCyC Twitter account.

If elected, I plan to continue representing Fingal on the EC, in addition to increase the visibility and public campaigning side of the DCyC now that we have overcome the lockdown restrictions, and our activism can resume regular activities.

My main motivation to cycle and promote cycling is multi-faceted and revolves around making cycling a safe, friendly, and efficient way to get around your city or town, and also reduce car dependency as an overall part of environmental conservation.



Karl Stanley
Dublin City

My name is Karl Stanley and I am seeking election to the Dublin Cycling Campaign Executive Committee. I'm a 47 year old father of 2 living in Fairview and have been cycling on a daily basis since 1993. While I have cycled a lot over the past 30 years, I'm very much a utility cyclist who uses a bike to get around, rather than the sort who does it for fun or fitness (though the fun and fitness are welcome bonuses!).

I lived in London from 2014-2018 and did most of my commuting by bike while I was there. It was instructive to see first hand what happens when fit-for-purpose cycling infrastructure is provided - once the local "cycle superhighway" was built, the diversity of people cycling increased massively - some of them weren't even wearing lycra!

Dublin plans to build hundreds of kilometres of bike lanes over the next 8 years - the Dublin Cycling Campaign has a vital role to play in influencing this program of works to make it accessible to as many people as possible: children, older people, people with disabilities. An important measure of success for new bike infrastructure is the diversity of the community using it, not just the raw number of journeys taken by bicycle.

I joined the Dublin Cycling Campaign soon after returning to Dublin in 2018. From 2020 - 2022 I volunteered as a steward on the Green Lanes cycle bus, linking primary school students from the North Strand and Fairview to their school in Clontarf. In my ideal future Dublin, we won't need bike buses, because the infrastructure is good enough to allow children to get to school on their own!

After many years working for multinationals, I now run my own business, meaning I have a flexible schedule, allowing me to give a committee position such as this the energy and time it deserves.

Ger O'Halloran
Fingal

I'm Ger O'Halloran, 29 years old, originally from Castleknock in Fingal and currently living in Cabra. I've been a member of the Dublin Cycling Campaign for about two years now. I was Chair of the Fingal sub group and am now currently the Secretary.

Cycling (combined with the train) is my primary mode of transport. I cycle every day, whether it's with the folding bike to catch the train to Bray for work, cycling out to Finglas for rock climbing or general trips around Cabra and Town to beat the traffic.

What I can bring to the executive is two years experience of collaborating with local authorities, empowering others to make supportive submissions, to join their local community groups & embed themselves in the community, to be the change from within their community to be Active Travel Champions.

Aims:

- Support Local Authorities in reallocating space.
- Support designs of cycling projects by providing that expert local knowledge that is only gained through living and cycling in area consistently.
- Develop a strong collaborative relationship with the Councils to make this happen.
- Focus on outreach. Gain new members from Dublin's growing cycling community.
- Empower members to be the community champion for walking and cycling. Be the change we want to see in our communities.



Martin Quinn
SDCC

Martin is based in Lucan but grew up in Clondalkin so he is ideally placed geographically to represent the needs of cyclists in the Clondalkin/Lucan area where our representation is poor. Martin has been campaigning actively in the area for a number of years. He has established excellent contacts with Councillors and Deputies in Clondalkin and Lucan. He has engaged actively in assessing public consultations in Clondalkin/Lucan. He has organised or helped organise events in the area and volunteers regularly for DCC events such as bike parking at VegFest, Phoenix Park Cycles, Crumlin cycles etc.



I have held the National Cycling Coordinator post since 2013, a role shared between [Cyclist.ie \(the national umbrella body of campaign groups\)](#) and [An Taisce](#). My current focus is in supporting Cyclist.ie's 34 member groups countrywide, advancing the six strategic aims of its [new strategy](#), and nurturing the volunteering ethos in the campaigning community.

For Dublin Cycling Campaign Campaign, I am keen to see a return to more in-person meetings and events - including the Bicycle Christmas Party - and to help with getting [all 11 of our Campaign Working Groups](#) active and effective. This will be my priority while on the DCC Executive Committee for 2022-2023.

By way of my background, I worked in the transportation and mobilities

Damien Ó Tuama
National Cycling
Coordinator

space in the private sector for over 20 years, and completed my doctoral research exploring transitions in mobility systems in 2015 (in Trinity College Dublin). I am currently also an Evaluator and Steering Committee member for research projects under the EPA Research Programme Annual Call under the pillars of Climate and Sustainability.

I spent five years on the board of the [European Cyclists' Federation](#) (2016-21), and in 2020 I was appointed to the board of Transport Infrastructure Ireland following a Public Appointments Service process. I enjoy music, gigs, DIY and adventures!



Will Andrews
Dublin City
2022 Committee
Member

I'm seeking nomination to the Committee so that I can represent Dublin on the EC of Cyclist.ie. CV-

Aged 55; cis male; no kids; retired architect.

1983- Started commuting in Dublin;

2003 Joined Dublin Cycling Campaign (after 2 left-hook injuries);

2009-12- Chaired Dublin Cycling Campaign;

2014-18- Worked as cycling advocate/ spokesperson and cycle trainer in New Zealand; worked on programme training HGV drivers to respect cyclists;

2017-18 Chaired Cycling Action Network NZ;

2022 Serving on Cyclist.ie EC. Helping with BusConnects submissions.