

## Benefits Of Being A Member

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Part of the strength of Supporters Trusts like SMiSA, is everyone has a fair share in how it is run, and no one member has any greater or lesser say or ownership in the trust than any other.

SMiSA works on a simple principle of one member, one vote on voting issues whether it is on the appointment of board members in elections, or approving the use of the trust's funds.

In this sense, everyone is free to make as little, or as much contribution to the trust as they see fit.

Many of our members are content to pay their monthly subscription, seeing it as a donation to a group doing valuable work in helping promote St. Mirren in the local community alongside anti-racist and anti-sectarianist messages while others take on a pro-active role in helping both shape and achieve the trust's objectives and policies.

No-one in SMiSA is ever pressured into doing anything that they do not want to, beyond our minimum contribution.

Being a member of SMiSA also allows you to get full access to any and all of our meetings, general, board and others. We enjoy regular Q&A sessions with both board members & the management team of St. Mirren FC themselves, and these are always keenly anticipated with ample opportunity to quiz those most directly responsible for the success or lack thereof, of our club on the big issues of the day. These events, beyond their importance of purpose also serve as opportunities to get to know a wide-range of Saints fans, that all have the club very much at the forefront of heart and mind.

With events such as these, SMiSA can be a very useful social hub in meeting & getting to know other Saints fans, especially for those living outside of Paisley itself.

We also actively promote an anti-sectarian and anti-racist message in the local community in association with the club to ensure it is seen as very much a family orientated, community based anti-sectarian alternative to that of the Old Firm.

This is done through promotion of the "Show Racism the Red Card" initiative in association with the club and Renfrewshire Council at Primary School level via our "Design a Poster" competition.