



# Developing a Disability Section at your Football Club

## How can my club get involved?

Firstly consider the possibility of hosting disability provision at your club. The following reasons are most common.

## Creating disability provision

1. **Area of need:** Are there any other disability football opportunities in your local area? What impairments do they cater for? Will you be duplicating these opportunities? Can you maybe provide opportunities for other impairments, ages, sexes, etc.?
2. **Integrate a local disability football club into a local community club (mainstreaming):** Create an inclusive club that is open to various sections of the community.
3. **Substantial local interest:** Maybe your club is near a special school or disability organisation. Maybe there is a parent, volunteer or coach in your club who has links to the disability sector.
4. **Impairment-specific interest/expertise:** Perhaps there is a coach, volunteer, player or relative in your club who has a specific impairment and/or skill set.

## Can we deliver?

You need to consider the following:

- **Facility:** Does your club have access to a suitable venue to host disability provision?
- **Staff:** Does your club have suitable staff to host disability provision – numbers, interest, qualifications, experience etc.? Is there a suitable level of support through your committee? This will not work if just one or two coaches are interested. You need the buy-in from the whole club
- **Equipment:** Does your club have access to suitable equipment?
- **Finances:** Does your club have the resources to deliver an additional section?
- **Participants:** Catchment area, promotion, access, transport, etc.

If you feel that disability provision is an area your club would like to explore please contact Irish FA Development Manager for Disability Football, Alan Crooks at [acrooks@irishfa.com](mailto:acrooks@irishfa.com) or **07894 614324**.

## How can my child get involved?

If you want to get your child involved in the programme please contact your closest club to check availability and that the club can accommodate you. Register with the club and go along to the sessions. If there is not a local opportunity for your child please contact Irish FA Development Manager for Disability Football, Alan Crooks at [acrooks@irishfa.com](mailto:acrooks@irishfa.com) or **07894 614324**.