



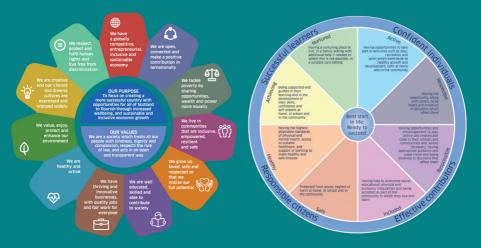
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Team United is a charity that aims to break down the social barriers faced by children and young adults living with Autism when participating in sport.

We acknowledge the social challenges involved for our participants and we aim to use the topic of football to encourage development in all areas of academics, health and fitness and social inclusion.

Our new Inclusion project, **TEAM UP** is our newest legacy project coming as a result of work completed earlier in the year in our EURO 2020 Initiative in partnership with The Scottish FA and UEFA and is an addition to our Player Workbook and other resources that we use to engage young people with Autism and continue their participation in sport. Providing options to engage more young people with the curriculum whether in school, attending part-time, finding difficulty in engaging with school activities, education or simply needing additional support in the classroom with a particular subject.



The project links to National Outcomes and Curriculum for Excellence

Introducing Team Up





Our **TEAM UP** project is a reengagement, inclusion tool for young people with additional support needs in upper primary and secondary education. Young people who need some assistance to break down social barriers, build confidence and engage with their peer group.

TEAM UP can be used in a group environment within a class situation, an ASN unit or with an individual. The project also helps make a link for the young person to our pathway of weekly football and social activity sessions.



Components

The project has two components:

Upper Primary

Young people of upper primary school age who may either be dis-engaged with a classroom environment or at school and need assistance in a classroom setting. An emphasis on connecting to and working with their peer group/ curriculum subject or transition to secondary education.

Secondary Eduction

Young people with additional support needs in S1 to S4 who may be dis-engaged with education or have no defined destination.



How it works

The focus is on communication, using football as a motivator but also choosing the appropriate topic for activities or linking curriculum subjects as described in our examples.

Activities often use cards that have been developed to engage in discussion but this can also start as a simple read and learn distraction. Young people don't need to love football to take part.

TEAM UP is offered in 4 to 6 week blocks with prior agreement on the topics and activities that will ensure a successful outcome for young people.

The Secondary Education component will work in engaging with young people in a school setting many who may be either dis-engaged in the classroom or are requiring additional support or operating within a parttime timetable.

Additionally, opportunities for young people will be presented and linked to Team United, Team Leaders project which is funded by The National Lottery. This offers additional opportunities in volunteering, being part of a youth panel and work experience. Focused on closing the attainment gap, improving mental health and wellbeing.



Subjects and activities

Working and learning together, group discussion

ROLE MODELS DISCUSSION

- Who are your role models and why?
- What qualities does a role model have ?
- Who might you be a role model to?
- Having lots of money makes you a better role model.
 What do you think?
- Playing for the best team is the only time you need to be a good role model. What do you think?

Example subject: Geography and/or Social studies

LEARNING ABOUT TOWNS/CITIES/ COUNTRIES ACROSS THE FOOTBALLING WORLD

- Using the cards and other resources
- Learn about famous landmarks around the towns/cities/nations of the footballing world
- What is the capital city of each country.
- Who are some of the most influential and pioneering players from history?
- What contributions might these players make to memories of various generations in society



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