

MISPA (Manchester institute of Sport and Physical Activity)



## Latest News Release

# IPPR Research Supports Inspiring Leaders

In July 2009, the highly regarded think-tank [Institute for Public Policy Research](http://www.ippr.org) (IPPR) published a report that confirms the approach MISPA has taken since 2006 to leadership development in the Third Sector.

Within the report 'All Inclusive? Third Sector Involvement in Regional and Sub-Regional Policy Making'<sup>(i)</sup> the authors Michael Johnson and Katie Schmuecker, highlight **the need to, "develop the skills and competencies of third sector leaders,"** to encourage more effective engagement in policymaking.

The key areas the report<sup>(ii)</sup> identified that leaders in the voluntary and community sector must improve included:

1. Strategic Skills
2. Influencing Skills
3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills

Inspiring Leaders is a bespoke course designed by and for the Third Sector that enhances and enables participants to improve their leadership skills. In particular, feedback from 110 programme [alumni](#) to date emphasises how they have improved their understanding and ability to operate strategically and seek to influence decisions in their community.

The IPPR call for training to be developed to meet this need and MISPA are delighted that their research and consultation with community partners has already produced a course that meets this need. Bernard Clarke, MISPA Manager, says, *"We have built a reputation based upon listening to the voluntary sector and responding with bespoke projects, programmes and services. Inspiring Leaders is a fantastic course that affords us the privilege of supporting and empowering passionate community leaders."*

The most recent alumni can be seen and heard in a video describing their views on the benefit and impact of Inspiring Leaders; [click here](#) to view the video.

For more information on Inspiring leaders and forthcoming training and events from MISPA visit [www.leadchange.co.uk](http://www.leadchange.co.uk) or contact staff on [info@leadchange.co.uk](mailto:info@leadchange.co.uk) / 0161 247 6042.

### Notes:

- (i) The full IPPR report can be found at: <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=684>
- (ii) Specific reference to Third Sector Leaders skill shortages can be found in the report at pages: 7, 8 and 52.