

# SkillsActive – Sport Matters Group

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**SkillsActive**  
More People, Better Skilled, Better Qualified

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# Who we are

## The Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure, Learning and Well-being

- SkillsActive is one of nineteen Licensed Sector Skills Councils (SSC) representing all major UK industries
- The **SSC license** is the unique identifier signaling to employers and government that they are a focal point for raising skills, driving enterprise, creating jobs and sustainable economic growth
- Our sectors include: **Sport, Fitness, Playwork, Outdoor Recreation, Caravan & Leisure Parks, Hair and Beauty Salons & Spas**
- A sector footprint of 3 million people
- How we are funded:  
**Sustainable income:** Registers, Endorsements, Employer Solutions  
**Skills Funding:** Competitive Government project grants & partnership contracts

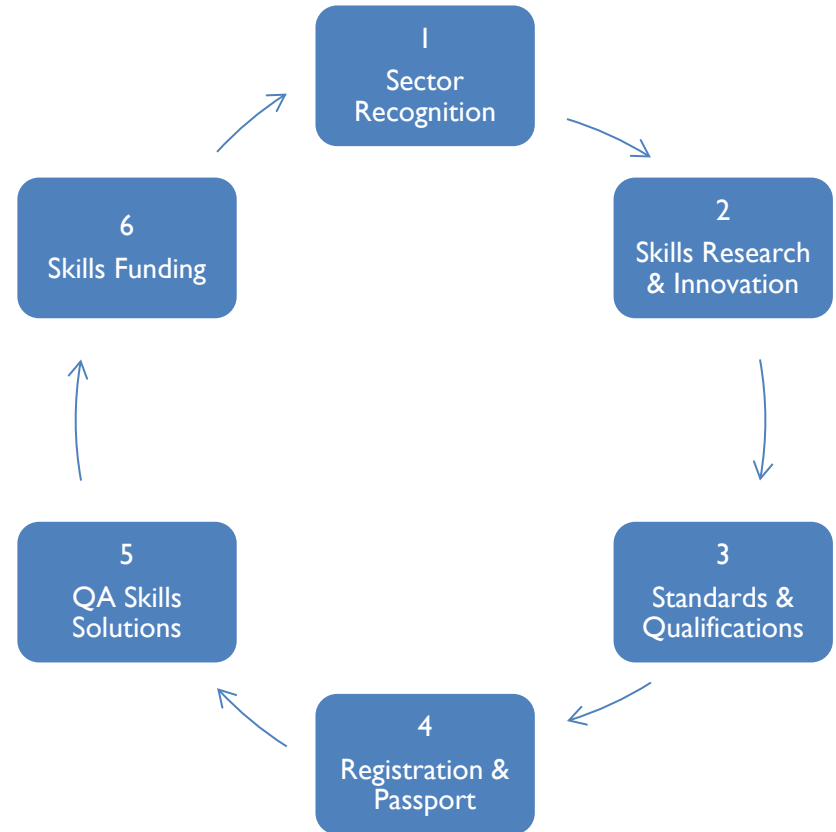
# Our work in the UK

## SkillsActive – More People, Better Skilled, Better Qualified.

The SkillsActive Group is comprised of several brands:

