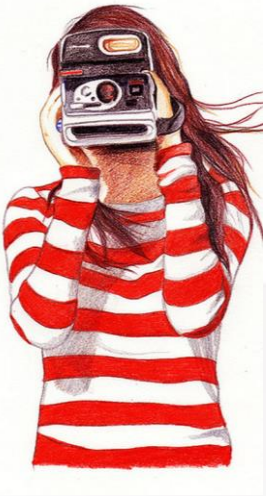


Youth Engagement – Unified and Young Athlete Programmes – Future Plans

Andy Heffer & Laura Davies
AGM & Leadership Conference
25th November 2017

Special Olympics
Great Britain





18.2%
SOGB
Athletes
Under 18
Years Old

70%
School
Leavers give
up
Sport/Activity

20.7%
Registered
SOGB
Volunteers
Under 30
Years Old

193,707
Children of
school age
with ID in UK

*Mencap

2.4%
Registered
SOGB
Volunteers
Under 18
Years Old

Why?



EVIDENCE OF NEED



Nearly half of children with an ID have been **bullied for over a year** (often longer)¹



56% of respondents highlighted they have **cried due to bullying**²



3 in every 5 children on a school Special Educational Needs register, **will have a mental health issue**³

This clearly demonstrates the need to support children to have a happy, meaningful and progressive journey through school. To do this, it is critical to upskill the school workforce to deliver inclusive activities and training; and to support and coach young people to embrace all their peers – equally.

Special Olympics Global Focus on Youth



Young people with and without ID are important because they are the future of Special Olympics. They also are more open to inclusion – they understand and embrace it. They bring the creativity and energy we need to change the world. To be successful, Special Olympics needs to create systems for engaging young people beyond youth to lifetime involvement. We also need to reach young people in new ways and engage them in our vision and goals.

Special Olympics Global Strategy 2016-2020

What



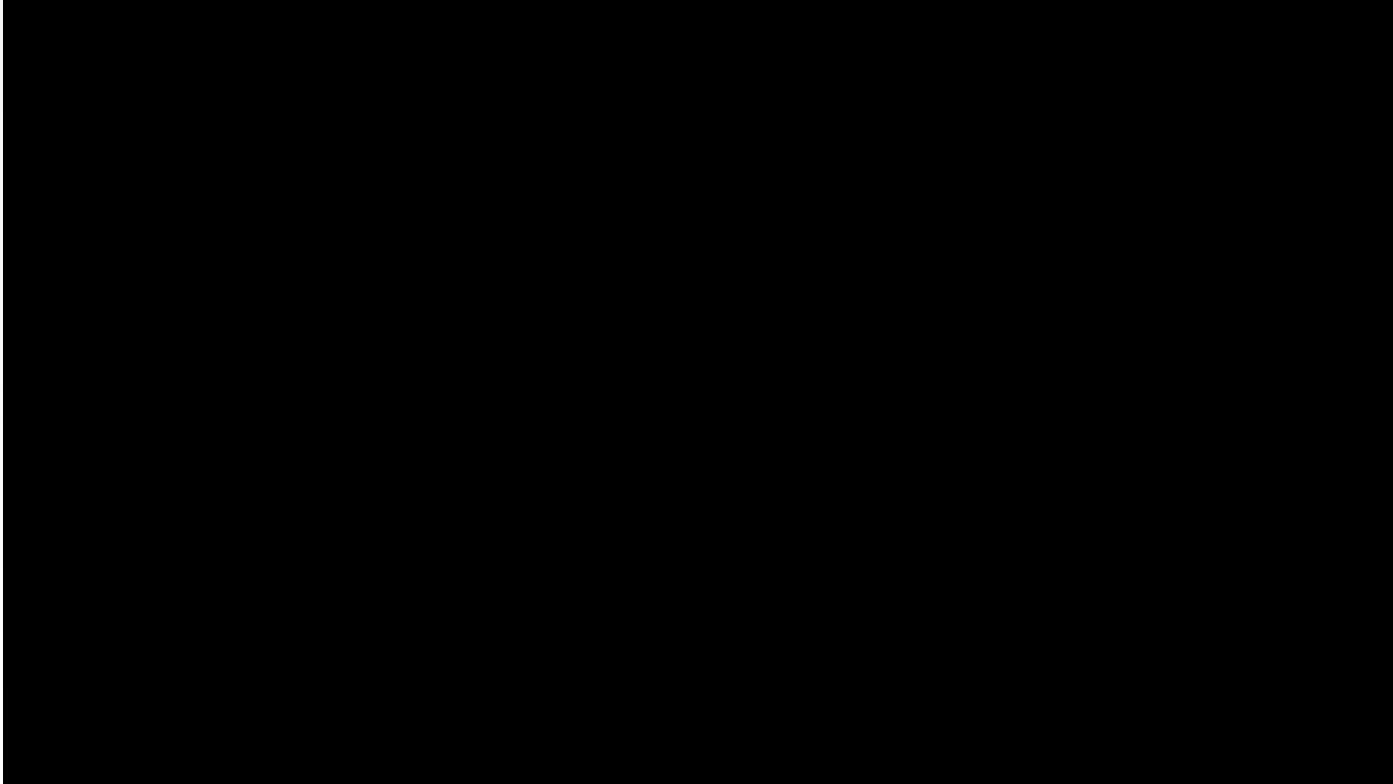
SOGB 2016-2021 Strategy

- Goal 2 - Growing our Community
 - By Providing access wherever you live – Expand Play Unified into 500 Schools by 2020
 - By Growing Participation – 60% of new participants are under 25years old
- Goal 3 - Strengthen our Networks
 - Attract, train and empower new young (under 30 years old) volunteers with and without intellectual disability – 15% increase in volunteers under 30 years old by 2020

Projects focused on Youth ...



