



## Northern Ireland

### TRANSPORT FUNDING BOOST

In February the Department for Infrastructure announced that it had been allocated £16m of additional capital funding. This is welcome news. Northern Ireland is currently experiencing what has been termed an infrastructure deficit, leaving the region lagging behind its neighbours. Investment in active travel has been particularly neglected and should be a top priority for Minister for Infrastructure John O'Dowd. Delivering on the long overdue Belfast Cycling Network, for example, would be a significant step forward for Northern Ireland.

## Governance

### CYCLING UK AGM

The 2024 Cycling UK AGM will take place on Friday 27 September. We are now launching the call for motions. For details on the process for proposing motions, as well as the criteria against which motions will be reviewed, visit [cyclinguk.org/agm-2024](https://cyclinguk.org/agm-2024). The deadline for motions is 9am on 17 April 2024. Voting papers will be released in the August/September issue of Cycle.



Fiona Spotswood (rear), one of 2023's Women in Cycling

Far left: Paula Funnell, Flickr/CC

## Awards

# 100 WOMEN IN CYCLING 2024

**I**t's that time of year again when we ask who you would like to see on our 100 Women in Cycling list. Nominations for this year's list celebrating exceptional women inspiring others to cycle opened on International Women's Day, Friday 8 March.

The awards have been running for seven years, and have included women from all walks of life and cycling disciplines. Once again, we invite nominations in four broad categories: community champion, cycling influencer, industry mogul and sporting hero. We've had adventurers,

bike mechanics, journalists, grassroots campaigners, local politicians, community ride leaders, school-run mums, social media stars, refugee bike scheme founders, business owners, designers of cycling fashion, cycling poets and filmmakers.

Last year's list included Eileen Sheridan, the record-breaking 'Mighty Atom' who sadly passed away in 2023. We also had Dr Fiona Spotswood (pictured), a researcher who has focused her academic career on understanding and illuminating inequalities in sport. Her current work

is about understanding the persistent gender inequalities in the mountain biking scene.

Founder of Evolve Cycling Network, Iffat Tejani, also featured for her work in breaking cultural barriers. Iffat has overcome illness to become a British Cycling coach. She founded her cycling club for Muslim women, trained countless women to cycle, designed modest cycling clothes and organised the first Muslim women's sportive.

Nominate now. Visit [cyclinguk.org/100women/nominations](https://cyclinguk.org/100women/nominations).

## Events

### VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

Volunteers' Week is an annual national event which celebrates all those amazing people who help keep the wheels of group rides turning, fix bikes, organise events, support our campaigning and so much more. This year it runs from 3-9 June, with a focus on the Big Help Out weekend on 7-9 June. We'll be highlighting the achievements of some of our



(Left) Volunteer Brian Shannon

most outstanding volunteers during the week so email [volunteering@cyclinguk.org](mailto:volunteering@cyclinguk.org) with any nominations for a Going the Extra Mile award. [cyclinguk.org/article/how-thank-volunteers-what-they-do](https://cyclinguk.org/article/how-thank-volunteers-what-they-do)