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Press Release

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

The UNESCO Chair "Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities, their Families and Communities, Through Physical Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness" is celebrating the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) by organising a one day training workshop on disability inclusion together with Plan International Ireland and the CARA Centre on the 9th of April 2016 in order to aid the empowerment of people of all abilities.



The event will be held at the Stewarts Sports and Leisure Centre, Dublin 20. We want to build a positive perception around inclusion and disability, and give the tools and skills to deliver inclusive sport programs in any community. We look forward to facilitating a training which will explore perceptions of people with disabilities and the barriers that may prevent their inclusion in society. We will do this by examining a local and global understanding.

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Background on the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)

The 6th of April was declared the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) by the UN General Assembly in 2013 and since then has been celebrated around the globe. According to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, *“Sport has become a world language, a common denominator that breaks down all the walls, all the barriers. It is a worldwide industry whose practices can have widespread impact. Most of all, it is a powerful tool for progress and for development”*.

At the global level IDSDP is promoted by the United Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP), the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Platform on Sport and Development (sportanddev.org) and Peace and Sport (april6.org).

However, the most important contributions come from the projects implemented around the world by small and local grassroots organisations. Initiatives like Disability Inclusion Training on the 9th of April held in Dublin and other initiatives and projects of the UNESCO Chair and its partners put into practice the theory of sport for social change and directly change the lives of participants.

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Additional resources:

UNESCO Chair <http://www.unescoittralee.com>

sportanddev.org

http://www.sportanddev.org/en/newsviews/international_day/idsdp_2016/

[april6.org: http://www.april6.org/en/](http://www.april6.org/en/)

IOC: <http://www.olympic.org/content/olympism-in-action/idsdp/about-the-day/>

UNOSDP: <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sport/home/unplayers/unoffice/idsdp>

UN: <http://www.un.org/en/events/sportday/>

UN GA Resolution 67/296:

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/67/296

IDSDP Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IDSDP/>

Social media campaigns: #IDSDP2016 #sport4betterworld #iPlayforSDGs #WhiteCard