

Connected Communities Initiative

Access4All Training Programme

About Us:

The Iona Resource Centre is a specialised service for people experiencing visual impairment or blindness. We provide a bespoke programme across our 3 core strands: Skills4Stability, Skills4Life or Skills4Me. Service users have a personalised plan that is tailored to meet their specific needs. NCBI treat everyone as an individual and aspire to assist all our service users in fulfilling their true potential.

This is achieved through:

- Person centred planning
- Mentoring
- Use of RARPA to record progress
- Participation in the local community

NCBI takes a varied approach to providing day opportunities by aiming to be in the heart of local community, ensuring that our service users have the widest choice and options about how to live their lives and how to spend their time. The Iona Resource Centre offers an impressive range of structured activities designed to engage, motivate and challenge everyone.

“Engage, Enable and Empower” forms our guiding principles.

Connected Communities:

We recognise the impact that sight loss can have on person’s physical and mental health and the valuable role that a day service can provide in offsetting the burden that visual impairment can bring on the individual.

People with visual impairment are 7 time more likely to suffer from depression and mental health concerns and this can exacerbate feelings of isolation. Many people who have a visual impairment often feel socially restricted, as they may not feel confident enough to access public transport, go to the shops or go out to meet people. One’s world can suddenly become very small.

NCBI recognise that such isolation can be found amongst other vulnerable groups. Through our Connected Communities Initiative, NCBI is aiming to ensure that everyone, regardless of disability has the right and opportunity to access sporting/spectator events in their local community.

Access4All:

Our Access4All Programme aims to provide general disability awareness, sighted guide and audio commentary training to teams of connected volunteers linked with a sporting club around Ireland. With the skills and awareness gained from our training and the resource pack provided, Access4All Volunteers will then be empowered to deliver a vital audio commentary service to people with disabilities and additional needs across Ireland.

Access4All has the potential to enable people with disabilities and other access needs to better connect with their local community whilst giving volunteers an opportunity to share their passion for sport in a really meaningful and positive way!

Iona Resource Centre

Engage

Enable

Empower



Access4All

Audio Sport Commentary

Do you have sight loss? Want to be able to access and support your local team?

Complete the survey below to express an interest in our sport audio commentary service.

Deadline:

Dec

13

2019

Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z2WKGC6>

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