

# Special Schools PE and Sport Conference 2008

# Inspiring Dreams: Creating Opportunities

1-2 December 2008

**W**ith the Government's commitment to ensuring all young people have access to five hours of high quality PE and sport per week and the success of TeamGB at the Beijing Games, this is a unique time for PE and school sport. With London 2012 only four years away, the theme for this year's conference is how PE and sport can inspire young disabled people to maximise their potential - including educational attainment, personal and sporting development.

The conference will consider the various roles that special schools and wider partners play, from delivering high quality PE and sport to supporting and influencing others to fully include all young disabled people. The conference also provides opportunities for the extended network of county disability officers and other education and sports agencies to consider how, through working with special schools, clearer pathways can be established from school to community sport to create meaningful and sustainable opportunities.

The conference booking form is available online from the 29 September at [www.youthsporttrust.org/conferences](http://www.youthsporttrust.org/conferences). Conference bookings close on the 14 November 2008.

For a limited number of delegates this year's conference includes a practical workshop on 1 December followed by the conference on the 2 December.

#### Cost of the conference:

- **1 and 2 December:** £115 plus VAT (affiliated schools £95 plus VAT)
- **2 December only:** £95 plus VAT (affiliated schools £75 plus VAT)



This year's conference includes the first National SEN Specialist Schools Physical and/or Sensory workshop for Headteachers, Senior Management Team and Directors of Specialism.

# 2008 Special Schools PE and Sport Innovation Award

Special schools have always valued and developed links with wider agencies to improve pupil attainment and achievement through bringing PE and sport to life, accessing additional expertise, and supporting whole school development. As with all partnerships, these links have also had a positive impact on the agencies involved – be that disability awareness training or expertise in developing more inclusive approaches.

Over the next few years as more applied learning opportunities – such as the Sport and Leisure Diploma – are developed, so the role of business (sports clubs through to national companies) will become even more important. To celebrate the role of businesses linking with special schools, Skills Active is delighted to support the 2008 Special Schools Innovation Award.

**First prize – 50 free skills passports (active passports) for the winning school worth £500, plus a day's support to set learners up with their passports, and £1000**

**Second prize – 25 free passports worth £250, support to set them up, and £500**

The UK skills passport for the active leisure and learning sector is a unique, web-based facility for recording all the skills, qualifications and achievements of your staff. More information can be found at:

<http://www.skillsactive.com/resources/skills-passport>

Schools wishing to apply should submit no more than 2000 words on their links with one or more businesses and how this has impacted on PE and school sport and pupil learning outcomes. The submission should cover aspects such as the rationale for the developments, what work was undertaken, and the impact on the school and pupils as well as the business. Wider evidence such as pupil stories and photos can be used to highlight the information provided.



Entries should be forwarded to:

[frances.brown@youthsporttrust.org](mailto:frances.brown@youthsporttrust.org) entitled 'special schools innovation award 2008: school name.'

Entries close on the 14 November and winners will be announced at the special schools conference.