

Sporting Chance

Newport Community Interest Company



Forward Statement:

"We believe every young person should have the opportunity to achieve and succeed. We also believe, and know, that sport and physical activity can play a positive role in helping young people to achieve and succeed. We have both personally experienced the power and value of sport, as either professional athletes, or experienced practitioners, working with young people and sport.

We established Sporting Chance to provide alternative education to young people within Newport South Wales, using sport and physical activity as a key driver in delivering education to marginalised young people across Newport. Our work aims to support young people to develop a team spirit, improve self-esteem and confidence and enable them to become positive and active members of their communities.

We are proud about the way we have set-up Sporting Chance

- A not for profit Community Interest Company. If our company makes a surplus, we will use this to achieve the aims and objective for our beneficiaries
- Young people. We will be working closely with key partners, such as Newport City Council and education stakeholders across Newport, to provide alternative educational facilities outside the mainstream education system for marginalised young people. Sport, is our tool. We use it to support all young people to provide a safe and inclusive environment, where they can be individually nurtured and mentored to progress educationally and in life.

We are passionate about giving young people every chance that they deserve without discrimination. We want to enable youth development by delivering enduring outcomes for young people, who otherwise may be drawn into gangs, promoting criminal activity or developing extremist ideology."

Paul Parry
Director

We pride ourselves

on making a difference to all young people we work with. We use a variety of behaviour change techniques and models to help the young people understand the positive progress they have made, during their time with us.

This approach also helps us to share our impact, with partners and stakeholders, who want to understand the difference our programmes have on young people we work with. Diversity in our thinking and skills makes us unique. Our committed and passionate team is built on a mixture of elite sports athletes and education professionals, who have worked with some of the most vulnerable and challenging young people across the UK.

When it comes to working with young people, who face multiple challenges, our team all come from a common understanding, that is to engage, to encourage and to nurture young people to participate in the educational journey which will have life long positive impact upon young people's lives.

What do we offer?

Sporting Chance provides young people, aged 4 – 18, with positive educational opportunities, in order for them to reach their maximum potential.

We provide high quality teaching and learning environments and mentoring, built on solid foundations of effective relationships between our staff and young people. We accommodate for young people on an individual basis, or in larger group settings. This enables the development and achievement of life-skills and qualifications for the young people we work with.

Working out of our facility at the Newport Indoor Football Centre, we provide programmes which fit with young people (not the young person into the programme).

Our programmes are designed to make a difference to young people by:

- Supporting them to re-integrate back into mainstream education and their communities
- Develop their academic attainment
- Improve their behaviour, self-confidence and self-esteem
- Build their life-skills, such as communication, problem solving and working as a team
- Providing them with an environment and support to healthy mental wellbeing
- Provide them with a clear pathway into employment or further education/learning
- Giving them positive skills to transfer into their communities

Who are we?

Sporting Chance Newport Community Interest Company was incorporated in February 2020.

What is our Mission?

Our mission is to improve the lives of young people using our alternative educational programmes.

What is our purpose?

Our purpose is to work with and support young people to reach their maximum potential. Sport and physical activity is our golden thread! We use sport, to give every young person the best chance in life and to ensure that their educational, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing is improved.

Why do we think our work matters?

Our work matters for young people who find themselves facing a number of challenges in everyday life, whether this is in an educational setting, their home-life, or in their communities. We want to help these young people to build thriving and bright futures for themselves. The tool we use, sport and physical activity, provides young people with a series of transferrable life messages such as working as a team, building discipline, setting achievable goals, leadership skills, communication and learning from mistakes.

The environment we create matters too. We pride ourselves in creating a safe, learning and educational environment, which supports young people to:

- Build confidence
- Increase their aspirations
- Develop respect for themselves and others
- Raise motivation and to attain targets
- Feel positively empowered
- Share and participate
- Learn and have fun

Our beliefs about young people We believe that every young person:

- Deserves the opportunity to access high quality learning and education
- Has the talent and capacity to live a fulfilling life
- When presented with the right educational environment, can be both learner, and teacher
- When listened to, can be an innovator, capable of making lasting impact in his or her community
- Has the potential to contribute positively to his or her community

Our shared values – 'BE'

Our values have been developed to ensure we create the best environment for everyone.

Our values represent the essence of our organisation. We have shared values, that don't just apply to our staff.

We encourage every young person we work with to become an integral part of our culture not only during the time they are with us, but beyond as ambassadors of our shared values. If we merge our values, with the young people we work with, we hope to form a thriving, unique and enduring culture.

BE One Team – Our diversity is what makes us strong. Our staff and young people are the biggest difference. We learn together, we listen together, we thrive together, as 'One Team'

BE Fun – Be a passionate team player. One who can enjoy the experience of learning and developing.

BE Adventurous – Reach high and outside of our comfort zone. We will all make mistakes. This is good because if we haven't made any mistakes, we haven't tried to take any risks. We learn more together through taking risks.

BE a listener – Talking and communicating brings us together, listening helps us to understand. Growing our understanding, helps us to learn more. We want to encourage everyone to understand, before they are understood.

BE Curious – Ask questions. Ask for help. Ask for support. Ask if everyone is ok. Being curious, brings us all together.

BE Included – Inclusion and a sense of participation are critical needs for young people, particularly those from marginalised and disadvantaged backgrounds. We look to encourage inclusion at all levels without exception.

