

## CELEBRATE

**This month we celebrate two new Relays.**

Sweden held their very first Relay For Life in September. 28 teams and 620 participants took part in the event in Vastervik. The program was packed with music, performances, a circus school, face painting for children, sports car rides, yoga, a kids relay, dancing and much more.

The teams represented colleagues, associations, political parties, families, friends, sponsors and schools.

They were blessed with wonderful weather, and the Luminaria Ceremony took place at sunset by the water.

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In Ireland, Sligo's first ever Relay For Life proved to be an outstanding success. Hundreds took part in an event with raised €444,000 for the Irish Cancer Society. Weather conditions were tough for the event which was held on the running track at ATU Sligo. Amongst this in attendance were Westlife singer Shane Filan and his wife, Gillian who have been enthusiastic backers for the fundraiser. Shane is an Ambassador for Relay For Life of Ireland.

## REMEMBER

**GHOH Nominees** should have received a separate application form to complete by October 24th. Please do check in with your nominee(s) to ensure they have received the email with the link. If not, please contact Ashley McAuley at [ghohleadership@gmail.com](mailto:ghohleadership@gmail.com) to confirm contact details, and direct any other questions or concerns to the leadership team at that address.

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**November 7 – 9, 2025 will see all 36 countries come together in London for our Forum. If any partner would like to add self funded delegates they should reach out to Matt Lewis as soon as possible.**

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## FIGHT BACK

The 16th Isle of Man (UK) Relay For Life was held at the end of August, with IOM Today reporter James Campbell among those taking part. James has attended several Relays over the years and shared his reflections:

“Relay For Life is both a celebration of those who have overcome cancer and a poignant reminder of those no longer with us. I try to take part whenever I can. This year I joined the Attorney General’s Chambers team, where two of my sisters work.

Both my sister Amanda and my mum Anne were diagnosed with cancer six years ago. Thankfully, they are now cancer-free. Amanda also battled Hodgkin’s lymphoma in her 30s. The event is a reminder of how lucky I am to still have them both.

The most moving moment comes as night falls, during the Candle of Hope ceremony. I’m not normally a tactile person, but at the end of that service my mum and sister always get an extra-long hug.

I love Relay For Life. I love the camaraderie, the message and the fundraising. Most of all, it reminds me how fortunate I am that my sister and mum are still here.”

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## October Relays

Australia 10, Belgium 8,  
India 2, Japan 19,  
Portugal 1, Qatar 1,  
Uruguay 1, Zimbabwe 1

**TOTAL 43**