



Enthusiasm for the International Island Games has remained undiminished since Orkney participated in the very first Games in 1985. Orkney's sportspeople have embraced the ideals promoted by the IIGA. The games are a source of international competition, inspiration, pride, a place to build friendships and build links with island communities from across the globe.

We have aspired to host the games for many years. Now, with recent facilities development, particularly at our premier Sports and Entertainment Complex, the Pickaquoy Centre and expressions of support from the people of Orkney, who will be central to the success of the Orkney Island Games 2023, we feel we are in an incredibly strong position to host a small and friendly, but competitive games.

We have built strong relationships with key strategic partners. We recognise the incredible contribution that the Orkney Islands Council has made in its commitment to provide up to £1 million towards successful delivery of the 2023 Orkney Island Games. Equally we are especially grateful to the Scottish Government not only for the pledge of £500,000 in financial support, but also for the support provided thus far from EventScotland, where a wealth of skills and expertise will prove invaluable in helping us deliver a first class games that will bring island communities together.

We also recognise the unwavering commitment that Orkney's Sports Associations have made to delivering the best Games we possibly can. Over the coming years these organisations will work closely with the Organising Committee and their National Governing Bodies, developing local athletes, coaches and officials in order to deliver a world class competition.

For a small group of relatively remote islands, Orkney continually demonstrates its ability to punch above its weight and has a proven track record in successfully delivering high class international events.

Organising Committee – Mission Statement

- Provide a competitive sporting programme, in excellent facilities
- Create a meaningful legacy for local sports development
- Involve our local communities and businesses as much as possible
- Celebrate the best of Orkney: place, produce and people
- Make the 2023 Games as environmentally friendly as possible
- Bring Island Communities together