



NatWest Island Games 2011
25 June – 1 July

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MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteers are being sought for the NatWest Island Games which takes place on the Island on 25 June – 1 July.

The Organising Committee are looking for volunteers to help with more general duties like assisting with spectators, marshalling events and car parking.

Anyone with some spare time that week and who can help for half a day or more, is being encouraged to contact the Games office as soon as possible on 404841.

Volunteers are crucial to the successful running of the NatWest Island Games and all help is greatly appreciated. Around 1000 volunteers will be involved in the Games this year. As Lord Coe has said, "Volunteers are the difference between a good games and a great games".

Barratt Homes in association with Spectrum Housing is sponsoring the volunteers for the NatWest Island Games 2011.

Around 3000 athletes and officials from 25 islands around the world will be participating in 14 sports for the NatWest Island Games : 25 June – 1 July.

Further details about the NatWest Island Games 2011 can be found at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk

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NOTE TO EDITOR

1. Background :

- The Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with, the nine sovereign nations of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK plus the Caribbean :

Aland	Alderney	Bermuda
Cayman Islands	Falkland Islands	Faroe Islands
Froya Islands	Gibraltar	Gotland
Greenland	Guernsey	Hitra Islands
Isle of Man	Isle of Wight	Jersey
Menorca	Orkney	Prince Edward Island
Rhodes	Saaremaa	Sark
Shetlands Islands	St Helena	Western Isles
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- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games which has become one of the largest participation events in the world behind the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- The NatWest Island Games 2011 are being organised by the Isle of Wight Island Games Association, supported by the IW Council, which is also a sponsor.
- The 25 member islands compete every two years around the world in a range of up to 14 sports chosen by the Host Island from a list of 18.
- Sports chosen for 2011 are :
Archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing inc. windsurfing, squash, swimming, shooting, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- The Games were last held on the Isle of Wight in 1993.
- Further information is available at www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk and www.islandgames.net

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