



Frankie Wilson, NISFA Coach and National Team Manager

Frankie Wilson: 26 July 1970 - 28 October 2022

It is with great sadness that the ESFA received the news this week of the passing of Frankie Wilson, a well-known character who managed the Northern Ireland U18 Schoolboy team over the last two decades. Frankie was a vociferous supporter of schools' football and an all-round sportsman promoting football, GAA and rugby in the three schools in which he taught and across the whole of Northern Ireland. He played football and hurling to the highest level in Ireland and had a positive impact on everyone with his enthusiasm for sport.

Frankie, who has been taken so young, was greatly loved and respected by a huge number of friends, former players and students. He was an outstanding individual, teacher, coach and mentor who taught us so much about dignity and respect. We are so much the poorer for his passing and we must always be thankful for knowing and working alongside him. We salute Frankie for his incredible courage and for all he gave to us so generously and always with great passion and humour.

The English Schools' FA sends their greatest condolences to Frankie's wife, Tara, and their daughters.

Tribute provided by D. Woollaston, ESFA South East Council Member and Trustee

