

# Valerie Considine

## Leinster

With over 25 years of racing and volunteering in cycling, alongside senior leadership experience in my professional career, I bring a strong understanding of governance, collective decision-making, and long-term organisational stewardship. I am passionate about supporting Cycling Ireland's sustainable growth, equality of opportunity, and continued development for the benefit of members, volunteers, and communities nationwide.

I have been a member of Cycling Ireland and the Irish Road Club since 2001 and have been actively involved in the development and governance of the sport for more than two decades, with a particular focus on advancing women's cycling. I was a member of the first Women's Commission established in 2002 and went on to chair the Commission for over 15 years.

During my tenure, working alongside a highly committed and talented team, we delivered a series of key initiatives that transformed the domestic racing landscape for women. These included the establishment of Beginner Leagues, a National League and the development of a structured programme providing coaching and racing opportunities. Collectively, these initiatives delivered clear and sustainable pathways for women to progress to the professional level and most importantly ensured equality was embedded across the sport.

I founded Rás na mBan in 2006 and have served as its Director for 20 years, overseeing its growth into a highly regarded international stage race on the women's cycling calendar. Supported by a strong core team, the race has secured significant funding for women's cycling and built effective partnerships with County Councils, An Garda Síochána, Sponsors and the wider cycling community to promote and develop cycling across Ireland. Throughout this time, I have maintaining regular engagement with key stakeholders including Cycling Ireland, Commissions and Sport Ireland, helping to drive higher standards of professionalism and quality within the sport.

I am a member the Irish Veterans Cycling Association (IVCA) having previously raced at senior level and now racing primarily in the IVCA/Masters category. I have served as a Board Member of Cycling Ireland since November 2025.

Professionally, I am a Principal Officer (Head of Finance) with the Department of Further & Higher Education, working at Ministerial level and bringing extensive experience in strategic leadership, governance, public finance and organisational oversight. I have always cycled to work and cycling safety is a priority issue for me, reflected in my involvement in the Road Safety Commission.

I am strongly motivated to contribute at a governance and strategic level to the future of cycling.