



IWAI Corporate Membership

Inland Waterways Association of Ireland

About IWAI

The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) is an energetic voluntary body representing over three thousand five hundred enthusiasts, with 23 branches across the island of Ireland, all sharing a keen and passionate enthusiasm for the waterways of Ireland.

The IWAI was formed in 1954, to promote the development, use and maintenance of Ireland's navigable rivers and canals. It advocates the navigation, use, maintenance, protection, restoration and improvement of the inland waterways of Ireland.

When the Shannon was almost totally undeveloped for pleasure boating, the IWAI campaigned against the building of low bridges, thus ensuring the development of the river as a national asset. In the 1960s IWAI successfully campaigned to stop plans to close the Circular Line of the Grand Canal in Dublin. Later the Association campaigned for the re-opening of what is now the Shannon - Erne Waterway (formerly the Ballinamore & Ballyconnell Canal) and the Naas Line of the Grand Canal.

IWAI played its part in the restoration campaign for the re-opening of the Royal Canal between Dublin and the Shannon in recent years. IWAI assistance to the campaign to re-open the Ulster Canal has also borne fruit with the announcement on work to re-open the section from the Erne towards Clones. Currently, IWAI members are active in restoration projects on the Boyne, Newry and Lagan Canals.

IWAI Branches hold over 200 events each year across inland navigations with the wider communities in many locations. These events include boat rallies, project restoration days, and charitable events, waterways festivals, training events, walks, social gatherings, heritage activities, family activities and youth focused events.

Corporate Member Logo

With the use of IWAI's corporate member logo, your company or organisation will be recognised as supporting the national charity concerned with the conservation, restoration and use of the inland waterways. The logo is widely recognised by boaters and other waterway users nationally. A survey of members indicated that they are far more likely to buy products or services from Corporate Members of the Association.

Corporate Member Logos available from membership@iwai.ie

Cost of Corporate Membership of IWAI.

- €150 minimum contribution per annum in ROI
- £100 minimum contribution per annum in NI



Benefits of Corporate Membership to your Company

- In recognition of your businesses commitment to the future of the Inland Waterways and your generosity, you will be presented with a **Corporate Investment Certificate** to display in your reception area so customers and visitors can see that your company is a friend of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland, caring for our waterways throughout Ireland
- Recognition will be given to your company for any projects or events that you would like to partner or sponsor with IWAI. This recognition can take many forms such as our magazine IWN, on materials and publications that are produced, media coverage - radio, national newspaper and any other publicity for any events
- The use of IWAI's Corporate Member logo, this is widely recognised by boaters and other waterway users and communities nationally.
- Full Membership of Inland Waterways Association of Ireland with two IWAI Membership Stickers
- You will receive a copy quarterly of the Inland Waterways News (IWN), the Associations highly acclaimed publication
- Your business will be listed as a corporate member on the IWAI Website which has on average 1300 visitors per day
- Your business will be listed as a corporate member in the IWN magazine
- Your business website will be linked as a corporate member on the IWAI Website
- You will be eligible for IWAI Membership discounts
- Membership creates an image of a good corporate citizen
- The opportunity to be involved with a National Charitable organisation that has been in existence for over 60 years
- Opportunity to attend any IWAI conferences, talks, events and projects

