

scottishathletics 

2015

NATIONAL TALENT ID PROGRAMME

PLAYGROUND

to

PODIUM

**Your opportunity to be one of Scotland's next generation
of Commonwealth Champions!**



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Eilidh Child Scottish Record Holder / GB Olympian / European Champion / CWG Silver Medallist

Aims

scottishathletics' aim is to deliver an innovative and exciting programme in order to identify and then develop the pupils with potential who are not currently involved in the athletics club structures. Ultimately the aim of the programme is to motivate and inspire these young Scots to make the most of their abilities in order to become Scotland's next generation of Commonwealth champions.

Talent ID activities will be adapted where necessary and schools who want to discuss the inclusion of para athletes in advance can contact scottishathletics via the email contact provided.

See also the link to the British Athletics Parallel Success Programme which gives further information on areas such as eligibility, classification and some case studies including Scotland's top para athlete, Libby Clegg.

Purpose

scottishathletics' are looking to replicate the success of the work of the UK Talent Team - (<http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/our-work/talent-id>) which has worked in partnership with 20 Olympic and Paralympic sports and over 100 World Class coaches: run 12 National athlete recruitment campaigns, and assessed over 7000 athletes.

These projects have resulted in over 100 newly identified athletes entering the World Class system across 17 sports with over 450 international appearances made and over 150 international medals won.

Several of these athletes were selected to represent Great Britain at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games and 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games.

Experience

The past two years have been a really positive experience with over 500 youngsters assessed across the length and breadth of the country. This led to around 50 pupils being signposted to athletics coaches and already many of these youngsters are having an impact on the scottishathletics national scene.

From last year we would suggest that pupils who are considered for selection to participate in the testing day are capable of achieving at least one of the following standards for the events:

	3 Jumps	Standing Long Jump	30m Sprint	Over-Head Shot	Cricket Ball Throw	150m Run
Boys	6.70m	2.20m	4.35secs	10.50m (4kg)	45.00m	18.80
Girls	5.46m	1.86m	4.90secs	7.20m (3.25kg)	23.00m	18.80

Download the electronic entry form here: <http://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/teachers/playground-to-podium/>

Process

Every one of the 376 secondary schools in Scotland will be invited to send along 3 male and 3 female S3 students **who are not currently involved in an athletics club** to the Talent ID day in your region.

What support will the identified athletes receive?

Athletes who are identified will be guided towards an experienced athletics coach who will be able to facilitate their development towards podium potential.

They will also be part of National Talent Gatherings where they will have the opportunity to speak with, spend time with and be mentored by International athletes.

Dates & Venue for Talent ID Day 2015

Wednesday 17th June - Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow

Session 1: 09.30 - 12.30

Session 2: 13.00 - 16.00

Please indicate which session you would like to attend on your school entry form.

scottishathletics National Talent ID Day Activities

We are planning a fun and enjoyable day focussing on activities which will identify talent in the power and speed events including:

- 30m sprint • Standing Long Jump • Overhead Shot • Batak Reaction Board • Cricket Ball Throw • 150m Run

As well as the testing, we will have some coaching sessions around throws, jumps, sprints and agility to help us identify the ytrainability and capability of the pupils involved.

Watch the trailer for the National Talent ID Programme here:
www.youtube.com/scottishathletics

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2015

For more information on scottishathletics go here:

www.scottishathletics.org.uk/

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Link to British Athletics parrallel success information:
<http://academy.britishathletics.org.uk/parallel-success/>



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Athletics as a sport has benefitted from talented young people transferring from other sports in the past:

Name	Original Sport	Athletics Event	Key Achievements
Elidh Child	Swimming	400m Hurdles	Scottish Record Holder / GB Olympian European Champion / CWG Silver Medallist
Dai Greene	Football	400m Hurdles	World Champion / GB Olympian
Shirley Webb	Ballerina	Hammer Throw	Scottish Record Holder / GB Olympian
Meggan Dawson-Farell	Boccia	1500m WC	Selected for CWG 2014
Lawrence Okoye	Rugby	Discus Throw	UK Record Holder / GB Olympian
Jade Nimmo	Gymnastics	Long Jump	Scottish Record Holder / Selected for CWG 2014
Iwan Thomas	BMX Cycling	400m	Olympic Silver Medallist
Sammi Kinghorn	Hockey	1500m WC	Selected for CWG 2014
Beth Potter	Swimming	3000m	Selected for CWG 2014
Darren Campbell	Football	100m / 200m	Olympic Gold Medallist
Jax Thoires	Gymnastics	Pole Vault	Scottish Record Holder / Selected for CWG 2014
Darren Ritchie	Rugby	Long Jump	Scottish Record Holder / GB Internationalist
Andrew Osagie	None (Started running at 17)	800m	World Indoor Medallist / GB Olympian
Allan Stuart	Swimming	400m	Paralympian / World Record Holder
Adam Gemili	Football	100m / 200m	European Champion

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