

Trinity Olympic Ambassadors

Moira O'Brien



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Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Trinity Sport

Trinity Connection: Professor of Anatomy (1985-2007)
Role: Irish Olympic Medical Officer

Olympics Attended:
Moscow 1980,
Los Angeles 1984, Seoul 1988

The daughter of two Trinity medical graduates, Moira O'Brien started her medical training at the age of 15 and went on to have a prestigious career in the field of sports medicine holding such roles as; Member of the European Olympic Medical Commission, Member of the Board of the Federation International Medicine Sportive and recipient of the Rodger Bannister Lifetime achievement award in Sport and Exercise medicine (2015) among countless other roles and awards for her work with osteoporosis and medicine.

A passionate sports person, Moira represented RCSI in hockey and swimming throughout her time in university and is the namesake of the Moira O'Brien Sports Scholarship established in her honor.

Moira served as the Irish Olympic Medical Officer at Moscow 1980, Los Angeles 1984 & Seoul 1988. First appointed in September 1979 for the summer Olympic Games in Moscow, she was responsible for the health of the Olympic officials, athletes and staff. In October 1982 the National Dairy Council funded comprehensive medical, biochemical, and psychological study of the Olympic athletes leading to the Los Angeles Games

Prior to her involvement at the Seoul Olympic Games Moira became the first female full professor in Trinity College Dublin medical school, serving as Professor of Anatomy from 1985-2007. She established the Human Performance Laboratory in the Anatomy Department with the help of Bernard Donne, Experimental Officer for Physiology, a facility that tested all athletes and officials prior to the Seoul Olympics.



Dr. Robert James Rowlette

Trinity Connection: King's
Professor of Materia Medica
and Pharmacy
Role: 1920 GBI Medical Officer
1924 and 1928 Honorary Medical
Officer (Team)

Olympics Attended:
1920 Antwerp

David Fitzgerald

Trinity Connection: Hockey
Development Officer and
Irish Goalie Coach
Role: Irish Mens Hockey
Olympian

Olympics Attended:
Rio 2016

Jim O'Donovan

Trinity Connection: 2013 Masters
in Sports and Exercise Medicine
Role: Team Doctor in Rio and CMO
for Tokyo and Paris

Olympics Attended:
Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020

Bio:

David Fitzgerald (born 8 October 1986) is an Irish hockey player. A reserve goalkeeper in the Ireland squad that won the bronze medal at the 2015 Men's EuroHockey Nations Championship and selected for the squad that represented Ireland at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. David is currently the Goalkeeping coach for the Irish Men's Hockey team for Paris 2024.



Hugh McAtamney

Trinity Connection: BSc Marketing
Marketing Management, Genera
Role: CTO - Triathlon

Olympics Attended:
London 2012, Rio 2016,
Tokyo 2020

Bio:

Hugh completed a BSc in Marketing/Marketing Management with Trinity College Dublin before going on to study and work at TUD. He spent eight years as Head of the TU Dublin School of Media.

Hugh is an international Technical Official Level 3ab, the top tier in world triathlon. He has been the CFO for Triathlon in London 2012, Rio 2016 and the CFO for Paratriathlon in Tokyo 2020. He was appointed World Triathlon's Technical Delegate at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the first Irish person to receive the honour.

Dr Alison Keogh

Trinity Connection: MSc in
Sports & Exercise Medicine
Role: Hockey Umpire

Olympics Attended:
2024 Paris

Bio:

Alison obtained a BSc (Hons) Degree in Physiotherapy from UCD in 2010 and a MSc in Sports & Exercise Medicine from Trinity College Dublin in 2012. She commenced a PhD in UCD in September 2013. Alison rejoined Trinity College in 2022 as an Assistant Professor in Healthcare Innovation.

First umpiring in Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club Alison was soon awarded a FIH international badge in 2013 following the EuroNations C Division competition in Greece. To date she has umpired a number of high-level fixtures such as u21 Euronations in Belgium, the Junior World Cup in Chile, the Euronations in Holland, and the World League Finals in New Zealand.

She will now feature as a hockey umpire in the Paris 2024 Olympics.



Lynette Royle nee Dobbin

Trinity Connection: Student
General Studies 1975
Role: Disabled Spectator Care

Olympics Attended:
London 2012

Favorite Memory:

'I worked at Earls Court during the London Olympics. Officially I was in charge of disabled spectators but in practice I spent most of my time dealing with a major shortage of water stations, lost and found items, and pacifying irate people whose tickets turned out to be counterfeit. It was a role for which my experience as a Public Relations Director with Guinness was perfect! I've also applied to volunteer at the Paris Olympics.'

