

COMMUNITY INCLUSION DISABILITY PROJECT



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Background information

The Community Inclusion Disability Project aims to assist community sport and recreation organisations to increase their capacity to further embrace the participation of people with a disability. The WA Sports Federation in partnership with the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Disability Services Commission have commenced this project to achieve inclusion through engaging, supporting and facilitating partnerships between community organisations and people with a disability.

More specifically, this project will encourage collaboration between community based specialist organisations, local government, Department of Sport and Recreation's - Club Development Officer network (CDO), Disability Services Commission - Local Area Coordination (LAC) network, disability service providers, carer support groups, relevant networks and other affiliated connections.

We recognise that the pivotal relationship is between local sport, recreation providers and people with a disability.

The Community Inclusion Project Manager's focus will be to identify and build on current and new sport and recreation opportunities. Local clubs will be supported to raise their awareness and capacity to include people with a disability by facilitating local networks and relationships to develop and implement strategies to increase participation of people with a disability.

How do you get involved?

Perhaps you are a sport or recreation club, disability service provider, carer, family member or a person with a disability that has thought about making a connection; however you just weren't sure on how to go about it. As our approach is to work from a 'grass roots' and a practical level, we would therefore be most pleased to talk with you about the direction you may wish to take.

Such discussion that may arise could be assistance with funding availability, access to training programs, dealing with ethical issues, modification of equipment or activity and moral support for both the club (including coaches, committees, volunteers) and the person with a disability and their family. Alternatively, you may just like some feedback on where you can make improvements for participation to become even more enjoyable.

The Community Inclusion Project is currently working in the south-east corridor of Perth and the southwest of WA with the aim of utilising this engagement approach that could be replicated or adapted into other areas. The project looks forward to creating a culture within organisations that actively embraces people with a disability into the ethos of the pleasure and benefits of increased physical activity.

If you would like to benefit from this project, we invite your input and ideas, so please call or email Claudia Ferrante (Community Inclusion Project Manager) for further information on the project.

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