



Step for Sport Delivers Results in Liverpool

The Liverpool Sport and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA) secured £230,000 in funding from Sport England's Community Investment Fund and Liverpool Active City to reinstate a previously successful project called Step for Sport which is designed to deliver training and employment opportunities in sport and recreation.

A sports and leisure skills passport is offered to unemployed Liverpool residents and voluntary work experience is secured where individuals are given training towards qualifications to support their progression into employment.

In 2010 44 people from the project gained employment, 358 achieved qualifications and 103 were able to find volunteering placements:

Paul Barnett achieved FA Level 1, Safeguarding Children, 1st Aid and Handball Level 2 qualifications. He volunteered with local schools in Liverpool and has now secured employment with Merseyside Youth Association.

Philip Oliver was unemployed before he came on the project he gained FA Level 2, Dodgeball Level 2 and Coaching Disabled People qualifications. He volunteered with various community groups in Liverpool and has now secured employment with Liverpool FC as a Community Coach.

Ellen Senior is a lone parent who completed Exercise to Music, Spinning and Zumba qualifications with the project and she volunteered in various schools in Liverpool. She is now a self employed Exercise to Music and Zumba Instructor.

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