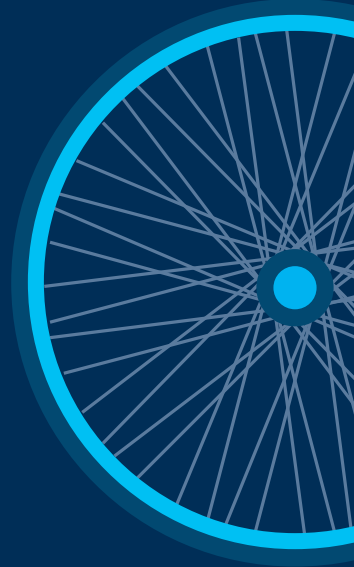
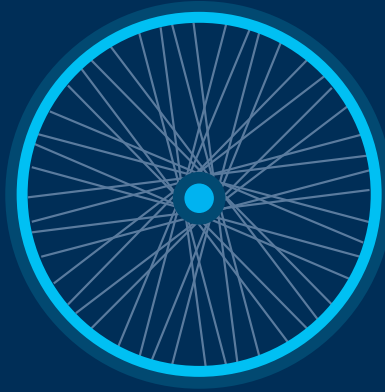




  
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# CO-OPERATION IRELAND MARACYCLE

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# CALLING ALL CYCLISTS

## 25-26 June Co-operation Ireland Maracycle

Co-operation Ireland's flagship biking challenge Maracycle will take place over the last weekend in June 2011. The new route will, where possible, avoid main roads and heavy traffic and will involve cycling on rural country roads and also off road towpaths for part of the ride. The hills of Naul will be bypassed this year.

On Saturday 25 June, cyclists will leave Dublin and bike to Belfast, where they will stay overnight. Cyclists will leave Belfast on Sunday morning and retrace the route to finish in Dublin. One day options for Saturday and Sunday and a two day weekend option are all available. In 2012 the event will start and finish in Belfast.

### Route

**Day one Saturday 25 June**  
Distance approximately 110 miles.  
Start: Dublin 07.30 - 08.30  
Finish: Belfast 14.00 - 18.00

**Day two Sunday 26 June**  
Distance approximately 110 miles.  
Start: Belfast 08.00 - 09.00  
Finish: Dublin 14.00 - 18.00

### Entry Donation Options

**Option 1:** One day bike ride either Saturday or Sunday: £35/€40

**Option 2:** Two day bike ride Saturday and Sunday: £50/€57

**Option 3:** Minicycle (50 miles), Dundalk-Belfast day one or Dundalk-Dublin day two: £25/€30. Participants need to make their own way to Dundalk start area.

All options include tea, sandwiches and snacks en route, complimentary t-shirt and finishers medal.

Co-operation Ireland will incorporate Champion Chip registration, giving participants split times at start, middle and finish on both days.



### Accommodation

All three accommodation rates in Belfast for Saturday 25 June include bed and breakfast at your accommodation and evening buffet and entertainment at the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

- Twin share rate at 3 star hotel e.g. Jurys or similar is £60/€68 per night with £30/€35 single supplement.
- Single en suite rate at Queens University Belfast is £60/€68 per night.
- Twin share rate at the 4 star Europa Hotel is £80/€90 per night with £25/€30 single supplement.

In Dublin, Co-operation Ireland can provide en suite apartment accommodation to include bed, breakfast and evening meal, adjacent to the start/finish site in the grounds of Dublin City University for Friday 24 June and Sunday 26 June. Twin share and single rooms available at the same rate (£60/€68 pp per night) and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. No single supplement applicable. These special rates cannot be guaranteed after 14 May 2011.

### Booking your own accommodation

Should you wish to book your own accommodation, please contact:

**Belfast & Northern Ireland Welcome Centre**  
Tel: +44 (0)28 9024 6609  
Email: [welcomecentre@belfastvisitor.com](mailto:welcomecentre@belfastvisitor.com)

[www.gotobelfast.com](http://www.gotobelfast.com)  
[www.discovernorthernireland.com](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com)

**Dublin Tourism (Gulliver)**  
Tel: (Ireland) 1850 230 330  
Tel: (UK) +353 66 979 1804  
[www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)

### Services and Facilities

A network of back-up services is available throughout the event. First aid, motorcycle marshals, repair and radio services are provided. A number of rest stops each day will be available en route providing refreshments and toilets. Lunches (tea and sandwiches) are available on both days. The Garda, PSNI and stewards will marshal the route. All necessary facilities including safe overnight car parking and bike parks are available at the start/finish sites in Belfast and Dublin.

Full details of the event including rest stops and mileage guide will be posted to all entrants approximately 2 weeks prior to the event.

