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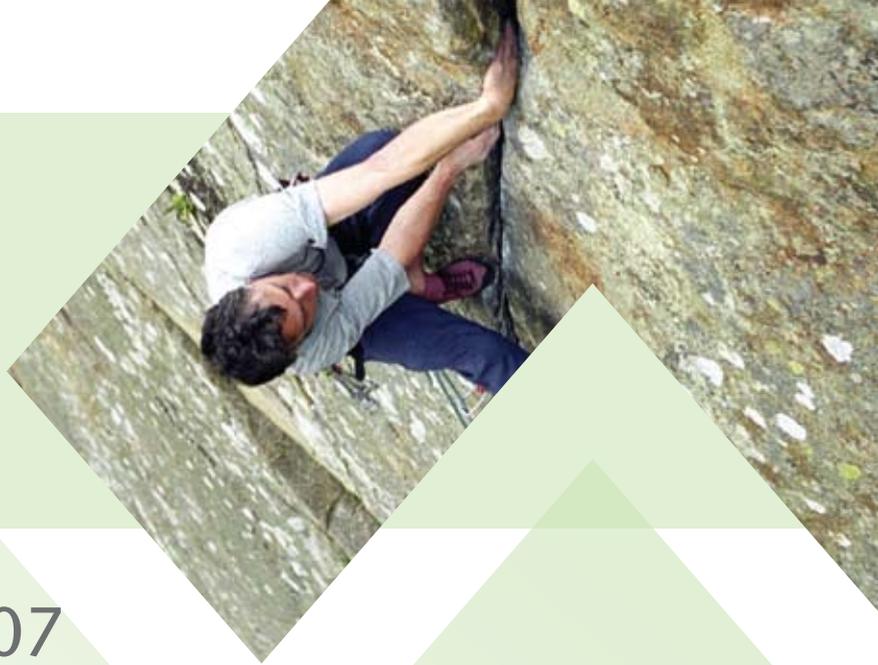
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The MCI (Mountaineering Council of Ireland) is the representative body for hillwalkers and climbers in Ireland. It is recognised as the NGB (National Governing Body) for mountaineering by both the Irish Sports Council (ISC) and Sport Northern Ireland (SNI).

Mountaineering includes hill walking, rock climbing, rambling, bouldering and alpinism. We currently have some 9,000 members, comprising over 130 clubs and 1,200 individual members.

The key aims of the MCI are to:

- Represent the interests of walkers and climbers
- Improve and secure access to the Irish hills and crags
- Promote mountain training programmes and qualifications
- Encourage responsible and sustainable use of the mountain environment
- Support members, and especially young people, in skills development
- Provide appropriate services to members

The MCI is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected by the membership. We have a professional staff team based at Sport HQ, Park West Business Park in Dublin, and at Tollymore Mountain Centre in County Down.

The work of the MCI includes: promoting mountaineering activities in Ireland; providing a range of services to members; promoting safety and training to walkers and climbers and encouraging responsible use of the mountain environment.

Membership of the MCI is open to both clubs and individuals. For more information visit www.mountaineering.ie/join

The MCI has a Board of Directors democratically elected by members, a staff of seven and a volunteer base without which it could not operate effectively. The MCI maintains close cooperation with international organisations such as the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS), and the Union Internationale des associations d'Alpinisme' (UIAA)

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Chairperson's Address

2007 has been a crucial year for the MCI with huge changes to our staffing and structures. The MCI is now better resourced than ever before and has the capacity to develop hillwalking and climbing both in Ireland and for Irish mountaineers throughout the world.

The Board, most of whom were just elected last year, have concentrated on setting our future policy and direction and over the next year this will be debated around the country as we prepare for the next development plan. Input from all our members is vital as we are essentially a 'representative' rather than 'governing' body. We do have a wider responsibility to the development of all the various facets of mountaineering and to help all those committed to walking, rock climbing and alpinism achieve their full potential. There are many aspects to this – access, conservation, training etc but I want in this short space to focus on one vital area of our work.

