Athlete Leadership SOGB

Our Journey

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Ian Harper SOGB Athlete & Athlete Leader

• I am Ian Harper; I am 30 and live in Worcestershire

• I have been an athlete for 17 years competing in athletics

• Sport has changed my life from both a socialising and sporting point of view. I was shy not happy and felt left out of the loop.

• Special Olympics has helped me grow and mature and has given me respectability and responsibility.

• This has given me the skills and confidence to grow and feel accepted within my community

• I am proud to be part of a team of Special Olympics GB Athlete Leaders
Being an Athlete Leader

- In 2016 I joined the Athlete leadership programme – being an athlete leader has provided me with the voice; I get to work with a great group of fellow athletes and to represent all athletes.
- My skills include good communication, team working, knowledge sharing, motivational speaking and coach/mentor.
- I can pass on my knowledge, skills & confidence to the new generation of athletes & athlete leaders.
- Building my confidence gave me the opportunity to co-host our summer games alongside my fellow athlete leader Kiera Byland.
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Quite simply that’s what our voices will do....

Inclusive leadership where a well trained network of athletes have important leadership roles

We are the first group of Athlete Leaders for SOGB

Beyond Special Olympics they will be better prepared for opportunities to lead in their own communities and workplace

We will have transferable skills that we can use outside of SOGB
Special Olympics GB Athlete Leadership Event

27 April 2017

Athlete Leader Presentations

Bank of America
Merrill Lynch

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Getting to our SOGB Athlete Input Council

We asked our athletes in 2016

Rix Wiki Feb 2017

Personal Communication April 2017

Team working June 2017

Summer Games 2017

The Team Sept 2017

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We have a Team Model

- Our Goals
- Our Roles
- How we do it
- How we behave together
What does each role do?

AIC Member
• Attends and participates
• Plans and shares
• Works with Research and Delivery team to get information
• Ambassador to local clubs

AIC Research and Delivery Team Member
• Gathers information from local clubs
• Shares and communicates with council members
• Brings information back to clubs
• Gathers and shares information widely e.g. produces Athlete newsletter, SOGB board update
Over to the teams....

**AIC Members**
- Getting ready - what do you need to do before the meeting?
- How will you run a council meeting?

**AIC Research and Delivery Team**
- How will you identify agenda items
- How do you collect/share
- How do we feedback to clubs...
How we will run our Council

AIC Member and AIC Research and Delivery Team Member

Agree how we share and communicate in our own Clubs and Regions

Agree how we filter FIT 5 to 140 clubs

Be a collective VOICE … be louder..
Together as athletes we are stronger
Success highlights so far…

Since the start of the year we are extremely proud that:

• **3 athlete leaders** were invited to speak at different events at our World Games;

• **2 athlete leaders** co-hosted the SOGB Opening Ceremony of the National Summer Games, with the support of their mentors

• **2 athlete leaders** supported a Play Unified talk at our summer games

• **2 athlete leaders** supported the venue managers training for the summer games

• **1 athlete leader** supported the delivery of volunteer training

• **1 athlete leader** has spoken with a sponsor to help secure future funding
Message from Greg Silvester –

SOGB Athlete, Athlete leader and Board member

• I was the face of a corporate partnership between SOGB and National Grid where I had a great opportunity to do 6 months work experience which has led to paid employment for the last 7 years

• I have invited on to the board as a result of this and have been a board member for over 7 years – so they can understand what athletes need to make things better for them

• I might not understand but I am supported by my Mentor and they tell me.

• Being part of the family on the athletes Leadership would make a huge change I hope and help me be a better board member because we can have a voice to change things. :

“Being a Board member and an Athlete Leader is about making sure that our athletes have a voice”
Kiera Byland - My Journey

I’m an SO Leader

Sept 17 At college doing a BTEC Level 3 in Sport

I’m a Qualified cycle and swimming coach

I’m an SO athlete
My journey to the SOGB Athlete Input Council

May 2014
Became an SO Athlete

July 14 - attended my first National Cycle competition

2015/16 - school visits raising awareness of SOGB in the NW

Sept 2015 presented my journey at Bolton Sports Awards

Aug 2016 - I applied to be the SOGB rep for SOEE AIC

Aug 16 – ASA level 1 swim teaching assistant

July 16 – Official opening of Oak tree school

June 16 BTEC level 2 in Sport

June 16 Head teachers conference speaker

April 16 SOGB - AL Leamington Spa

April 16 – 2016 SO Play Unified Manchester Launch

Oct 16 – became a BC level 2 coach

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Sept 17 Greater Sports Early Years Physical Development Champion

Sept 17 SOEE Meeting in Amsterdam & co delivered a workshop

Sept 17 SOEE I’m Now CHAIR Person

Sept 2017 The Team

Summer Games 2017 - Athlete and SO Leader

July 17 Level 3 Diploma in Sport Year 1

June 17 as AL I attend the SO NW regional meetings

June 17 Breakfast Business presentation

June 2017 SOGB Team working

Oct 17 Greater Sport Ambassador – creating my action Plan

Oct 2017 SOI – Washington AL

Oct 17 – Trafford School Leadership Inspirational speaker

Oct 17 Business workshops Presentation skills

October 16 Strider balance Bikes Ambassador – KB project (Greater Sport)

Nov 2017 TODAY our SOGB AIC meeting

Nov 16 World Skills Show

In Dec 16 I went to Baku as AL for the Leadership Academy Level 2 – My action plan began

March 17 Austria – SOEE meeting and Winter World games FIT 5 – SO Health Advocate

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April 2017 Personal Communication
Let's begin shall we.....

What's your Journey?

What's your Story?
Athlete Leadership Activation Workbook

Name:

Location:

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Time for you to begin.....

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What’s your Story?
Thank you

QUESTIONS?