

## **Active Black Country Sport & Physical Activity Disability Sports Forum**

The Active Black Country is the County Sports Partnership working to get more people taking part in sport and physical activity across the 4 Local Authorities which make up the Black Country: Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

The term disability refers to people who have a long-standing and limiting disability or illness. These are impairments or health problems that limit or restrict activities in any way, in different areas of life.

### **Purpose**

In line with the emerging Active Black Country Strategy to ensure that disability and inclusion is addressed in delivery and to promote the development and provision of both disability and inclusive sport across the Black Country.

### **Objectives**

1. Help shape the Active Black Country Strategy, which will encourage a collaborative approach to get more people with a disability or long term pain taking part in sport and physical activity.
2. Develop a collaborative partnership of key stakeholders promoting an inclusive approach to sport and physical activity.
3. Identify and map the current sport and physical activity provision for those with a disability
4. In delivering the Sector Skills Action Plan, promote the training needs of the workforce to ensure they are equipped with the necessary skills and experience to deliver inclusive sessions.
5. Identify relevant training currently being delivered which could benefit the workforce identified above.
6. To broker relationships between organisations who deliver sport and those individuals/organisations with a remit for people with disabilities who want to take part in sport and physical activity.
7. Where applicable, use data and insight to provide advice and guidance to organisations currently or looking to engage with disabled people in sport and physical activity.
8. To be aware of national and regional messages and communications and to disseminate these accordingly.
9. To gain and interpret insight into good practice and barriers in getting more people with disabilities doing sport and physical activity.

### **Logistics**

1. The group will meet four times a year on a quarterly basis with meeting times and date determined at the end of each meeting.
2. Agenda to be circulated a week in advance.

### **Suggested Membership**

1. Independent Board Member with a responsibility for Equality
2. Representative from Active Black Country / Black Country Consortium Ltd
3. English Federation of Disability Sport

4. Representatives from each Local Authority who either influence or are direct providers of opportunities to sport and physical activity
5. Disability Organisations across the Black Country
6. The Albion Foundation
7. Wolves Community Trust
8. Special Olympics
9. Dudley Mind
10. Black Country Smile
11. Wolverhampton Beacon Centre for the Blind

### **External Partners**

The group will seek advice and guidance from external partners where applicable and allow external partners to present to the group if relevant and beneficial. This will include but not be limited to

- Sport England
- National Disability Sport Organisations
- National Governing Bodies
- External Disabled Person Led Organisations who are currently not represented
- Leisure providers
- Sports Clubs

### **Roles & Responsibilities**

1. Agree the aims and priorities of the group
2. Operate within Governance Framework of the Black Country Consortium Limited
3. Establish and agree how success is measured – and when/how to report and publicise
4. Be clear who they are representing and their role in making decisions.

Membership to the group will be reviewed annually.

### **Review**

The terms of reference will be reviewed annually in accordance with membership of the group.