We have a very small proportion of young members and many clubs are understandably reluctant to take on responsibility for under 18's. However, the interest and enthusiasm amongst young people is at an all time high and it is our responsibility to focus and channel that to make sure that individuals reach their full potential and that the sport of mountaineering, in whatever its form, develops and grows. The success of the Northern Ireland Youth Development programme shows what can be done and we need to mind a mechanism to spread this throughout the country. This has, like all the MCI's work, relied heavily on volunteers, facilitated and supported by our excellent and committed staff. Despite our now impressive staff resource, we remain a volunteer based organisation and it is more important than ever that all members find a role, in their club, in their region or on a national basis. On a personal level I have been involved with the MCI in one way or another for more than 25 years and I can honestly say I have invariably found it highly rewarding – broadening and strengthening my own commitment to the mountains and mountaineering. It's your organisation – get involved.

Dawson Stelfox MBE



President's Address

The MCI sets out to be the effective voice for hillwalkers and climbers in Ireland. We are committed to promoting the safe, enjoyable and sustainable use of the Irish uplands by hillwalkers and climbers.

With much current debate on issues such as access, the environment, safety, liability and health it is vital that the MCI speaks with a strong, clear and effective voice for mountaineering in all its varied forms. To achieve this we must draw on our real strength which is our membership. In challenging times it is more important than ever that the MCI as the national representative body has the full support of the hillwalking and climbing community.

The organisation is undergoing a sustained period of growth and development and 2007 was our busiest year to date with many changes in our office and a new Board of Directors. We hope that all these changes will result in a more efficient organisation to better serve our members and allow us to spend more time on the mountains.

Mountaineering allows us to visit places - both in the world and in our heads. The changes in the mountainscape require a matching change in our attitudes. Small is beautiful. Why intrude on the mountains en masse when a more intimate approach can be so much more rewarding? We should depart discreetly and leave no trace of our passing.

Thoroughly exploring our treasure trove of mountains is rewarding in itself but it also helps to spread the load on the hills. Even in our regular haunts we can help by trying out different routes. Our relationship with the mountains (like any relationship) needs a varied approach to keep it alive. It requires give and take. We take a lot from the mountain environment and we must learn to give something back, whether it is through working with Mountain Meitheal, contributing to the local economy or passing on the flame in our clubs. We are the users of a precious resource and our behaviour bequeaths a legacy to future generations of walkers and climbers.

Declan O'Keefe



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Chief Officer's Address

It was an exciting year for the MCI with many changes and new innovative programmes. January saw the appointment of MCI's first Chief Officer. February was a sad month as we saw the resignation of Helen Lawless, our Development Officer. Helen's contribution to MCI was immense and her knowledge and understanding of the sector was a great asset to us. We wish her the very best in her new role in Wicklow Uplands Council. March saw the appointment of MCI's first Training Officer and summer saw the appointment of our Members' Support Officer and Access and Conservation Officer.

Our Training Policy was adopted by the membership at our AGM and we were successful in our application to the Irish Sports Council for additional funding for training supports following the closure of Tiglin Mountain & Whitewater Centre.

Our main focus on the delivery of services to our members in 2007 saw the development of a number of new initiatives in the organisation. 2008 will see an increasing number of supports to our members as we will have a full staff complement in place for the year.

Contact with MCI clubs and individual members is set to increase with new area meetings in the regions and a series of group discussions to get your feedback on what you want from your organisation, which will feed into our next Strategic Development Plan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters and members for their work during 2007. 2008 offers MCI another year of new and innovative programmes and challenges, a year in which we look forward to increasing service provision for our members.

Stuart Garland

Resources

To secure and optimise use of the resources necessary to achieve MCI's strategic goals.

A complete review and strengthening of MCI's organisational structure was completed during 2007. A Board of Directors was appointed at the last AGM and a new Board of Directors and Officers for a two year term will be elected at the AGM in February 2008. MCI's Memorandum & Articles of Association were revised and the Board of Directors terms of reference were revised as necessary following structure review.

