

**Thematic report title:** *Review of Disability Equality Schemes and practice in schools and pupil referral units, May 2011*



## **A partnership with Disability Sport Wales and a Ceredigion school helps a pupil with disabilities achieve sporting excellence and develop great leadership skills.**

### **Context**

The pupil's sporting talent in football was first noticed by school and the officer for Disability Sport Wales. The officer arranged for the pupil to go to a series of football trials. The pupil was delighted to be chosen to compete for his country in Geneva. Following that excellent achievement, school staff and the officer observed that the pupil's confidence and leadership skills had developed further, particularly when playing football for his team.

### **Action**

The school and Disability Sport Wales Officer were keen to help the pupil continue to develop his sporting skills and saw his potential as a future football coach.

The pupil was offered the opportunity to advance his sporting skills and acquire new coaching skills. He first attended a Dragon Sport Leader Course and then a number of additional sporting courses, such as athletics and Boccia. He also completed a disability inclusion course and First Aid Course.

### **Outcome**

Four years on, the young man:

- continues to play and coach football for a disability football club;
- volunteers on a weekly basis to assist coaching athletics for children aged five and over;
- volunteers on a range of other sports clubs and school events;
- won the Ceredigion Sports Council Volunteer of the Year award in 2009; and
- has a full time job.

The Disability Sport Wales officer reported:

**“His contribution to the scheme has been outstanding and seeing him grow in confidence and becoming a competent leader in clubs he used to be a part of is brilliant.”**

**Schools and PRUs visited as part of the thematic report**

<p><b>Caerphilly</b> St James Primary School Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre</p> <p><b>Denbighshire</b> Ysgol Christchurch Ysgol Tir Morfa Special School Ysgol Glan Clwyd Ysgol Plas Cefndy</p> <p><b>Flintshire</b> Bryn Deva Maes Hyfryd Specialist School</p>	<p>Castell Alyn High School Bryn Tirion Canoflan Dysgu/Learning Centre</p> <p><b>Pembrokeshire</b> St Mark's V A Primary School Ysgol Bro Gwaum Portfield Special School Neyland</p> <p><b>Carmarthen</b> Brynteg Primary School Ysgol Heol Goffa Special School Queen Elizabeth High School and Elfed Centre</p>	<p>Glan y Mor High School Teaching and Learning Centre Llanelli Rhyd y Gors Day Centre</p> <p><b>Ceredigion</b> Llwyn yr Eos Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth</p> <p><b>Vale of Glamorgan</b> Cogan Primary School Barry Comprehensive School Ysgol Maes Dyfan Amelia Trust Farm</p>
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