

### Elite Athlete Programme is Inspire Marked

Merseyside Sports Partnership co-ordinated a county-wide programme for the Liverpool City Region which allows our elite athletes free access to facilities to assist them in their training programmes, while benefiting the local communities through personal appearances at events and awards to inspire future athletes from Merseyside.



Many of the local authorities already had elite athlete programmes in place, but by co-ordinating a county wide initiative, Merseyside Sports Partnership enabled athletes to travel across the Liverpool City Region, without boundaries, and access facilities for free.

This coming together was genuinely inspired by London 2012 as the programme was developed as local authorities worked together with Merseyside Sports Partnership to devise the 2012 strategy 'achieve the potential of the games' - Liverpool City Region Sport Legacy Framework for London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The Liverpool City Region Elite Athlete Programme also

complements Get Set (the schools 2012 Games education programme) because the local athletes will be invited to attend assemblies and to attend key events at schools involved, particularly if they are a former pupil of the school.

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