A Members' Support Officer was employed in June 2007 and the first stage of her work was to identify the current volunteer roles and carry out a volunteer impact assessment. A Volunteer Policy and Volunteer Charter will be developed and in place by early 2008. Board member role descriptions have been developed for ordinary board members and Officers. These will be mirrored for local clubs. A governance policy was developed for the MCI Board in early 2007.

The MCI Financial management systems were reviewed early in 2007 and a new Financial Policy was developed. This governs all financial transactions within the MCI. New updated and revised contracts were issued to all staff.

Work was carried out on a number of staff policies including; holidays and leave, discipline, open door, equality, vetting, sexual harassment and ICT. These were recently approved by the MCI Board. An MCI Employment Staff handbook is currently in its final draft. Our asset register has been updated and a new system is being devised to ensure regular update.

An improved staff support and supervision policy was put in place which includes fortnightly staff meetings, monthly individual support and supervision sessions and yearly staff appraisals. A review of current sources of funding was carried out in relation to current staff and resources. Budgets have been developed for 2008 in relation to increased staff and resources and it will only be in 2008 that actual as opposed to budgeted figures can be identified. Additional sponsorship has been sought to offset our increased costs and we hope to increase this revenue stream in 2008.

Preliminary work has commenced on a long-term strategy to maximise use of existing facilities and develop new facilities for mountaineering. One element of this relates to the updating of the current MCI Climbing Walls Policy to identify regional centres for climbing walls.

A schedule is now in place for the review of MCI's current strategic plan and preparation of 2009-2012 strategy. The first stage will be a number of regional focus groups and a board sub group to work on the new strategy.





Communications and Services

To be an accessible organisation with a national profile that delivers a range of relevant services.

It has been a very busy six months since our Members' Support Officer was appointed and we hope in 2008 to continue to provide excellent members services and to build relationships with many of you if you feel you can offer yourself as a volunteer in the mountaineering community. There have been ten club visits. The objective was to spread the word about MCI's new staff roles, to get feedback and offer support to clubs. Areas of interest have ranged from what the MCI is doing day to day for members, how to develop a club, insurance, youth involvement in clubs and what the responsibilities of leaders are.

There has been an interest in working closer with the MCI with members coming forward as volunteers. We are looking for an MCI Representative in each club who will be a point of contact for the MCI and club members alike and very importantly to have an agreed MCI Regional Representative in each province.

The MCI web site has been completely re-designed and we now generate a monthly e-zine Mountaineering Matters from it. We have a large, growing list of online subscribers (over 8,000) via email for this service. A members web survey was carried out before the development of the web site to identify advantages and disadvantages of the old site and how improvements could be made. An online shop has also been added to the site as well as a number of new information sections in the site that have been requested by our members.

We have increased the profile of MCI by attending a number of high profile outdoor events to promote awareness of the MCI with the general public and promoting services to unaffiliated hillwalkers and climbers. We have built our relationships with other organisations including: Leave No Trace Ireland, Countryside Access and Activities Network (CAAN), Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs (UFRC), Comhairle Na Tuaithe (CnaT), Coillte, Dublin Mountains Initiative (DMI), Local Sports Partnerships, Community Forums and Volunteering Ireland amongst others. We have had number of articles in print media as a consequence of MCI press releases. At the end of 2007 we launched a full page article about MCI activities in Walking World Ireland.

Publication arrangements for the Irish Mountain Log have been reviewed. We are streamlining our processes with the publishers to achieve optimal publication times. A publications strategy is currently being developed by the MCI Board.

The MCI Autumn Meet took place in October 2007 with 110 at dinner and others besides who did not attend the meal. On Friday evening we had a heritage talk, on Saturday a full complement of mountaineering activities during the day was followed by a Members' Forum, a BOS meeting, an evening meal and a slideshow that evening. On Sunday there was a lecture and a walk available as well. As a follow up to this event it has been decided to re-introduce the Spring Meet to the MCI calendar in 2008.

