



ENGLISH DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION

Outreach Officer 2025 Report

Outreach - the act of extending services, benefits, etc., to a wider section of the population, as in community work.

2025 may not have turned out how I thought it would if you had asked me in December 2024, but it has still been a HUGE success regardless. Before I get onto plans for 2026, here is a list of things I have achieved for the EDGA and the Membership so far in 2025:

Organised the Membership packages, including the pre-launch fundraiser, which became the EDGA Founders and Ambassadors (with added bespoke minis), the bespoke Membership bag tags (working with Neal at Laser Watt 365), the welcome letter and Events Roadmap (working with Scott Mckay), the Membership Course Cards (working with Natalie Pitt and our wonderful course owners), 12 months of Prize Draws where we have given away over a £100 in vouchers, over 25 discs (bespoke dyed discs too thanks to Tom Potter), World Games merch from China (thank you to the Turtons), mugs & minis plus MORE to come. A lot of this has been hand-delivered or posted by myself.

I have also contributed a huge amount to the Tour this year, researching, designing and manufacturing sponsorship fulfilment projects such as the banners and pole koozies for the baskets along with 10m marker strings. I have also been responsible for storing, organising, preparing and delivering all Tour resources for every event that required them. Where I was able, I took all the prize-giving photos, then edited and created all the social posts. I also volunteered at two events in which I did not participate to ensure the events ran smoothly.

At the end of the Tour, I organised the Tjing Tour Points winners' prizes, which included bespoke minis (thanks to Neal once again) for the first-place winners, plus vouchers and discs to over 90 Members.

I have also continued supporting my previous role by looking after the Instagram and Facebook accounts for the EDGA. This has involved creating and sharing posts throughout the year for the Tour events, 3 different Team GB's and much more. I created the new private EDGA Members Group on FB at the start of the year and have monitored that as new Members have come along. I have also remained chief admin on the UK Disc Golf Community Group which is now no longer tied to any Association and has just shy of 3k members. So far this year, as the account EDGA Comms, via FB Messenger, I have had chats with over 250 different Members, which is roughly 5 a week every week.

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Suffice to say that all of the above, along with countless hours of work behind the scenes, have made this year VERY busy for me, and we are still not yet at the end.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank yous to the following people, because without their help and support, we would not have gotten very far at all this year, let alone to the record-breaking number of Members that we now have.

First off, my fellow EDGA Committee Members. The work that goes on behind the scenes is monumental and only ever grows year on year, so to everyone who helped carry the load and keep us on track, thank you. Thanks to all the sponsors and supporters for continuing to back us. MVP, Tjing, Ace Disc Golf, DGUK, Tomahawk Discs, Laser Watt 365, Disc Dye UK, RDGE plus others like Rachel Ireland-Jones who was so committed to getting the perfect shot this year she ended up in A+E. Thank you to all the course operators who agreed to be part of the Membership Course Card project, which has been a huge success. Thank you to all the TD's who ran events this year both on and off the Tour, you have all done amazing work. And lastly, thank you to all of you lovely Members who have signed up and supported the Association this year. Without you, there would be no point to all this.

As for 2026.....

Firstly, there is still much work to do before the end of this year, such as registering the EDGA as an LLC and all the work that that entails. Work that we will need you all to help with soon, involving more voting. We should have (by the time this is released) a few new faces in the EDGA Team to get onboarded, and then we are full steam ahead for 2026.

The legend that is Sue Underwood has already started working on the first phases of a new project for 2026, which will hopefully see 'Club Affiliation' become a great step towards helping Clubs receive the recognition and support they deserve. As someone who has championed Disc Golf Clubs as the future for growth in the sport I am keen to start working with Sue and a few Clubs initially to determine how this will look and work. We have a lot of ideas so far, starting at the beginning with forming a Club and moving all the way through the phases of course preparation to running events and more. Making all these ideas a reality is another story, so watch this space in 2026.

As ever, if I have inspired you to consider getting involved in some way with anything I have discussed above, then please do get in touch.

Your dedicated servant

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