

Scottish Sport Relief new funding available



Second phase of joint initiative with Sport Relief to help most disadvantaged.

The Scottish Government has announced that funding is now available under phase two of the highly successful Scottish Sport Relief Home and Away Programme.

With support from The Scottish Government's Legacy 2014 and Cashback for Communities Programme, the continuation of this joint initiative between the Scottish Government and Sport Relief will support projects in Scotland which use sport as a tool to help vulnerable and disadvantaged young people aged 11 to 24.

The total 'Home' element of the Scottish Sport Relief Home and Away Programme is worth £750,000 and is jointly funded by the Scottish Government and money raised through Sport Relief. The programme seeks to use the power and inspiration of sport to help young people who have limited opportunities or face significant challenges in their lives.

Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games and Sport Shona Robison said:

"Sport is fantastic way for young people to join in and be part of something, no matter what their personal circumstances. Projects which help them set and achieve personal goals are very important and I am delighted that phase two of the Scottish Sport Relief Home and Away Programme will enable voluntary organisations to support young people to overcome difficult life circumstances and make positive changes to their lives."

The Government's funding for the programme is part of its commitment to secure a lasting legacy from the 2014 Commonwealth Games, both at 'Home' in Scotland and 'Away' in other parts of the Commonwealth. As part of the 'Away' element during this second phase, an additional £750,000 has gone to UNICEF to help them deliver projects in Bangladesh and Malawi.

The programme will support organisations which deliver projects on the ground designed to help young people in society who are disadvantaged either because of where they live, family experience (including domestic abuse), disability (including poor mental health), sexual orientation / gender identity, teenage pregnancy, homelessness, gang involvement, drug and alcohol abuse or because they are ex-offenders.

Information on how to apply for funding from the Scottish Sport Relief Home and Away Programme is available at: www.comicrelief.com/scottish-sport-relief-home-away-programme