The MCI Winter Lecture Series 2007 has been held all over Ireland in Belfast, Mayo, Limerick, Dublin, Cork and Kerry. The lecturers so far have been some homegrown and well known talent. The lectures have received good support however we could have a lot more! In 2008 we are delighted to have a mountaineering adventure-junkie septuagenarian; the creator of women only climbing events in the UK and an Irish climber, a recipient of the Millennium Youth Initiative scheme now climbing hard all around the world. (See the MCI website and Irish Mountain Log for more information, venues and dates).

In 2007 we launched a new style membership card that entitles you to discounts from eleven new discount partners plus more to come in the 2008. These cards were kindly sponsored by Berghaus. Insurance certificates are now issued to each club automatically when they receive their membership cards. The benefits of MCI Insurance have been improved for 2007 / 08 and full details can be found on our web site www.mountaineering.ie

We would like to thank club committees for their dedication and essential contribution to the club scene, especially club secretaries who we rely on to communicate with members. Much appreciation goes to the MCI volunteers for their invaluable efforts that impact so much on how the MCI operates. Volunteers are involved in every area of the MCI from: writing articles, organising lectures and events, representing MCI at festivals and events, sitting on committees and steering groups and sitting on the MCI Board. If you have an interest in being an MCI volunteer, MCI Rep for your club or region and would like more information on what training and support is on offer please don't hesitate to contact our Members' Support Officer.

In order to meet as many members as possible in 2008 there will be Area Meetings taking place from January 2008 all over the country. Your voice is needed to inform the future development of the MCI. The next Strategic Development Plan is being created in 2008 to commence in 2009 and your input is essential. Please come along and take part. See the Irish Mountain Log and www.mountaineering.ie for venue details.





Access and Conservation

To secure continued access to Ireland's uplands for hillwalking and climbing, and to advocate responsible use of the environment.

The Access and Conservation Officer position was filled mid 2007 and is off to a running start. The Access and Conservation Committee has planned a meeting for early in the New Year to really start putting all of our plans into action. Here is a quick update on what we have been working on in the last few months.

Comhairle na Tuaithe

The MCI has continued its' participation in Comhairle na Tuaithe and is pleased to announce that a Permissive Walkways and Maintenance scheme has been agreed upon by the committee and announced by Minister Éamon Ó Cuív. In order to address any legal concerns a Legal sub-committee has been established to take a look at the Experts Legal Report. MCI has been invited to join this committee.

Irish Uplands Form

The IUF co-hosted the Local Involvement in the Countryside Management seminar. A new pamphlet was developed to encourage new membership. The AGM will be held in early 2008.

Local Involvement in Countryside Management

We have attended two seminars in regards to issue of local involvement in countryside management. As mentioned previously one event was located in Glendalough hosted by Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC) and Irish Uplands Forum (IUF) and one in Belfast hosted by ASITIS Consulting.

Dublin Mountains Initiative (DMI)

The DMI are in the process of reviewing the final draft of the Strategic Plan for Outdoor Recreation 2007 - 2017 in the Dublin Mountains. MCI has been involved with DMI since its inception.

Establishing a network of Environmental Officers within MCI Clubs

The process of setting up a network of Environmental Officers has begun. Firstly, the Access and Conservation Committees questionnaire has been submitted to the MCI clubs. A grant application has been submitted to the Heritage Council to help fund the development of this network. It is hoped that through this funding a training course can be developed for the participants and a database established. Advertisement of this project has begun through a presentation delivered at the members' forum during the Autumn Meet and an article in the winter edition of the Irish Mountain Log. In Winter 2008 we will be making presentations to clubs at the regional area meetings.

Work has begun to develop a training program that educates the Environmental Officers and gives them the tools to disperse that information to the members within their clubs. The training program would consist of sessions discussing each of the following: Leave No Trace Awareness session, MCI Environmental Policy, Database, Reporting Process and MCI environmental policies reviewed.

We aim to maximise publicity arising from current review of legal issues related to access and if appropriate campaign for amendment / new legislation.