Play Unified



Play Unified



200

SCHOOLS

are involved in Play Unified across England, Scotland and Wales.



29,871

YOUNG PEOPLE

have been impacted upon.



544

YOUNG AMBASSADORS

(54% with an intellectual disability) have been trained.



200

TEACHERS

have been trained in Play Unified since April 2016.

Unified Sport



- Competitive Model of Unified Sport
- 2 Sports – Football & Basketball
- 10 Counties in England
- 55 Schools involved to date
- 826 Young People engaged (50% with intellectual disability)
- Linked to UK School Games structure
 - Basketball – 5v5 and Half Court 3v3
 - Football 5, 7 and 11 a side



**Young
People**
(with & without ID)

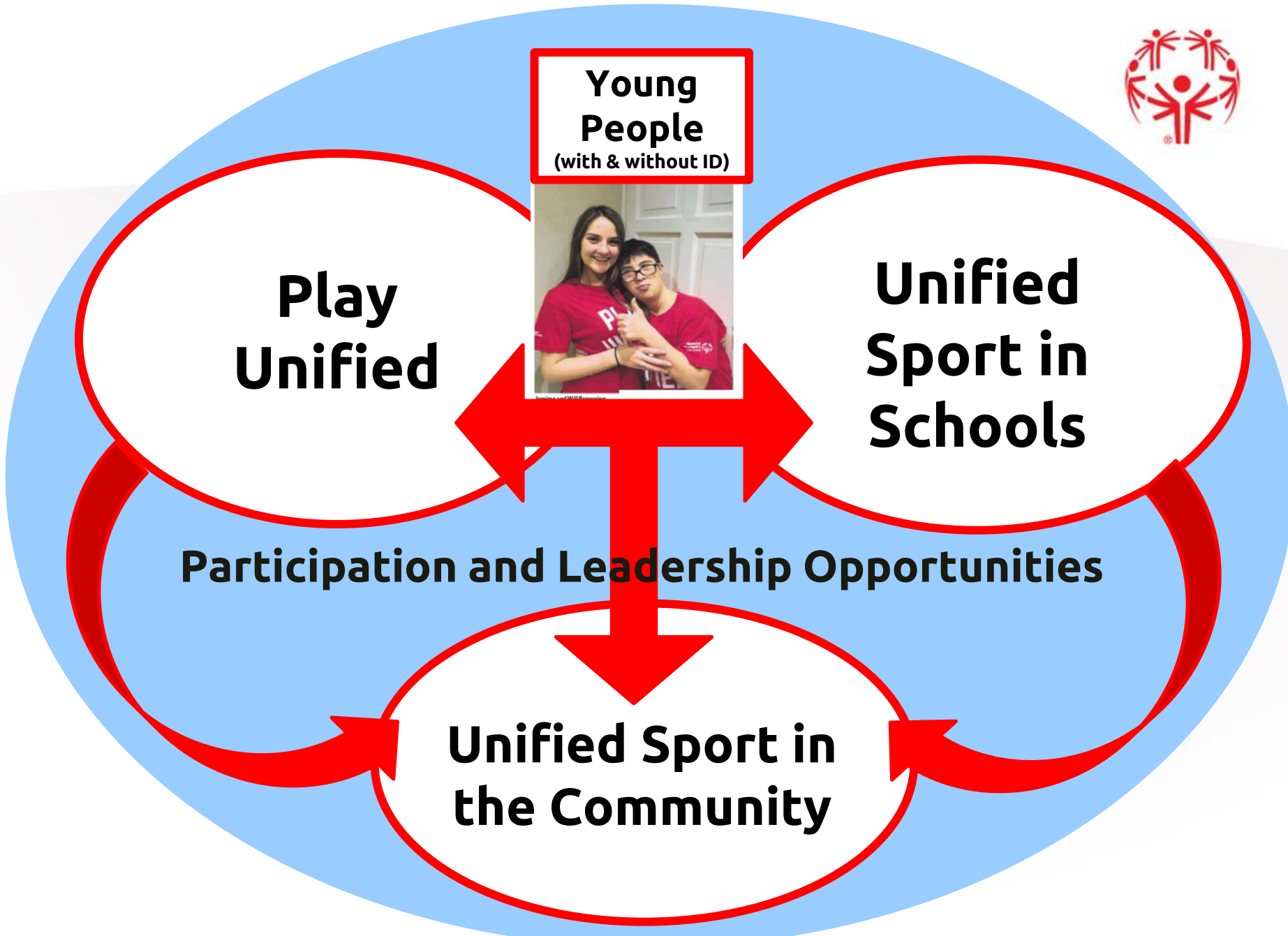


**Play
Unified**

**Unified
Sport in
Schools**

Participation and Leadership Opportunities

**Unified Sport in
the Community**



Why Unified?



More places at World Games are being allocated to Unified Sports

Less places for programmes such as GB with few Unified Sports

To get more people with ID to the World Games we need more Unified Sports



Questions?

Thank You!

Special Olympics
Great Britain

