

# FUNDING OF CYCLIST.IE

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- Irish bicycle importers (seed funding)

This present support allows us to hire a National Cycling Coordinator on a two day a week contract. Cyclist.ie needs to grow its financial base so we can employ full-time staff and have a full-time office for cycling advocacy. This will enable us as a national advocacy group to compete more effectively with organisations that do not (yet) fully value cycling's potential to de-congest cities and improve public health - and that can engage PR companies and other professionals to advance their agendas.

This is exactly what our colleagues in the Dutch, Danish and Belgian advocacy organisations (for example) have done in recent years and this is helping to grow cycling in their countries. We are seeking core funding in order to grow our advocacy levels, increase cycling participation, and become an even stronger independent voice for everyday cycling.



# OUR STRENGTHS DERIVE FROM:

- Our committed, experienced and active volunteer base
- Our professional approach, drawing on the latest published international research
- Being an active member of the Brussels based European Cyclists' Federation
- Forming strong partnerships

We are working to put cycling at the heart of transport policy like it is in the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark.

Although we are coming from a low base we are aiming high!



**CYCLIST.IE IS THE UMBRELLA BODY OF CYCLE CAMPAIGNING AND ADVOCACY GROUPS IN IRELAND.**

It was formed in 2008 to combine the strengths of local groups, many of whom have been campaigning since the 1990s to improve cycling conditions and make our towns and cities more liveable.



Everyday cycling in the Netherlands

# IN SHORT

Cyclist.ie is a strong, growing and effective advocacy organisation advocating for the rights of everyday cyclists and highlighting the many benefits for Irish society of more people cycling. Investment in cycling gives the highest rate of return of all transport investments, as well as providing major health and wider benefits.

Crucially, the Irish government is under serious pressure from the European Commission to decarbonise transport, which in Ireland is heavily reliant on the private car. The bicycle - and the bicycle combined with public transport - offers a significant part of the solution to this major problem of our age.



**OUR VISION IS THAT CYCLING BECOMES A NORMAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES IN IRELAND**

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If you wish to establish a regional or local group then do please contact us.



Our mission is to act as a strong voice in promoting cycling as an integral part of the transport system, and as an enjoyable, healthy, low-cost and environmentally-friendly activity in its own right.



# THE NETWORK COMPRISES 25 GROUPS



Urban based groups such as Dublin Cycling Campaign, Cork Cycling Campaign, Limerick Cycling Campaign and equivalent groups in Waterford, Kilkenny, Sligo, Dundalk, Kerry, Maynooth, Naas and Skerries.



Community based greenway groups such as the Great Southern Trail in Limerick and Kerry, the Dingle Greenway group, the Wee Greenway group in Donegal and Derry, and Northern Ireland Greenways.



Bicycle festival groups in Cork city, Clonakilty and Kerry - plus further advocacy organisations such as Cycling Without Age and the Stayin' Alive at 1.5 campaign.



A full list of members can be found at [www.cyclist.ie](http://www.cyclist.ie)

Cyclist.ie is the member for the island of Ireland of the European Cyclists' Federation, which is itself is part of the World Cycling Alliance.



Cyclist.ie is a member of The Wheel, Ireland's national association for community, voluntary and charitable organisations.



We are also members of the Healthy Ireland Council.

Cyclist.ie has strategic alliances with An Taisce - the National Trust for Ireland, Green Schools, Love 30 and Cycling Ireland. It is also an active member of the Stop Climate Chaos coalition.



# CURRENT PRIORITY CAMPAIGNS



Greatly increased funding for cycling - to at least 10% of the transport budget [#allocate4cycling](#)



Full implementation of an updated National Cycle Policy Framework



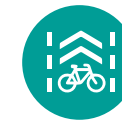
Minimum passing distance legislation ([#MPDL](#))



Lower urban speed limits



High quality cycle-friendly infrastructure in urban and rural areas



Support for iconic cycling routes in Dublin - e.g. Liffey Cycle Route, College Green, Clontarf to City Centre, Sutton to Sandycove route - and equivalent schemes in other cities



Proper enforcement of traffic laws, particularly re parking on cycle-lanes and speeding [#freethecyclelanes](#)



Reinforcing the perception of cycling as a healthy and core part of transport and leisure

## OUR DAY-TO-DAY WORK

- Representing cyclists on radio, TV, print, online & social media
- Lobbying politicians and seeking detailed information by getting Parliamentary Questions (PQs) asked regularly
- Meetings with government officials with the aims of (i) growing cycling, (ii) increasing funding for cycling and (iii) changing legislation
- Meetings with Local Authority officials and Councillors to push the cycling and active travel agendas
- Preparing submissions on national policy and strategies – e.g.
  - Pre-budget submissions
  - Strategy processes
  - Inputs on cycling infrastructure standards.
  - Review of An Garda Síochána policing plans

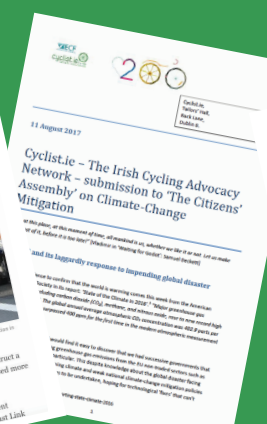
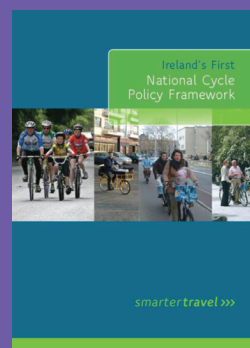
- Representation on critically important Local Authority forums, e.g.:
  - Transportation Strategic Policy Committees
  - Cycling (& Walking) Forums
  - Cycling & Walking Promotion Officer meetings
- Researching / preparing submissions on:
  - Local Development Plans
  - Local Area Plans
  - Strategy development processes
  - Cycling schemes (minor and major, urban and rural including greenways)
  - Speed limit reviews
- Organising street protests
  - Demanding greater investment in cycling
  - Campaigning for high quality facilities
  - Protesting avoidable cycling deaths

- Running events to raise the profile of cycling
  - National Bike Week
  - St. Patrick's Day Parade
  - Cycling festivals
  - Summer social cycles
  - European Mobility Week
  - Public Meetings
  - Halloween cycles
  - Electric Picnic bicycle space



## SUCCESSES & IMPACTS

- ✓ Keeping cycling, 'active travel' & low carbon transport on the political agenda.
- ✓ Shaping the National Cycle Policy Framework and the very successful Bike to Work Scheme.
- ✓ Delivering professional submissions to local & national authorities on cycling, walking and safer traffic management. In 2017 alone, we submitted nearly 60 such submissions.
- ✓ Working with all authorities with an input on cycling issues.
- ✓ Input into national and local standards on cycle planning, and training of local authority and community personnel.
- ✓ Supporting the development of safer lower speed limit zones.
- ✓ Member of Ireland's National EuroVelo Coordination Centre.
- ✓ Successfully lobbying to (i) remove the mandatory-use of cycle tracks; (ii) permit cyclists to go up on the inside of stopped or slow-moving motor traffic; (iii) prohibit tinted windscreens and the fitting of 'bull-bars'.
- ✓ Main instigator behind the winning bid bringing Velo-city, the largest international cycling planning conference in the world, to Dublin in 2019.
- ✓ Being the 'Go-To' organisation for all media outlets on cycling matters - with regular TV and radio interviews, and input into print and online media.



Cyclist.ie uses its professional expertise in critiquing plans for cycling schemes