

## Sport Caerphilly Disability Sport Case Study (2 of 2)



### ***Partnership working at it's best in the delivery of the Disability Six Nations Rugby Festival March 2024.***

Sport Caerphilly have always been passionate about disability and inclusion provision and the evolution of the Disability Six Nations Rugby Festival is evidence of this good practice.

First launched and organised by Sport Caerphilly in 2005 in a muddy field of Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre with 34 children and young people, it has now evolved to being in its 17<sup>th</sup> year (*didn't take place for 2 years due to COVID-19*)

with over 400 participants and working in partnership with numerous organisations.

With ever increasing financial challenges we face, partnership working and developing our workforce has never been more critical and important to the delivery of events such as these. We now work with partners such as WRU, Dragons RFC (Senior team and Community provision), Coleg Y Cymoedd Sports, AJM Embroidery and the Phylip Butler Charity, which has a wider impact on the experience children and young people participating in this event.

Our workforce are also exposed to coaching and volunteering opportunity in developing their skills in working with children and young people with a wide range of disabilities and learning support needs. The workforce delivering activities on the day was a mixture of Sport Caerphilly Coaches of the Future, Coleg Y Cymoedd sports students and WRU apprentices and Dragons Community Inclusion coaches. All of these coaches and volunteers on the day will have accessed Disability Inclusion Training and able to put theory into practice.

All our Coaches of the Future attend key training in their introduction to the COTF programme and the DIT training has always been a mandatory part of this, which has been provided by our Disability Sport Officer. This training has ensured that our coaches have the basic skills and knowledge to deliver inclusive coaching sessions.

With the success of this event, we are looking to the future to replicate this model but provide the opportunity in football too. We are currently in discussions with potential partners and hope this will also have the level of engagement as this rugby event.

Pupils and Partners at the event in March 2024



Coleg Y Cymoedd Sports Student



Setting up for the day's event.



*\*Please note a video to support this case study however it hasn't been finalised as it's in its editing phase. This will be shared in April 2024.*

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