

The **Herts Disability Sports Forum for Young People** exists to support individuals with disabilities, and organisations delivering sport to disabled people, to get involved in sport and physical activity in Hertfordshire. The forum has representation from the county's Project Ability School, Special Educational Need Schools, Local Authority Sports Development Officers and the Herts Sports Partnership; and invites officers from local sports clubs, National Governing Bodies and Advisory Services to its meetings on a regular basis. The forum works to four themes; **support of Project Ability, talent ID/taster days, increasing participation and the support of community and clubs.**

Nominal amounts of funding are available for clubs to apply for through the group, to support ventures that aim to increase participation in sport among the disabled community. This newsletter aims to share information about activities and events taking place to the wider community.

Special Olympics National Summer Games

24 athletes and 14 volunteers from Special Olympics East Herts travelled to Bath on 28 August for the Ninth SOGB National Summer Games as part of the Eastern Regional Team. Among the six sports represented at the event, the athletes competed in Aquatics, Athletics, Football and Tennis.

East Region Aquatics Head Coach Janet Warrington said, "The Aquatics Team had a very long day which started with the athletes getting up at 5:30am in the morning to eat their breakfast and get the bus to Bristol for the competition. The swimmers were fantastic, having to wait in the sports hall before moving to the call room and then waiting again along the poolside until their race. The athletes took this in their stride, helped by the hardworking volunteers and swimming coaching team. There were some fantastic performances and I am very proud of the whole team".

Neil Ward, Head Coach for East Region Athletics said, "It was a privilege to support all athletes during the Bath NSG and during training leading up to the event. All of the athletes who competed should be extremely proud of their achievements and the manner in which they embraced the residential experience and the opportunity to represent the Eastern Region. I am confident speaking on behalf of volunteers, families, spectators and coaches that we could not be prouder of them and look forward to supporting athletes to continue to access training in a range of sports with a view to competing in the next summer games in four years wherever that may be." Athletics won a total of 13 gold; 14 silver and 9 bronze medals."



Anyone for Tennis?

A new disability-coaching programme at Radlett Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, 425 Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7JG.

- **Visually impaired sessions**, Tuesdays 1 til 2pm starts 17 September for eight weeks.
- **Learning Disability sessions**, Fridays 4 til 5pm starts 20 September for eight weeks.
- **Open Disability sessions**, Sundays 4 til 5pm starts 22 September for eight weeks.

There are 2 free taster sessions available, sessions cost £5 thereafter. Courts are wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact Jordan at jordanpmiles@aol.com.



NATIONAL COMMUNITY BOCCIA LEAGUE 2013/14

Interested in playing competitive boccia?

Go online to express your interest in the league:
<https://bocciaengland.org.uk/leagues/national-boccia-league/>

The National Community League is a pan-disability, team competition, split into county/regional groups where top teams progress to a National Final.

- ☛ Teams must have a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 10.
- ☛ Teams must be Boccia England Members.
<https://bocciaengland.org.uk/organisation/membership/>
- ☛ Teams are responsible for arranging fixtures within the league groups.
- ☛ League groups are made up of 4-7 teams.
- ☛ Teams must play each other twice.
- ☛ Season runs October 2013 – May 2014.
- ☛ £15 entry fee per team.

Deadline for league interest 30th September 2013.



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NATIONAL SCHOOLS BOCCIA LEAGUE 2013/14

The National Schools League is a pan-disability, team competition, split into county/regional groups where top teams progress to a National Final.

The league is open to pupils on the SEN register, though we would urge you to include those with a severe functional disability wherever possible.

- ☛ Schools must have a minimum of 3 players and a maximum of 10.
- ☛ Teams must be Boccia England Members (£5 per School).
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Disability Sport Support Scheme

The Herts Disability Sports Forum for Young People is pleased to announce that its Disability Sport Support Scheme is now open to receive applications for funding. The scheme exists to help individuals with disabilities *and* organisations delivering sport to disabled people to get involved in sport and physical activity in Hertfordshire.

Organisations delivering sport, including sports clubs and schools, may apply for support of up to **£500 in one application** with, among other things:

- **Training courses** for members to increase disability awareness
- **Providing taster sessions** for adults and/or children with disabilities to try new sports activities
- **Increasing the provision** of extra-curricular activity for children with disabilities
- **Sporting events** which aim to increase participation among disabled people in sport, improve activity levels and health of people with disabilities and improve the levels of performance of disabled sportspeople

For more information, or to receive application forms, please contact Shelley Woods on 01707 281005 or email s.woods4@herts.ac.uk.

Recently funded!

The North Herts Disability Sport Association has been awarded £500 towards the purchase of a 'Rolling Road'. This unique piece of equipment is vital to enable wheelchair athletes to train indoors alongside their able bodied peers through in the winter weather.

Primary Sports Camp - 19 October 2013

with WheelPower, British Wheelchair Sport

What?

Primary Camps introduce disabled children to a wide variety of sports in a safe, friendly and completely inclusive environment, and have a variety of sports on offer ranging from wheelchair basketball to fencing.

Who?

Primary Sports Camps are open to children with physical or mild sensory impairments between the ages of 6 to 11. We also accept entry forms from young people who would not traditionally fit within 'disability sport classification' such as dyspraxia, epilepsy or form of internal organ dysfunction or absence.

Where?

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP

Find out more...

If you are interested in attending the event please get in contact with Stewart Jeeves on 01296 395995 or at stewart.jeeves@wheelpower.org.uk.

Promote your Activity here...

If you would like to promote your activity free in the Herts Disability Sports Forum for Young People newsletter, please send your articles, along with any pictures, posters or web links to;

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Or, if you know someone that may be interested to read about Disability Sport opportunities in Hertfordshire, pass on their details!