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Northern Ireland Committee Information

The BASW NI committee is the National Standing Committee for Northern Ireland, part of BASW. BASW NI Committee members work with staff to take forward the BASW NI Strategic Plan.

The Committee meets four times per year, two online and two in person in the BASW NI Office, Ormeau Road, Belfast and work is carried out between meetings along with BASW NI staff. Activities may include being involved with development of BASW NI policy and consultation responses, promotion, and recruitment activities, representing BASW NI on internal and external working groups and at conferences and being part of a committee sub-group.

We provide an induction to all new committee members so that those who put themselves forward understand the role they are taking on; we want our committee members to be enthusiastic representatives for BASW NI and to champion the association wherever possible.

There is an Annual Meeting, usually October, where annual elections to the Committee are held. There can be up to a maximum of 15 members sitting on the Committee. People are elected for two years and have an option of a further two years dependent on re-election. A Chair and Deputy Chair are elected/agreed by the Committee from among their number. These posts are currently held by Orlaith McGibbon (Chair) and Davy Hayes (Deputy Chair).

There are currently 4 vacancies on the Committee and selections are made by election if needed.

Committee Member Role

1. To be responsible to the BASW Northern Ireland National Standing Committee.
2. To liaise with members and represent views of BASW Northern Ireland members.
3. To actively participate in all Committee meetings and support the development and implementation of the BASW Northern Ireland Development Plan.
4. To be the named contact for other professional forum/task and finish groups.
5. Promote equality and diversity in the membership, management and activities of the Association.
6. Promote the profession of social work in Northern Ireland.
7. Contribute to consultations, national and local policy forums and take a lead for designated work as agreed by Committee.
8. To support the recruitment and retention of members.
9. To promote and encourage the engagement of members in designated activities.