Training

To co-ordinate the development, promotion and delivery of hillwalking and climbing training.

The first nine months for the newly created position of MCI Training Officer has presented many challenges. From a practical working point of view it has become clear that the initial responsibilities proposed to be taken on by the Training Officer were greatly restricted by two important factors. Firstly; the necessary settling in period and learning curve that are continuing to be pursued, and secondly, the considerable work load of day to day house keeping necessary to continue the uninterrupted flow of training administration presented through the MCI office. These restrictions were often overcome thanks to the dedication of time and expertise obtainable on a voluntary basis from the Chair of BOS (Bord Oilúint Sléibhe), Tomás Aylward. This enthusiastic and devoted volunteerism was matched by a willingness on the part of the Training Officer to commit many working hours to the MCI outside of the normal expected working day. Subsequently this nine month period has seen the development and implementation of many new projects under the following four categories;

1. Promoting participation in formal and informal training.
2. Acting as Secretary to BOS, the Irish Mountain Training Board.
3. Working with MCI clubs to assist them to address their training needs.
4. Managing relations with, and mentoring, mountain training providers.

The following points should be analysed as important steps taken during 2007 in fulfilling responsibilities towards the fore mentioned categories.

A Full-time Training Officer appointed Spring 2007. The MCI Training Policy was adopted at the 2007 MCI Annual General Meeting, the MCI Training Policy is now widely distributed and available to download from our web site, www.mountaineering.ie. A work programme was agreed for the Training Officer in Spring 2007 and an updated work programme for 2008 was put forward in November 2007 to BOS for approval. A calendar of publicly-available training courses was prepared in conjunction with all BOS providers; this calendar is publicised through the MCI web site and in the Irish Mountain Log. Arrangements have been put in place for subvention of high-level training and assessment courses delivered through designated providers. A Mountain Instructor Award workshop was successfully run in September is now to become an annual event with backing of the Association of Mountaineering Instructors (AMI). A new grant scheme has been introduced to encourage and support participation in Mountain Instructor training / assessment.

An initial report was completed on the feasibility of merging BOS and Mountain Leader Training Northern Ireland (MLTNI) to form a single training board for the Island of Ireland. The first meeting took place in Dublin in December 2007 between the two chairs and secretaries of respective boards. Work will continue in 2008.

Work is ongoing with MCI clubs to assist them in addressing their training needs. This has been developed into a tendered project for tendering in February 2008. Title of tender "A project to provide accessible mountain training for MCI clubs." There is a Review of MCI's grant support to member clubs and increased uptake on MCI club training grants. A new six category grant system has been proposed and work on developing this took place in the autumn and will be rolled out in 2008.

There has been an increased number of awards within all BOS training schemes. The ML (Mountain Leader) scheme is in particular identified as needing attention to increase the number of participants successfully completing the scheme. There has been an overall increase in most award schemes including the important higher further development training such as the Mountain Instructor Scheme. A joint safety awareness campaign for walkers in conjunction with Mountain Rescue & National Waymarked Ways Advisory Committee (NWWAC) to take place early in 2008. A Mountain Skills project has been agreed to be undertaken by two individual BOS providers with a start date of early 2008. This project will be overseen by the Training Officer and completion and publication hoped to take place in Spring 2008.

MCI's 2007 work programme under National Curriculum Development Programme (NCDP) has been developed into a tendered project for 2008 to commence in the first quarter of 2008. Funding was secured for construction of a small mobile bouldering wall. The boulder has been identified, however there are technical aspects to its design that need to be finalised before its purchase.

The MCI Alpine Meet took place in Saas Grund, Switzerland in July 2007. Over 50 trained participants and 80 other participants took part. Feedback was very good and plans are underway for the 2008 event to Vicosoprano in Switzerland. The third annual MCI Women's Climbing Meet took place earlier this year with over 30 participants. A review took place and it is hoped to increase participation in 2008.

