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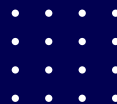




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“The Independent Voice of Voluntary Sport in Northern Ireland”.

The Northern Ireland Sports Forum was originally established in 1955 as the Northern Ireland Council of Physical Recreation and in 1997 was renamed the Northern Ireland Sports Forum. We exist to promote amateur sport and physical recreation, which results in improved physical and mental health.

We are the recognised umbrella organisation for the voluntary sector of sport in Northern Ireland and act as the “Independent Voice of Voluntary Sport in Northern Ireland”.

Membership consists of 72 Governing Bodies of Sport and 26 Associate Members with an interest in sport and physical recreation

OUR PURPOSE

“ To guide, support and empower our members in their role to govern and promote sports and physical activity in Northern Ireland”

LEADERSHIP

We aim to lead in the strategic direction of the sport and physical activity sector in Northern Ireland.

INDEPENDENCE

We will continue to safeguard our independence, representing member organisations and their interests without influence or bias.

INCLUSIVE

We strive to embed inclusivity in our operations, promoting best practice.

INTEGRITY

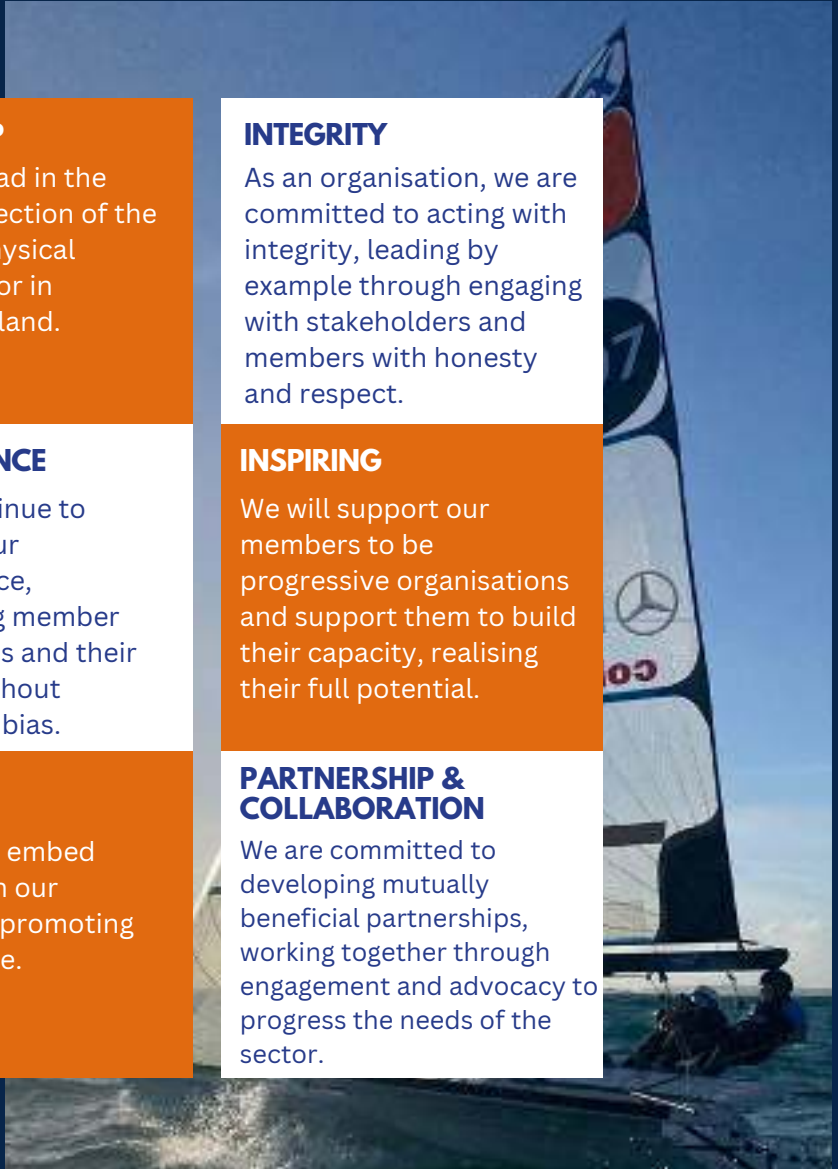
As an organisation, we are committed to acting with integrity, leading by example through engaging with stakeholders and members with honesty and respect.