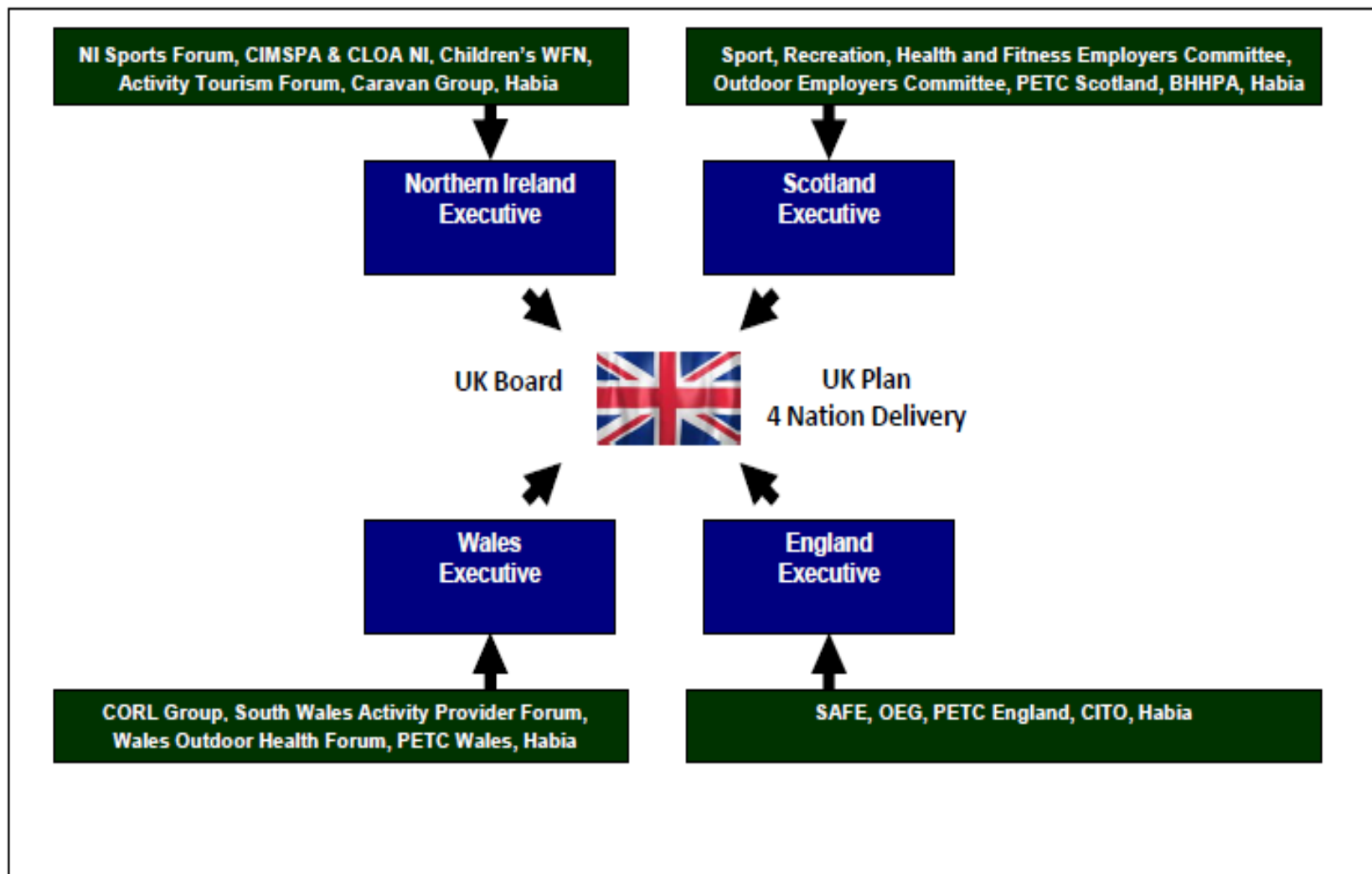
- National Skills Academy for Sport and Leisure (NSA)
- The Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs)
- Caravan Industry Training Organisation (CITO)
- Habia

SkillsActive's aim is to achieve its mission of delivering the workforce for the nation's well-being by engaging employers, registering individuals and endorsing providers.



