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INCLUSION STRATEGY AND POLICY OF RUSH ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB





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Statement of Intent

At **Rush Athletic Football Club (RAFC)** we actively promote socially inclusive practices in order to best meet the needs of our adult and juvenile players, their families, club volunteers and the community at as a whole. **Rush Athletic Football Club (RAFC)** recognises that our community clubhouse contributes to improving the quality of life and also helps to develop a sense of community for everyone, regardless of their ability, need, background, culture, religion, gender or economic circumstances.

Through inclusive practice, we aim to reflect our ethos in the wider community and promote positive attitudes to both the similarities and differences in each other. Therefore, we are committed to making this facility available to other local community groups, organisations and members of the public and we will actively promote our clubhouse in order to achieve this.





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The following points, although not exhaustive, will underpin the **Rush Athletic Football Club (RAFC)** Inclusion Strategy and Policy:

- We will strive to develop strong personal relationships with adult and juvenile players, their families, club volunteers and the wider community.
- We recognise it is of vital important to create a supportive, fun learning culture where the best interests of our club and community can be nurtured.
- The physical environment (indoors and outdoors) will be a welcoming place for adult and juvenile players, their families, club volunteers, visiting clubs and the public. The environment will convey the message that everyone is welcome and that difference and diversity are valued.





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Objectives of **Rush Athletic Football Club (RAFC)**

- To provide football at all levels for adults and juveniles in the surrounding area.
- To provide playing, training and coaching facilities for the community.
- To contribute to the general welfare of the local community.
- To increase participation in sport and physical activity for all.
- To create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, at all times.
- To regularly interact with other local community groups and services such as Rush Community Council, St. Catherine's National School, Rush National School, St. Joseph's Secondary School and other sports clubs for mutually beneficial synergies.






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Date Adopted: **11/03/2021**

At a Committee Meeting of: **Rush Athletic Football Club**

Signed by 2 Committee members:


ADRIAN KELLY
(CHAIRMAN)



Dermot Byrne
Treasurer
Rush Athletic Football Club

01st April 2021

07 April 2021





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