

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS

Odhrán Doherty

Odhrán is the National Sport Inclusion Coordinator with Cara having joined the organisation in April 2019. Odhrán's role within Cara is to support and guide the work of the National Network of Local Sports Partnerships and National Governing Bodies of Sport in Ireland in relation to the inclusion of people with disabilities within sport and physical activity with a particular focus on supporting organisations to implement the pillars of the Sport Inclusion Disability Charter.

Prior to joining Cara Odhrán worked for Disability Sport Northern Ireland for 9 years firstly in a club development role supporting mainstream clubs to provide inclusive sport for people with disabilities and from 2014 – 2019 Odhrán was programme manager for Boccia in Northern Ireland developing a National Performance Pathway, Coach Education programme, Club system and High Performance Programme which developed athletes to represent their country and win medals at European and World levels.

Odhrán is originally from Buncrana in Co. Donegal but lives in Newry Co. Armagh with his wife Ciara and two daughters Aoibhín (3) and Ríognach (1).



Rick Rodgers

Chair

Rick has been involved in cheerleading as an athlete, and coach since 2005. He is one of the founding trustees and was integral in the development of ParaCheer divisions after his Wheelchair Partner Stunt performances were seen at the ICU World championships 2011 and 2012. He is also a member of the ICU and ECU athlete commission representing disabled athletes on those committees.

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Chantal Epp

Chantal has been involved in Cheerleading as both an athlete and coach since 2011. She recently became involved in the ParaCheer division when she competed with Team England ParaCheer at Worlds 2017. From that point on she has been training with Rick Rodgers to continue development of Wheelchair Partnerstunt, working on various adaptations to skills. For the last 3 years Chantal has been working in a Business Development role at a music licensing company and owns and runs 2 businesses.

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louise O'Leary

Louise is a Consultant paediatric Occupational Therapist who has been working in Singapore for over 8 years now. She is originally from Co.Kerry and graduated from Trinity College Dublin. Her clinical work includes working with children And their families with a variety of challenges including Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, and DCD (Developmental Coordination Disorder) to name a few.

Outside of her clinical work Louise is an active volunteer in her community, both in Ireland and Singapore. One such activity is Club Rainbow is an organisation with supports local children with life-long medical conditions.



Lee Trudell

- 30 years in Cheer Industry
- Director of ParaCheer Spirit NFP
- US National Adaptive Abilities Head Coach



Gareth Green

- Behaviour specialist for ASD children and young people at the Priory groups ASD schools and colleges 20 YEARS
 - Owner of Crimson Heat Tigers cheer 12 YEARS
 - Director of Berkshire Talent Academy of sports 5 YEARS.
- Mentor and advocate for children with disabilities and young people in crisis.



Carmen Martinez

Carmen Martinez is a Senior Supervisor Instructor in St Vincent's Centre in Dublin (Daughters of Charity Disability Services). Carmen holds a Graduate Diploma in Dance and Honors degrees in Physical Activity, Educational Psychology and Social Care. She has worked in the area of Sports and Intellectual disabilities for over 17 years. She has been a volunteer for Special Olympics Ireland since 2005 and has been both head coach and coach in Irish and international Games. In 2010 she was Gymnastic Head Coach for Special Olympic Eastern Region at the all-Ireland Games. In 2014 Carmen was Ireland Artistic Gymnastic Head Coach at the Special Olympics European Summer Games in Antwerp, Belgium. In 2015 she was Ireland Assistant Head Coach for the Artistic Gymnastic Team at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Before working for the Daughters of Charity She was the Sports and Dance Coordinator and Facilitator at Stewarts Care in Dublin. She is passionate about promoting the health and wellbeing of people with physical and Intellectual disabilities through inclusion in physical activity, dance and sport.

Jordan Lee: <https://paralympics.ie/team-ireland-profiles/jordan-lee/>