The Irish Alpine Association and the Board of the MCI approved a grant of €2,000 to support the Irish India-Himalaya Expedition 2008, to be led by Gerry Galligan. The expedition will visit the Debsa Valley, Spiti, in India. They hope to explore this valley and to attempt first ascents of one or more of the virgin 6,000m peaks in the area. Joining Gerry on this expedition will be Daragh Ó Murchú, Paul Mitchell and Craig Scarlett.



Youth

2007 has been an extremely busy and exciting year for the Northern Ireland Youth Development Programme (NIYDP). We have run a number of new initiatives, and build on the existing ones, to create a more varied programme for our young members.

The year began with the Scottish Winter Youth Course, with the training and selection weekend being held on the first weekend in January, before the schools' Christmas holidays end. This year a night navigation element was added to the weekend, so the schedule was a busy one. 18 participants took part, with 12 successfully achieving a place on the Cairngorms based course in March.

Also keeping the Youth Development Officer busy at the start of the year was the Northern Ireland Youth Bouldering League with rounds in the 2006 / 07 series being held in the Ganaway Activity Centre (County Down), The Ozone (Belfast), Gortatole (Fermanagh) and Tollymore (County Down). This was the first youth competition series to date, and was highly successful. It has now become an annual event and we are currently working on the 2007 / 08 Series (now the NI Youth Climbing Competition Series). Entry numbers to date are healthy, with 37 competitors at the last round, and grades have gone up another few notches, with competitors flashing British 6b problems and Fr. 7a routes

New to the programme this year were two coaching trips to the Peak District. These were open to young people from across Ireland, who wanted to build on existing climbing skills and perfect their technique, with some coaching from Eddie Cooper and Angela Carlin. Thankfully Sheffield's new Climbing Works wall provided good coaching opportunities when widespread flooding put an end to outdoor climbing and the participants still benefited greatly.

Autumn saw the start of a new project which our Youth Development Officer was able to offer support to our Girls Outside programme, which is delivered in partnership with MCI staff, Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership, Schools, and Community organisations and is funded by Irish Sports Council under the Women in Sport initiative. The project aims to increase the number of young women participating in walking and climbing in the Sligo region by providing safe, quality, outdoor activities for teenage girls. The project is designed to inspire and motivate the participants, leaving them with a positive lasting impression and a desire to continue to be involved in mountaineering, climbing or hillwalking.

We have also provided support to the NI Youth Climbing team, which is going from strength to strength under the guidance of Eddie Cooper. This year has seen team members achieve success in bouldering, sport and traditional climbing, as well as in the Junior competitions. It is hoped that the team will travel to England in early 2008 to compete in the BMC youth series.

As always the Youth Programme also continued to run on-going classes for novice young climbers and for those wanting to improve their technique. These classes are now offered at the Ozone, (Belfast), Ganaway Activity Centre (Co. Down) and Tollymore (Co. Down). The Tollymore classes are currently the strongest with around 25 participants/ week. The Ganaway initiative is a partnership between MCI and the centre, where MCI volunteers have been getting things up and running.

External Representation

The MCI is represented on the following organisations:

Coillte Social and Environmental Panel,
Comhairle Na Tuaithe,
Cork Walking Cycling Network,
County Cork Local Sports Partnership,
Dublin Mountains Initiative,
Irish Adventure Sports Training Trust,
Irish Mountain Rescue Association,
Irish Uplands Forum,
Leave No Trace Ireland,
Mountain Coordination Group (UK and Ireland),
Mountain Heritage Trust,
Mountain Leader Training NI,
Mountain Leader Training UK,
National Waymarked Ways Committee,
National Co-ordinating Committee for Cave & Mountain Rescue,
North Sligo/North Leitrim Uplands Group,
Northern Ireland Environment Link,
Sport Northern Ireland Trust (Tollymore Mountain Centre),
Ulster Way Advisory Group,
Walking Cycling Network,
Wicklow/ Dublin Mountains Board,
Wicklow Mountains National Park Committee,
Wicklow Uplands Council

Affiliations

The MCI is affiliated to the following organisations:

