

## **Arion Charity Duathlon supports Special Olympics Ireland**

Irish owned data storage provider Arion Online Backup have successfully completed the inaugural “Arion Charity Duathlon” in aid of Special Olympics Ireland

In total 35 people of all levels of fitness completed the Duathlon which consisted of a 5km run a 15km cycle and another 5km run in The Pheonix Park.

The course was designed with first timers in mind, as the run is flat and the cycle is on wide well surfaced roads, which are closed to traffic. Most of the 35 competitors finished within 25 minutes of the winners, so it’s very competitive and no one was in no-mans land during the event, finding themselves minutes from competitors ahead and behind.

In total more than €8100 was raised for this worthy cause.

Managing Director of Arion Online Backup, Fergal Madden said “The event was a great success and it has given us huge encouragement to make it an annual event and we will endeavour to get 70 people in the race next year”

Ciara Tallon of Special Olympics Ireland said that they money raised is greatly appreciated and would like to thank everyone that took apart in the event. Events similar to this are key to the continued success of Special Olympics Ireland throughout the country.

Special Olympics Ireland changes the lives of people with an intellectual disability by giving them a real opportunity to achieve in life, through sport. Belonging to Special Olympics has a powerful impact, not only on people with an intellectual disability but also on their families, volunteers and the wider community.

Keep an eye on [www.arion.ie](http://www.arion.ie) for information on next year’s event