# How we deliver across the UK

## Comprehensive Employer Engagement Structure 2012/13



# Examples of Northern Ireland Activities

## Sport

- Increased public funding for Active Leisure courses by 63%
- National (QCF) accreditation of GAA Coach education programme Level 2
- Joint partner with SNI in the Coaching Workforce Survey

## Fitness

- Register of Exercise Professionals (REP) membership in NI increased by 40% in 2yrs
- From Fitness Instructor to Leisure Manager Framework (CIMSPA)
- Six Local Authorities using **activepassports™**

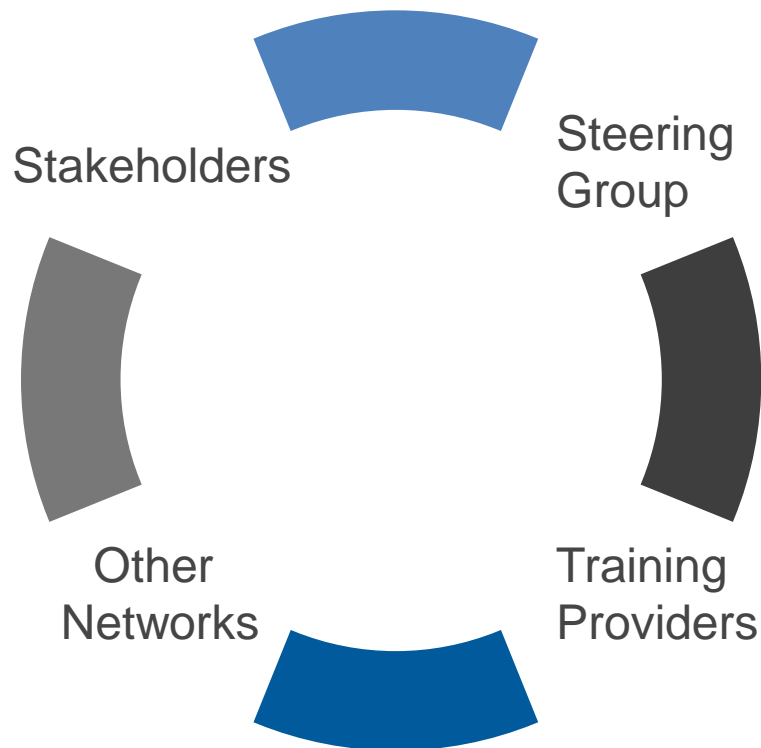
## Outdoor & Caravan

- First cohort of Outdoor Induction Award Level 2 learners graduated
- Skills Solutions package offer to Activity Tourism Forum
- 75% subsidy for NVQ Certificate in Operational Services delivery for Caravan park employees

## Playwork

- Playwork qualifications acknowledged in new DHSSPS *Standards for Day Care*
- 75% funding for Level 3 Playwork Diploma
- Playwork units integrated into children's workforce qualifications across NI

# How we deliver in NI



Steering Group Members	Stakeholders	TP Forum	Other Networks
Lisburn City Council	Dept for Employment & Learning	FE Colleges	CLOA
Sports Institute	Alliance of SSCs	Universities	SDO Forum
British Gymnastics	Sport NI	Private Providers	Playworkers Group
PlayBoard	NI Tourist Board	Awarding Bodies	CIMSPA
Sleepy Hallow	PlayBoard		Activity Tourism Forum
Newtownabbey	Outdoor NI		NI Sports Forum
Borough Council			NI Careers Network
Healthwise			Caravan Industry Training Organisation
EzeFitness			British Homes & Holiday Parks Assoc.
Share Centre			
Mobile Team Adventure			
Sandycove CP			

# Sport Matters Action Plan

## How SkillsActive can contribute

### Performance

- PE 14: Deliver improvements by providing effective learning tools to enhance management and governance capacity
- PE 16: Continue working with Governing Bodies & Awarding Organisations to ensure their **in-house training is fit for purpose**
- PE 16: Work with scUK & UKS to ensure that qualifications linked to the accreditation system are based on the relevant **National Occupational Standards (NOS)**
- PE 18: Work with Higher & Further Education Institutions to ensure their courses are **vocationally relevant** and include employability skills where appropriate
- PE 18: SkillsActive will encourage use of **activepassports™** (on-line verified record of skills and qualifications) to support the accreditation process

### Participation

PA4: Support those participating in physical Activity through the development of Register for Exercise Professionals (REPs)