### Fundraising

Co-operation Ireland asks you to raise funds through your participation in Maracycle to support its work with schools, youth clubs and community groups, giving people from diverse communities within Northern Ireland and from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, a chance to meet and spend time together working on joint projects, so that they can learn to accept and respect each others traditions and cultures.

Cyclists are encouraged to raise funds for Co-operation Ireland's work, but the organisers will also accommodate cyclists who wish to split any additional sponsorship raised on the Co-operation Ireland event on a 50/50 basis with a second charity of their own choice.

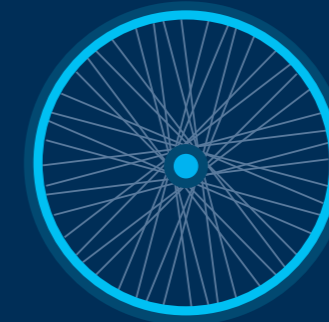
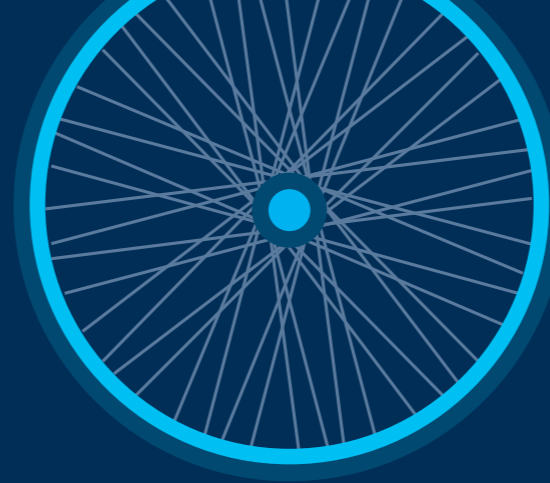
### Coach Transfers

A promotional single fare coach transfer for Co-operation Ireland Maracycle will be available for £12/€14 from Belfast to Dublin on Friday 24 June and from Dublin to Belfast on Sunday 26 June.

Co-operation Ireland will provide transport for your bike. Details of this offer will be posted on our website [www.cooperationireland.org](http://www.cooperationireland.org) early April.

### Training Schedule

The new Maracycle route provides a considerable physical challenge of over 100 miles in both directions. Participants are advised to follow the Maracycle training programme over a ten week period.



## How to enter

Download entry form or enter \*online at [www.cooperationireland.org](http://www.cooperationireland.org) or complete the entry form and forward to either:

### Co-operation Ireland

5 Weavers Court Business Park,  
Linfield Road, Belfast BT12 5GH

or

### Co-operation Ireland

20 Herbert Place, Dublin 2

with the appropriate amount in either Sterling or Euro, before the closing date of Friday 27 May 2011.

\*Please note a fee of 2.6% will be charged for credit card bookings.

## Gift Aid UK Tax Payers

Co-operation Ireland can claim back the tax element of donations made to our charity by PAYE or self assessed tax payers, which amounts to an extra 25% at no cost to them. Should you wish our charity to reclaim the tax back on donations made, simply tick the Gift Aid box on the entry form. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donation.

## Republic of Ireland Tax Payers

Tax paid on donations of €250 or more made directly to Co-operation Ireland by PAYE tax payers who are not directly related to the participant or to the participant's spouse, can be reclaimed by our charity. The additional amount reclaimed by Co-operation Ireland will vary according to the tax band of the donor (e.g. 20% or 42%). Should the donor wish Co-operation Ireland to reclaim the tax back on donations made, they should contact Co-operation Ireland who will forward the relevant form to the donor for completion.

## Useful Contacts for Insurance Purposes

You are strongly advised to take out your own personal injury and public liability insurance to provide cover while training and taking part in the bike ride.

### Cycling Ireland

Tel: +353 (0)1 855 1522

Email: [info@cyclingleireland.ie](mailto:info@cyclingleireland.ie)

[www.cyclingleireland.ie](http://www.cyclingleireland.ie)

### Northern Ireland Cycling Federation

[www.nicyclingfederation.com](http://www.nicyclingfederation.com)

### CTC National Office

Tel: 0844 736 8450

Email: [cycling@ctc.org.uk](mailto:cycling@ctc.org.uk)[www.ctc.org.uk](http://www.ctc.org.uk)



## Contact details

For further entry forms, posters, training schedules, sponsorship forms and information on the work of Co-operation Ireland, please visit our website:

[www.cooperationireland.org](http://www.cooperationireland.org)

**Tel:** +44 (0) 28 9032 1462 (Belfast office)

+353 (0) 1 661 0588 (Dublin office)

+353 (0)21 496 2749 (Cork office)

**Email:** [events@cooperationireland.org](mailto:events@cooperationireland.org)

**Text:** +44 (0) 77 5378 9942