INSPIRING

We will support our members to be progressive organisations and support them to build their capacity, realising their full potential.

PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION

We are committed to developing mutually beneficial partnerships, working together through engagement and advocacy to progress the needs of the sector.



OUR CORE MEMBER SERVICES

ADVOCACY & POLICY

As the Voice of Sport and Recreation in Northern Ireland, we pride ourselves on ensuring the best interests of our members and the wider sporting sector. The Northern Ireland Sports Forum is the secretariat to the APG on Sport & Physical Recreation at the NI Assembly providing a key role in ensuring MLA's are aware of challenges and developments within the sporting sector.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A disproportionate amount of time is spent by governing bodies dealing with disputes, often over many years. The Northern Ireland Sports Forum is committed to working with member organisation to prevent disputes from occurring by ensuring appropriate processes and policies are in place to mitigate against future disputes taking place.

GOVERNANCE

We have lots of resources to help your organisation maximise their potential within your community, from Governance to Child Protection we have it covered. Many NGBs have gained for review of policies/ Articles with independent feedback. As members of the Developing Good Governance Group, we also offer advice and support on good governance through the DIY Committee Guide and Sports Code of Good Governance.

LATEST SERVICES

All our services can be found on our Member Services page at www.nisf.net/services

BOARD RECRUITMENT PROGRAMME

In 2019 we launched an exciting initiative aimed at strengthening the Boards and committees of our member organisations. The recruitment programme has developed a database of individuals who may be interested in joining the Board of one of our member organisations. In 2022 we helped 11 member organisations in finding skilled members for Boards.

ACCESS NI

Does your organisation need support in processing Access NI applications? Let the NI Sports Forum take care of your needs. As an umbrella organisation, we can process AccessNI Checks and support you through the process. We processed over 260 applications in 2023 for 21 Member organisations

SAFEGUARDING

Access to safeguarding support and advice for your organisation through our partnership with the Child Protection in Sport Unit and Volunteer Now (adult safeguarding). We also have ready resources and templates for members to access.

OUR EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

NISF Members have access to designated NISF Events and workshops throughout the year for member and staff. The are updated on our EVENTS PAGE online and sent via our Members Update.

SPORTS BRIEFINGS

NISF Sports Briefings are short sessions designed to help inform the sector on key elements impacting sport and physical activity across NI. The series will include a variety of subjects aimed at staff and volunteers in Governing Bodies and Clubs.



EVENTS RECENTLY ADVERTISED

- Female Sports Forum - Women's Sport Series
- NISF Annual General Meeting
- Sports Law Conference in partnership with The Law Society NI
- Educational Courses delivered by Kingsbridge Training Academy

A range of workshop across different areas to develop skills and understanding:

- SOCIAL MEDIA
- GDPR
- EDI

ROLE ADVERTISING

NISF Members can advertise Board, Committee and Job roles through our website and social media platforms. We are often seen as a go to for local sports' roles with over 82 advertised in 2023.

**ADVERTISEMENTS ON
OUR WEBSITE**

**80 + JOBS ADVERTISED
IN 2023**

**6+ ADVERTISING
CHANNELS**



FINDING FUNDING

At NISF, we are dedicated to supporting our Members and the broader sports community by ensuring you stay informed about the latest funding opportunities. Through our Funding Page and Members' Updates, we regularly advertise relevant funding options for National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and local clubs.

As a member, you also gain exclusive access to our comprehensive funding database and can receive tailored advice on identifying and securing potential sources of income. We're here to help you maximize your funding opportunities and drive success in your sports initiatives.



RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE

Sports organisations need to ensure appropriate policies and procedures are in place.

The NISF have a range of resources including guidance and templates for Members to use in areas including:

- Charity/ CASC
- HR & recruitment
- Social Media
- Sponsors and Grants
- Impact and OBA
- NI Funding Database

Members can contact us where support is needed and we will endeavor to provide support



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