

# Coaching athletes Participating in Special Olympics Events My Experience



Carmen Martinez



The Special Olympics Summer European Games took place in Antwerp, Belgium. 46 athletes represented Team Ireland at European level.

Ireland Artistic Gymnastic Team

Head Coach: Carmen Martinez

Coach: Coughla Conor

Gymnasts:

Meghan O'Halloran, a member of the Owenabue Gymnastics Club, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.

Tony Lunny, a member of Salto Gymnastics Club, Banbridge, Co. Down.

Colleen Flood, a member of the Wexford Special Olympics Sports Club.

Haile Harton Gymnastic Malahide

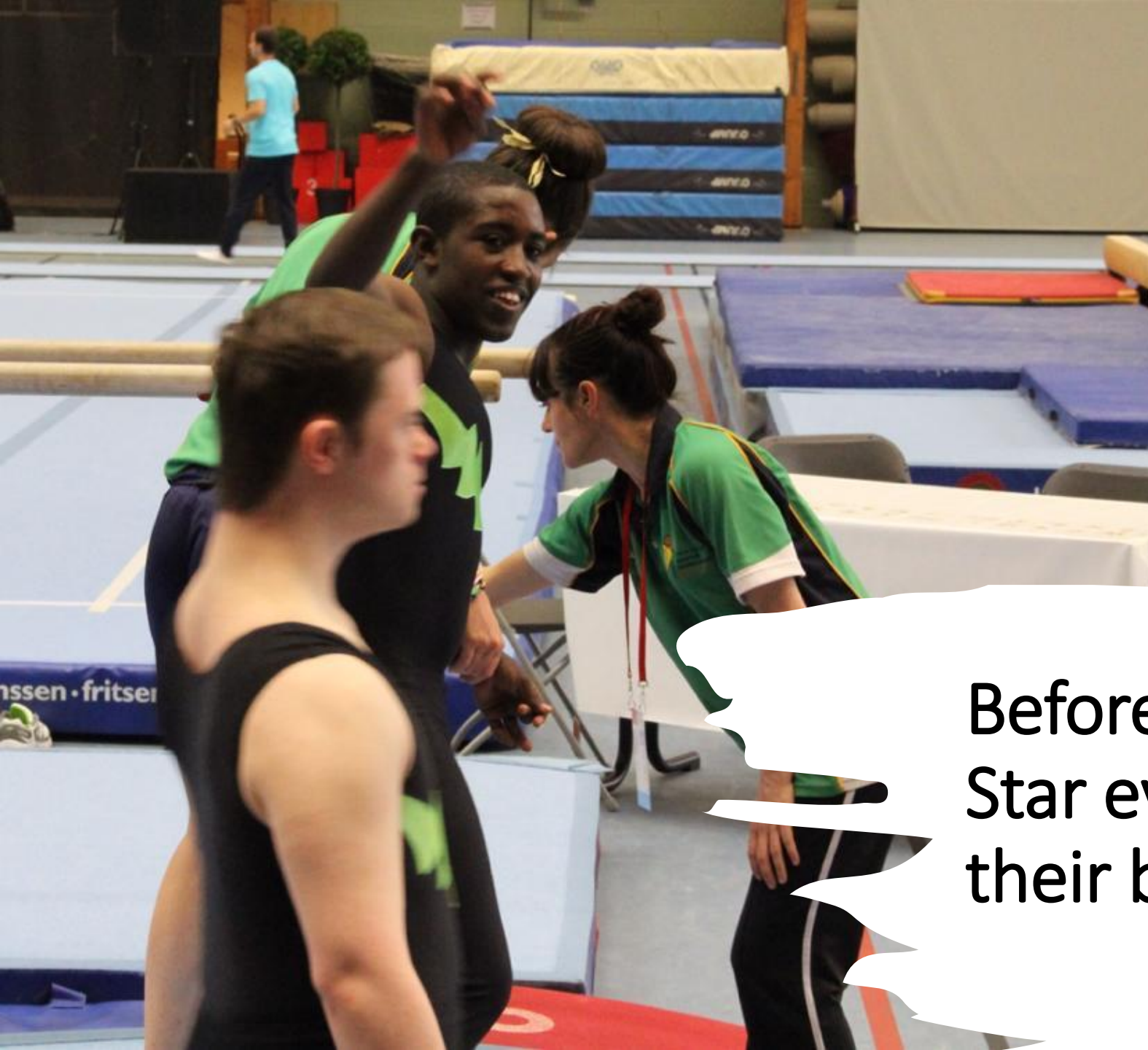


Team of Head  
Coaches and  
Management  
Team European  
games  
2014



2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER EUROPEAN GAMES  
COACHES AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Before The Competition  
Star everyone must look  
their best.



# Competition Time

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Haile Harton who also lives locally, is a member of Malahide United Special Olympics Club also excelled in his category, and at just 12 years old. He won one bronze in Gymnastics in men's parallel bars, one bronze in Gymnastics in men's rings, one bronze in Gymnastics in men's pommel horse, one bronze in Gymnastics in men's horizontal bars and one silver in Gymnastics in men's vault. He also placed 4th in men's floor and one 4th in men's all-around



Making New Friends



The 46 athletes from Ireland participating at the European Games, brought with them 12 gold, 21 silver, and 24 bronze medals.

**Gymnastics:** 2 gold, 3 silver, 9 bronze, 7-4th place, and 2-5th place.

**Megan Celebrating her Performance**



## Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics Ireland Team



These Games, hosted around 6,500 athletes from 177 countries. Irish athletes won 16 medals on the final day of the Special Olympics World Games bringing their total for the competition to 86.



Laura Ahern, a member of Owenabue Special Olympics Gymnastics Club, from Glanmire, Co Cork, with her gold medal for gymnastics. Photograph: Cody Glenn/Sportsfile



Shauna Stewart (20 ),  
artistic gymnastics athlete  
from Athlone with Ruth  
Geerah, Peter Malynn  
also medals winners at the  
2015 SO Summer Games



Billy Kane won  
two gold medals,  
three silver and  
one bronze



Gynmast Patrick Quinlivan from Letterkenny, Co Donegal with his haul of medals during the homecoming after the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games.  
Photograph: Cathal Noonan/Inpho



Paul Keane, from Ferns, Co Wexford, shows his niece Mila Keane, age 6 months, his five medals: a gold, three silvers and a bronze plus two ribbons for gymnastics during the Team Ireland homecoming.  
Photograph: Cody Glenn/Sportsfile

**Special Olympics World Summer Games,  
Los Angeles, California, United States  
Rhythmic Gymnastics Ireland Team**

**Team Ireland Head Coach: Dorothy Kavanagh**

**Team Irelands Kirsty Devlin, left, a member of SALTO Gymnastics Club, from Belfast, who won two gold and two silver medals, in gymnastics, and fellow Team Ireland gymnast Ashleigh OHagan, a member of Lisnagry Special Olympics Club, from Limerick City, with her two Bronze medals at the John Wooden Center, UCLA. Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, California, United States.**

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Any Questions?

