

West Yorkshire Sports: Irwin Mitchell's relationship with the charity

Who we are:

Irwin Mitchell is the largest 'full service' law firm in the UK with offices covering Bristol, Birmingham, London, Leeds, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Sheffield, Cambridge, Chichester, Newbury, Gatwick and Southampton together with a consultancy only office in Middlesbrough. The firm employs over 2,800 staff, with 202 members and partners and has a turnover in excess of £200m.

Since 1912 Irwin Mitchell has helped over 1 million clients with their legal needs and continues to help thousands of people every year.

Irwin Mitchell have experts in everything from personal injury claims and family law to real estate and corporate law.

The firm has clear long term objectives for expansion and business development which include opportunities to re-structure regulated entities within the corporate structure to Alternative Business Structure (ABS).



What we do:

- Conveyancing
- Court of Protection
- Criminal Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Family
- Insolvency
- Public Law
- Revenue and Customs
- Tax Services
- Wills, Trusts and Probate
- Personal Injury

Our focus on Corporate Social Responsibility:



Our social responsibility programme is fundamental to who we are. It lies at the heart of everything we do and we want to be recognised as among the very best firms in the legal sector. The firm is pleased to report that we have made good progress on our journey towards a broad and fully integrated social responsibility programme, which consists of four strands woven into the fabric of Irwin Mitchell and its people.

We are committed to helping our community, our people, our environment and providing pro bono (free legal advice) support to businesses, charities and individuals. Our dedicated charity, the Irwin Mitchell Charities Foundation (IMCF), was established in 1997 and allows our partners and employees to contribute to worthy causes and our office Charities of the Year. We're proud to support the 2016 British Citizen Awards, which recognises

individuals for the contribution they make to their communities. Our links with law students involved in pro bono clinical legal education are strong and the number of university law clinics we support has grown.

How West Yorkshire Sports helped us towards our goals:

We were first introduced in 2014 when Phil Truby and Lucy Wall gave a talk in the office about Creating Connections. This resource is hugely useful for our Personal Injury clients.

Through Creating Connections West Yorkshire Sports identified a lack of regular Boccia provision in Leeds. West Yorkshire Sports facilitated an introduction to Boccia England and with their support Lauren Bullock and Samuel Hill of Irwin Mitchell set up the Leeds Boccia Club. This leap into supporting disability sports in such a proactive way has really secured our positive brand perception externally and opened doors we could not have reached before. The consistent support from West Yorkshire Sports and Boccia England has made this possible.

In July 2015 Irwin Mitchell sponsored and supported the Summer Games 2015. West Yorkshire Sports allowed us to have banners and promotional material displayed throughout the event. Irwin Mitchell staff were able to volunteer at the event and were given great exposure to potential new clients for all areas of the business.



Following on from the success of this event we sponsored the School Panathlons in both December 2015 and June 2016. We also continue to work with West Yorkshire Sports with a view to increasing our brand awareness.

West Yorkshire Sports' activity on social media and networking has been hugely beneficial to us. The introductions we have received are a great bonus of the relationship.

Quote about the Boccia Club, set up with the help from West Yorkshire Sports, from Solicitor Samuel Hill:



"It is great to see our Boccia Member's families, support workers and friends all taking part and enjoying the game, whether that be by assisting with the ramps or offering encouragement from the side lines. Everyone has fun at The Leeds Boccia Club.

Our strong and continued working relationship with West Yorkshire Sports has been instrumental in the Club's foundation and development. Without West Yorkshire Sports it would not have been possible."

For more information on Leeds Boccia Club please contact **Samuel Hill** on **0113 394 6783** or **Lauren Bullock** on **0113 394 6827**.

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