

Identifying Ability Day - 21st January 2009.

Wednesday 21st January 2009 saw the first Athlete Identification Day to be held at Heywood Sports Centre in Heywood. The event was successfully delivered in partnership with Link 4 Life through their swimming teachers and co-ordinators along with the neighbourhood and communities team and the 2 school sport partnerships Cardinal Langley and Siddal Moor.

The Athlete Identification Days are a key component of a National Framework to identify and develop the ability of disabled performers. The core principle of the day was to identify young disabled performers across the borough who demonstrates a high level of ability in core or generic skills. The identification day was attended by 60 young people from year 5 through to year 12 from a number of schools throughout the borough. The day was split into two sections in the morning the young performers took part in a number of aquatic activities such as water polo and synchronised swimming. The afternoon session comprised of multi skills activities involving invasion games, movement and throwing and sending.

Peter Jackson, Head of Neighbourhood and Communities Team stated that, “ the event was a wonderful success and it was evident that all present enjoyed themselves. The event was a great example of what can be achieved when working in partnership across the borough”

A programme of activities for young disabled performers is in place across the borough throughout the year. For more information on this programme please do not hesitate to contact Graeme Hill, Link 4 Life Disability Sports Officer on 01706 926203.



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