

The following is a quick information on what ASSOCIATION OF MALAWIANS IN IRELAND is all about. Please pass it on to the relevant authorities as requested.

### **FORMATION**

AMAI was formed in 2004 by a group of Malawians living in Ireland for the purpose of serving the interests of Malawians in Ireland through sharing of information and important updates.

### **REGISTRATION**

Association of Malawians in Ireland hereinafter referred to as AMAI is a registered charity by the Charity Regulator of Ireland with a charity number: 20165451

### **CONSTITUTION**

AMAI is governed by the constitution which is reviewed every year at AMAI's Annual General Meeting.

### **ELECTIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE**

AMAI goes into polls every two years to elect office bearers. Among those elected are;

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Vice Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Vice Treasurer
7. Publicity
8. Vice Publicity
9. Head of Social Welfare
10. Head of Entertainment

As per the constitution, only paid-up members are eligible to vote though this hasn't been the practice.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- a. To promote integration and community spirit amongst Malawians and between the Malawian community and other communities in Ireland through various initiatives, including cultural exchange, sports, music and prayers.
- b. To render assistance to communities in times of need.
- c. To promote community development and empowerment for example, through provision of

information on educational, training, jobs, business and other opportunities in Ireland.  
d. To facilitate interaction between the Malawian community and other organisations.

### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2021**

1. Conduct Africa Day with support from Irish AID
2. Participate in St Patrick's Day
3. Conduct Online Quiz
4. Conduct Independence Day Celebrations
5. Conduct Mother's Day Celebrations
6. Conduct Online Chess Tournament
7. Conduct AMAI's GOT-TALENT Kids Competition
8. Conduct AMAI's 2021 GALA AWARDS

### **DONATIONS AND SUPPORT**

1. AMAI and the Malawian Community in Ireland donated medical stuff to Mzimba district Hospital and Lilongwe Girls Secondary School worth K1,400,000.
2. AMAI donated football nets worth €100 (K94,000) to the Malawi Team in Ireland after the team joined the Irish Elite United Churches Football League.

### **FUNDING**

1. AMAI gets support from its members through a yearly subscription of €25 per person
2. AMAI receives support from other organisations like Irish AID for the purpose of participating in Africa Day
3. AMAI has also received some funds from MOTO MONEY for Independence Day Celebrations, Got-Talent Kids Competition and Gala Awards.
4. AMAI in partnership with International Organisation for Migration (IOM) will conduct GALA AWARDS

### **GALA AWARDS**

The Association of Malawian in Ireland hosts Annual Gala Night which is AMAI's only award ceremony that recognises excellence and honouring distinguished members of the Malawian Community in different categories. Some of the categories to be recognised include;

- a. Best Business Man of the Year
- b. Best Business Woman of the Year
- c. Personality of the Year
- d. Innovators of the Decade (among others)

### **CONCLUSION**

AMAI strives to achieve a lot in coming years through collaboration or synergies with

Malawian and Irish Organisations. Currently, there are about 1,500 Malawians living in Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairperson  
Association of Malawians In Ireland