



We're boosting inclusivity projects with grants

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Twelve organisations have been awarded grants by Table Tennis England to help fund schemes to get more people from underrepresented groups into table tennis.

The successful groups, who include table tennis clubs and other community organisations, were among those to bid for up to £300 each towards projects which focus on inclusivity in one of the following areas: Disability; Women and girls; BAME communities; LGBT+; Mental health.

Despite having initially set aside funding for 10 projects, we were able to expand that due to the high quality of the applications we received.

The groups to receive funding, and the areas they are focusing on, are:

- Freedom Leisure, Woking – Women and Girls
- Littleport Leisure, Ely – Disability
- Bath Mind – Mental health, Women and Girls, BAME
- Winchester City Council – Disability, Mental health
- Special Olympics Cornwall – Disability
- St Andrews Hospice – Disability, Mental health, Women and girls, BAME
- Castle School, Cambridge – Disability
- The Rowans, Chatham – Disability, Mental health, Women and Girls
- SportsAble, Maidenhead – Disability
- Living Sport – BAME
- Surrey County Council – Disability, Mental health
- Norwich City Table Tennis Club – LGBT+

All those who were successful had to show how their project will become sustainable. They must run for at least eight months of the year and be delivered in a community-use venue and be run on a not-for-profit basis.

Greg Yarnall, Head of Development and Volunteering at Table Tennis England, said: "We're delighted to give a helping hand to these projects which seek to open up more playing opportunities for everyone.

"Table tennis is a truly inclusive sport and these projects will showcase that fact. We wish them all every success."

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