

Autism football coming to Hibs' Training Centre



The Hibernian Community Foundation and Team United will launch the first ever partnership of its kind – starting with a session on Tuesday 15 October at the Hibernian Training Centre from 3-5pm.

Players aged 9-15 who fancy representing Hibernian FC in a new league should attend this session.

Team United is the Game Leader organisation for autism football in Scotland and are working with Premiership and grassroots clubs alike to help create autism teams.

They are a charity who aim to support young people with

disabilities overcome social barriers they often face when taking part in sport and physical activity, particularly team sports.

Team United focus on supporting young people aged 8-16 years with Autism but not exclusively and offer a range of sports or physical activity and are always listening to young people so we can offer more opportunities.

They offer young people the opportunity to take part in a player pathway that offers a number of components and opportunities such as weekly sports or activity instruction, social activities and an awards scheme and social outings.

They also focus our attention on knowing as much as we can about each of our young people, we use their chosen sport as the motivator to break down social barriers and get them playing together as a team as well as listening to young people and allowing them to be heard amongst their peer group. More importantly, being active and enjoying taking part.

As they have trained and knowledgeable coaching and support staff in every session, young people know their needs will be understood.

Their approach enables young people the opportunity to gain confidence, connect with their team mates and celebrate their achievements in a supported environment.

□Registration is essential and should be done online via the Hibernian Community Foundation website, or by emailing any

enquiries to
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