

DURHAM FA PARA TALENT HUB

WELCOME PACK



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Welcome

The Durham FA Para Talent Hub is part of the para talent pathway delivering monthly sessions to players. The hub delivers monthly coaching sessions to players between the age of 7-16 years who meet the classification for the following pathway

- Cerebral Palsy
- Deaf
- Partially sighted

The sessions will help to signpost individual players to the appropriate pathway, this could be linking with local teams, continuing in the hub or moving up the talent pathway.

We want to ensure players stay within their club to continue their regular football opportunities, as this is often the best format for a player's continued development. While playing their usual format of football, players engaged within the England Para Talent Pathway are encouraged to explore their potential and discover new ways to play the game.

The pack provides further information regarding the pathway, classification & eligibility, staff members, safeguarding, venues, dates and contacts.

Important – If you are attending the session we must have confirmation so coaches can arrange sessions and BSL interpreters are in place.



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PARA FOOTBALL TALENT PATHWAY



[For more information please click here](#) - England Para Talent Pathway | England Football

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ELIGIBILITY & CLASSIFICATION

Eligibility/Classification Information Required

- **Partially Sighted Players:**

Must provide a consultant letter highlighting visual acuity and field measurements.

Must submit a British Blind Sport classification certificate evidencing a classification of B2 or B3 with 'best correction.' All players must be members of British Blind Sport in order to obtain a classification certificate (for further information please visit

<http://www.britishblindsport.org.uk>)

B4 and B5 classified players are eligible to attend the Hub.

- **Deaf Players:**

Must provide a letter from an audiologist confirming the hearing impairment and detailing audiograms conducted on both ears.

To demonstrate eligibility for the programme, all players must be calculated as having an average number greater than, or equal to 55 dB hearing level across 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz frequencies in both ears. A guide to help with the reading of these audiology reports can be accessed on request.

Eligibility/Classification Information Required

- **Partially Sighted and Deaf Players:**

In situations where impairment is determined to be deteriorating, then advice/endorsement on programme involvement must be gained from the Para Classification Lead.

- **Cerebral Palsy Players:**

Must provide a letter from a consultant detailing the impairment and how it potentially affects the player's function (physical movement). If the medical information obtained does not provide clarity regarding eligibility, then a decision on the player's programme involvement will be made following consultation with the National Physical Performance and Classification Manager.

Evidence of player eligibility will be required for players to progress through the para talent pathway. Without this evidence players will not be able to progress through the para pathway.



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HUB STAFF

Alan Evans – Coach

Alan has been involved in grassroots football for over 25 years, having taken on many different roles from youth to senior football. For the past 10 years Alan has worked in both part-time and full-time roles for both Durham County FA and The FA. Alan is a UEFA B Coach in both Football and Futsal. Additional to the aforementioned role, Alan is also a Durham County FA Coach Developer, a UEFA C Coach Developer and a National Futsal Coach Developer.



Ian Raine – Coach

I have been involved in football player and coach for over 40 years.. I currently hold a UEFA "A" licence (level 4). Over that time, I have been involved in academy football both male and female, currently with Teesside Emerging Talent Centre and Durham County FA's Girls Player Development Centre. I have also been involved with Durham County FA's representative under 18 team for many years until recently. I worked with the disability group at the County FA for several years before working with Spennymoor Town Academy after nearly 15 years with The FA, working on their skills programme. In addition to this I have coached Durham University women's team, Sunderland Reserves women's team, Stockton Town's Scholars and am currently working with East Durham College first team on their football programme."



Phill Park – Coach

I have been involved in grassroots football as a player and coach for over 20 years. Within my current role at the Foundation of Light I work in a variety of SEND and alternative provisions across the Northeast delivering P.E and Football specific sessions to groups with SEND. Within my time at the Foundation of Light I have worked with Blind B1 footballer Dan English as part of his Elite training Programme for the IBSA world games in 2023.



Julie New – BSL Support

Julie is highly qualified at BSL Level 4 working towards Level 6. She has been signing and working with young people, adults and socialising with Deaf friends, gaining BSL qualifications for a long time. She is responsible for the running of the organisation.

Leah Walker – BSL Support

Leah is one of our directors and Deaf. She wears 2 hearing aids, relies on lipreading and BSL support. Her duties also include being one of the Communication Support team. She is a Deaf role model for our students, delivering Family Play and Sign classes. Leah has worked with Deaf children for over 15 years and is qualified in BSL. Working towards her Level 6.



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SAFEGUARDING

Should you have any safeguarding concerns that are not able to be addressed by the coaching team on the day, please contact

Neil Churcher
Designated Safeguarding Officer
Safeguarding@durhamfa.com

[Durham FA Safeguarding Policy](https://www.durhamfa.com/about/rules-and-regulations/safeguarding-and-welfare/local-initiatives)
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[FA Policies including the Whistleblowing Policy](#)

[The FA Policy Downloads](#)

[Photography & Recording Policy](#)

[8-3-photographing-and-filming-children-colour-version \(1\).pdf](#)

Please note, not all participants will provide photo/recording consent, if you wish to take photographs, please only take them of your own child. The County FA will only take photographs/recordings for players who have consented.



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VENUES & DATES

DAY	DATE	VENUE	TIME
Monday	9 th September 2024	Online Welcome	6.30pm-7.30pm
Saturday	14 th September 2024	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	12 th October 2024	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	9 th November 2024	Bede College Billingham	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	7 th December 2024	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	18 th January 2025	Bede College Billingham	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	8 th February 2025	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	8 th March 2025	Bede College Billingham	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	5 th April 2025	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	17 th May 2025	Bede College Billingham	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	14 th June 2025	Bede College Billingham	9.00am – 10.30am
Saturday	12 th July 2025	Boldon School	9.00am – 10.30am

Venue Address – Indoor Sports halls

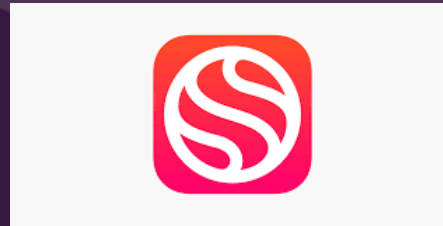
Boldon School - New Rd, Boldon Colliery NE35 9DZ

Bede College - Marsh House Ave, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham TS23 3HB



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SPOND



We will be using this for our session reminders and registers, if you have not registered, please use this link to complete registration and I will accept you.

Please accept or decline the invitation as this will determine what sessions need to be planned and if we require BSL support.

It can also be used to chat with coaches if there are any questions or advice required, if there is anything around the programme, please direct them to myself.

[To register - https://group.spond.com/WVLUJ](https://group.spond.com/WVLUJ)



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CONTACTS

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You may receive some direct correspondence from FA Para National Team .

