MY SPORT, MY VOICE!

engage! workshops

13 Athlete Ambassadors, 8 Dynamic Workshops

Workshop: Learning Disability Accessible Communication – How we can all engage effectively!

- There are approximately 1.5 million people with learning disability in the UK
- Less than 1 in 5 people with learning disability are in employment
- At least 65% of people with learning disability want to work
- Just 1 in 3 people with learning disability are in education or training

A fun and informative half day workshop that is interactive, thought provoking and insightful. Providing tips on accessible communication techniques for you or your organisation to better engage people with learning disability. Learn how better engagement can help on a persona, sport or organisational level. Who will benefit from attending?

- Chief Executives
- Managers
- Coaches
- Trainers
- Policy makers, leaders, and those that want to position their organisation at the forefront of good accessible inclusive practice.

Content

- Let's challenge perceptions
- The facts - Understanding the participant and hearing the athletes' stories
- Models of inclusion
- Communication – Good practice and practical tips
- Highlights of key legislation
- The road to sporting success (overview of pathways and competitions)
- Introducing our 'Change 1 Thing' Campaign
- Networking and photographs

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the workshop delegates will:

- Challenge negative perceptions, and confidently lead powerful, well informed discussions to influence others in society in the same way
- Understand the different methods of inclusion and how to apply them

- Understand the importance of effective communication in inclusive practice and how its benefits translate to other areas both personally and within your organisation
- Have an overview of key legislation
- Recognise pathways within disability sport for people with learning disability and the ingredients of classification
- Leave with a toolkit to support your ongoing work with people with learning disability.

Why choose UK Sports Association?

35 years on, the UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability continues to be an important player through its work with Home Country Associations and Governing Bodies in the development of sport for people with learning disability across the UK.

It is the only national disability sports organisation working with people with learning disability across the UK in performance/elite sport. It is the only official Great Britain member of Inas, the international federation for athletes with intellectual disability. It is recognised by UK Sport and a member of the British Paralympic Association and it is part of the Paralympic pathway and route to Global Games.

Thanks to funding from Spirit of 2012, a trust set up to sustain the spirit and opportunities from London 2012, the UK Sports Association has translated its 35 years of expertise in sport and people with learning disability into an exciting and informative workshop series.

Tutors and Athlete Ambassadors

Gordon McCormack OBE, Engage! Tutor
Gordon has been involved with disability sport for almost 40 years. He was Chair of Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) for 8 years and was a trustee of UKSA for more than 20 years.

He originally taught outdoor activities in Wales and Glasgow before becoming involved in developing disability sport in the city where in 1990 he was the Games Director for the highly successful European Special Olympics Games.

Tom Hamer, My Sport, My Voice! Ambassador and Engage! Co-Deliverer
Tom is a Commonwealth Games silver medallist in S14 200m Freestyle and is hotly tipped to do well at his first ever Paralympic Games in Rio in September 2016.

He burst onto the scene in 2014 when he became the first S14 swimmer to represent England at a Commonwealth Games. Since then, Tom has gone on to win European silver, World bronze and become a multiple British record holder.

Josh Walne, My Sport, My Voice! Ambassador and Engage! Co-Deliverer
Josh is the England Football Learning Disability Under-21s team captain and came through the youth ranks at Burnley FC and Blackburn Rovers.

He currently plays for Padiham in the North West Counties Football League and coaches at Burnley FC as part of the Danny Ings Disability Sport Project. Josh's hard work and dedication was recognised in 2015 when he won accolades from Burnley Leisure and Lancashire Sports Awards for Services to Disability Sport.

Don't just take our word for it, this is what delegates have said so far:

"Very inspiring – must share with a wider audience."
"Inspirational individuals. Congratulations on your great achievements."
"A great insight into the learning disability sport world."
"There was a great mix of presentation styles and a fantastic display of achievements."

You can also watch a video summary of our workshop series on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njy2I7Kuf80

Delegate Booking Information:

- Early Bird price £25.00 (Plus booking fee)
- Standard price £40.00 (Plus booking fee)
- Secure 2 Early Bird tickets (get 10% discount on 3rd) - Contact UKSA for 3rd ticket
- Secure 1 Standard price ticket (get 10% discount on 2nd) - Contact UKSA for 2nd ticket
- Buy 2 standard price tickets (get 50% discount on 3rd) - contact UKSA for 3rd ticket

For more information or to book a place on a workshop, please contact:
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