Kelvin Davies

Trinity Connection: 1985,
Psychology
Role: Project Lead BAE Systems
UK Sport Partnership

Olympics Attended:
2024 Paris

Bio:

Kelvin Davis as the Project Lead of the BAE Systems – UK Sport partnership saw the development of technology in support of Britain's athletes in the years 2008-2016. Racing wheelchairs, weather prediction for sailing, characterising the 2012 taekwondo scoring system and the Gold-medal winning skeleton bobsled from the 2010 Winter Olympics have been major successes supported by the partnership. The additional activities of the partnership directly supported gold, silver and bronze medal winning athletes in taekwondo, modern pentathlon, equestrian, track cycling, wheelchair basketball, BMX, and many other sports.



Neil Fleming

Trinity Connection: PhD Physiology
TCD Assistant Prof Anatomy TCD
Role: Para assistant and coach

Olympics Attended:
Tokyo 2020

Bio:

Director of the Trinity College Human Performance Lab, PhD in Human Physiology, and coach to 2-time Paralympian Patrick O'Leary. A Junior World Champion in Canoe Marathon and international athlete in Canoe Sprint for many years. He is impacting many athletes in his discipline by sharing those cumulated athlete experiences along with his professional expertise in physiology to design successful high performance training programmes.

Christopher von Patzelt

Trinity Connection: Legal
Science 1971
Role: Volunteer

Olympics Attended:
2012 London

Bio:

Sport Information team at the Rowing Regatta at Dorney Lake and at our office at the Athletes Village (Royal Holloway, Uni of London). Principally dealing with Team Managers and competitors queries.



Rebecca Owens

Trinity Connection: Senior Executive Officer (Psychology)
Role: Volunteer

Olympics Attended:
London 2012

Favorite Memory:

'We looked after boat weigh-ins before and after races , warm-up area, calling athletes to drug testing etc.

I drove a VIP from the Olympic committee alongside some of the races (BMW were one of the sponsors) because no one on my team was confident to drive an automatic transmission vehicle at the time. I also ran some practice starts for the athletes from the start tower which commanded the release of the starting blocks. It was a really fun time and great to be a part of it all.'

Fionbarr Farrell

Trinity Connection: Fencing Coach - DUFC
Role: Irish Fencing - Olympian

Olympics Attended:
Mexico City 1968

Bio:

Fionbarr Farrell was an Irish épée, foil and sabre fencer. He competed in five events at the 1968 Summer Olympics. Fionbarr was a great supporter of the growth of fencing within Ireland and coached the Trinity Fencing club throughout his life.



Sean Fox

Trinity Connection: Public Admin and B.COMM. 1966

Role: Manager Cycling Road and Track team

Olympics Attended:
Rome 1960

Favorite Memory:

‘My Olympics involvement was immediately prior to my enrollment in T.C.D. I enrolled in your evening lectures for people who were already in employment, mainly in the public service who were unable to become a full-time student. I first was awarded a Diploma in Public Administration and then a B.Comm in 1966.’

Sean B Fox acted as the Irish cycling manager to the team at the 1960 Rome Olympics. Three riders lined up in the road race – Peter Crinnion from Wicklow, Sonny Cullen from Dublin and Belfast man Séamus Herron with two more riders from Belfast racing on the track – Michael Horgan (Sprint and 1000m time trial) and Martin McKay (Sprint).

Ciara McCallion

Trinity Connection: 2010, Physiotherapy
Role: OFI Pre Games physiotherapist & Winter Olympics Lead Physiotherapist

Olympics Attended:
Tokyo 2020,
Beijing Winter Olympics 2022

Bio:

Currently working with the Sport Ireland Institute and Athletics Ireland, McCallion has supported various international events at World and European level across multiple sports, including the European Youth Olympic Festival, as well as swimming, hockey and athletics.

A former international track and field 4 x 400m athlete, McCallion was part of the physiotherapy team at the Pre-Games Training Camp in 2021 where she worked across all sports based at the training camp in Fukuroi.

She was named as the Games Head of Performance Support and Lead Physiotherapist for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games by the Olympic Federation of Ireland



Selma Harrington

Trinity Connection: MPhil in European Studies

Role: Nordic Disciplines Field Announcer

Olympics Attended: Sarajevo Winter Olympics 1984

Bio:

Selma Harrington née Arnautović is a Bosnian-Irish architect and designer. She holds a PhD in Architecture from the University of Strathclyde and an MPhil European Studies from the Trinity College Dublin. She is an Executive Board member and Vice-President and served as President of the Architects' Council of Europe

Prior to her time in Trinity Selma volunteered as the Results Announcer for the Nordic disciplines at Igman Mountain in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in February 1984.

Mark McCabe

Trinity Connection: 1993 Bsc, 1998 MSc in Physiotherapy

Role: Physiotherapist & S+C

Olympics Attended: Beijing 2008, London 12, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020

Bio:

The Director of Sports Med Ireland Mark McCabe has been responsible for physiotherapy, strength and Practical land-based conditioning for Irish Sailing since the 2008 games to the present day