

# ACCORD



**National  
Landscapes  
Association**

BETWEEN



**LANDSCAPES NI**

**WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
LANDSCAPES, NATURE AND COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN**

## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

**The National Landscapes Association is a charity and non-profit membership organisation.**

It advocates, communicates and fosters collaborative action which supports the UK's network of National Landscapes to be as effective as possible. We champion the interests of National Landscapes with governments and coordinate the delivery of national projects.

Our vision is for beautiful landscapes where nature and people thrive together. Our mission is to lead and champion activity, in partnership with National Landscapes, to protect and regenerate the UK's most outstanding landscapes and make sure everyone can enjoy them.

**We focus on 3 strategic ambitions:**

**Place:** Protect and enhance beautiful landscapes – for nature and for people

**People:** Bring natural beauty into people's lives and give people a stake in natural beauty

**Partnerships:** Inspire and empower strong coalitions to deliver

**Landscapes NI is a collaborative landscape network in Northern Ireland, that seeks to support each other for an integrated approach to landscape promotion and management to create a greater impact.**

Our vision is "Cherished landscapes benefiting people and nature in Northern Ireland." We envision a world where there is stable funding and a long-term holistic management approach to our landscapes being implemented. We want everyone to understand the value our landscapes have on our health, economy, and the planet and therefore they are cherished and accessible for all.

Our mission is "Working together to promote landscapes and associated policy and practice in Northern Ireland."

## BOTH PARTIES BELIEVE IN:

- The European Landscape Convention definition "Landscape" means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors"
- The value of landscape
- The importance of collaboration

The Parties acknowledge the importance of collaboration in the conservation, management and enhancement of landscapes, nature, and communities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They recognise the value of working in partnership to achieve common goals and strive for excellence in landscape management. Furthermore, the parties recognise each other's unique and independent roles in their jurisdiction whilst also recognising that Landscapes NI is part of the broader National Landscapes Association family.

## TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACCORD BOTH PARTIES WILL:

1. **Share knowledge and good practice:** Exchange information, research findings, and best practices and make the best use of the experience, knowledge and expertise of both members and staff to improve landscape management, conservation outcomes and enjoyment by the public.
2. **Develop joint projects and initiatives:** Act in concert on shared interests and seek to build opportunities for collaborative joint working that benefits the members and communities at a landscape level.
3. **Advocate and amplify:** Promote and ensure representation at each other's events and conferences. Jointly advocate for policies, strategy and initiatives that promote each other's vision, mission and objectives.
4. **Build capacity:** Collaborate on capacity building initiatives to strengthen the skills and capabilities of landscape managers and practitioners.
5. **Raise awareness and engagement:** Work together to raise public awareness about the importance of landscapes, nature, cultural heritage and community well-being, and promote community engagement in landscape management initiatives.
6. **Monitor and evaluate:** Collaborate on monitoring and evaluation activities to assess the impact of their joint efforts and identify areas for improvement.

**This Accord is a non-binding agreement that represents the commitment of the Parties to collaborate for the benefit of landscapes, nature, and communities in Northern Ireland and Great Britain.**

## COMMITMENT

The parties are committed to work together and as such will meet twice annually online and/or face-to-face for defining and agreeing on work synergies. The partners will also seek to build further collaboration with Scottish, Republic of Ireland and broader European colleagues and organisations to support learning and development, knowledge exchange and capacity building for respective members.

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