European Ramblers Association,
Federation of Irish Sports,
Leave No Trace Ireland,
Northern Ireland Environmental Link,
Northern Ireland Sports Forum,
Union Internationale des Association d'Alpinisme (UIAA),
The Wheel,
Volunteering Ireland,

Working relationships

In addition to the above we also work closely with the following organisations:
Access and Conservation Trust (ACT),
British Mountaineering Council (BMC),
Coaching Ireland,
Countryside Access and Activities Network for Northern Ireland (CAAN),
Irish Sports Council,
Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS),
Mountain Leader Training Northern Ireland (MLTNI),
Mountain Leader Training United Kingdom (MLTUK),
National Trails Office,
Scouting Ireland,
Sport Northern Ireland,
Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs

List of MCI Affiliated Clubs

(as of October 2007)

4A's Walking Club
Acara
An Óige Hillwalkers Club
Aonach ar Siúl
Aquinas Award & Hillwalking Group

Arklow and Wicklow Hillwalking Club
Athlone Walking Club
Ballyduff Walking Club
Ballyhoura Bears Mountaineering Club
Ballyvaughan Fanore Walking Club
Bank of Ireland Hill Walking Club
Belfast Association of Rockclimbers and Fellrunners
Beanna Beola Hillwalking Club
Bishopstown Orienteering and Hillwalking Club
Blackrock Hillwalking Club
Blackstairs Ramblers
Blayne Ramblers
Bogtrotters Hill Walking Club
Bootleggers
Boyle Curlew Hillwalking Club
Burren Walking Club
Cahirsiveen Outdoor Club
CIÉ Hillwalkers
CIT Mountaineering Club
Clare Outdoor Club
Clonakilty Walking Club
Clondalkin Hillwalking Club
Club Cualann
Club Siúlóide Chonamara Theas
Cobh Hillwalking Club
Coconuts
Colmcille Climbers
Comeragh Mountaineering Club
Cork Backpackers Club
Cork Mountaineering Club
Crannagh Ramblers
Croom Abu
Crossbridge Walking Club
Cumann Siúl Cois Coiribe
Cumann Sléibhteoireachta Annascaul Walkers
Cumann Sléibhteoireachta Chorca Dhuibhne Dingle Hillwalking Club
Dal Riada Climbing Club
DCU Rockclimbing Club
Defence Forces Association of Mountaineers
DIT Mountaineering Club
Dublin University Climbing Club
Dublin Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team
Dungarvan Walking Club
Dunmanway Walking Club
Dunsany Walking Club
Eagle Ramblers Walking Club
ESB Hillwalking Club
Ferrard Ramblers
Fineos Hillwalking Club
Fitzamblers
Foyle Hillwalking and Rambling
Foyle Trekkers
Galtee Walking Club
Galway Field Club
Galway Walking Club
Garda Mountaineering & Canoeing Club
Glanmire Walkers
Glenwalk
GMIT Mountaineering Club
Grey Lake Ramblers
Hanging Rockers
HF Walking Club Dublin
Imaal Walkers
Irish An Óige Mountaineering Club
Institution Mountaineering Club
Irish Christian Mountaineering Club

Irish Geological Association
Irish Quaternary Association IQUA
Kenmare Walking Club
Kerry Garda Hillwalking Club
Killarney Mountaineering Club
Kilmacthomas Walkers
Kilronan Ramblers
Knockadosan Dozen HW
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Laune Mountaineering Club
Letterkenny IT Hillwalking Society
Limerick Climbing Club
Lung Gumpas
Magee Hillwalking Club
Marley Hillwalkers
Maynooth Hillwalking Club
Mid Tipp Mountaineering Club
Midleton Hillwalking Club
Mountain Meitheal
Mullaghareirk Ramblers
Na Coisithe
Navan Trekkers
Nire Valley Bogtrotters
North Down Ramblers
North West Mayo Hillwalkers
Northern Ireland Youth Climbing Team
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Rathgormack Climbing Club
Rosway Walkers
Seaboard Mountaineering Association
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