

MISPA (Manchester institute of Sport and Physical Activity)



Latest News Release

Pioneering Partnership 'inspires' Capacity Builders



MISPA has entered into partnership with Sport 4 Life Ltd and won the backing of Capacity Builders Improving Reach programme.

Competing against more than 1,000 applications 'Inspiring Leaders' has been chosen as one of just 70 national pilots aimed at extending and improving Third Sector support services available to organisations dedicated to working in and with excluded communities.

For the next three years 'Inspiring Leaders' will be developed across the region to support not for profit groups working with black minority ethnic communities and / or in rural areas in the North West.

"The fact that we have been chosen against such strong competition to pilot Capacity Builders aims in the region speaks volumes for our character and vision", said Andrew Ramwell, Director of MISPA, "We have created a product in partnership with the Third Sector that inspires individuals to change their communities and have the confidence that they can achieve real change for the better."

The programme will be run using the skills and expertise of Higher Education combined with the knowledge and reputation of social enterprise in Sport 4 Life Ltd. John Dwan, Managing Director welcomed the innovation, *"Our expertise is in delivering services on a regional scale that support the development of projects for hard to reach communities. This project extends our ranges of services and provides for a new partnership where academia can be seen to really make a difference in ordinary people's lives."*

Inspiring Leaders will be consulting regionally about the delivery of the programme before programmes will be open for participants in 2009. For more details please contact Helen Connor h.connor@mmu.ac.uk or view www.leadchange.co.uk

For more information on Sport 4 Life Ltd view www.mysport4life.com and the Capacity Builders Improving Reach programme go to www.capacitybuilders.org.uk