



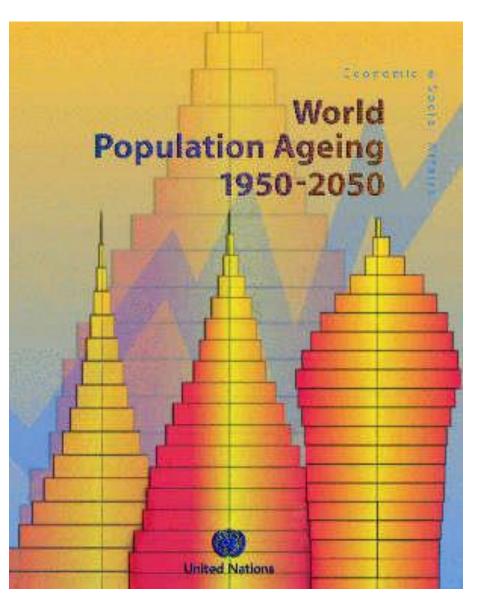
## Making Inclusion in Physical Activity a Reality

How do we get there? What can you do?

## Outline

- Participation in sport and physical activity
- Ten year journey in Ireland
  - ITT programmes and projects
  - National structures and collaborations
- Where to from here

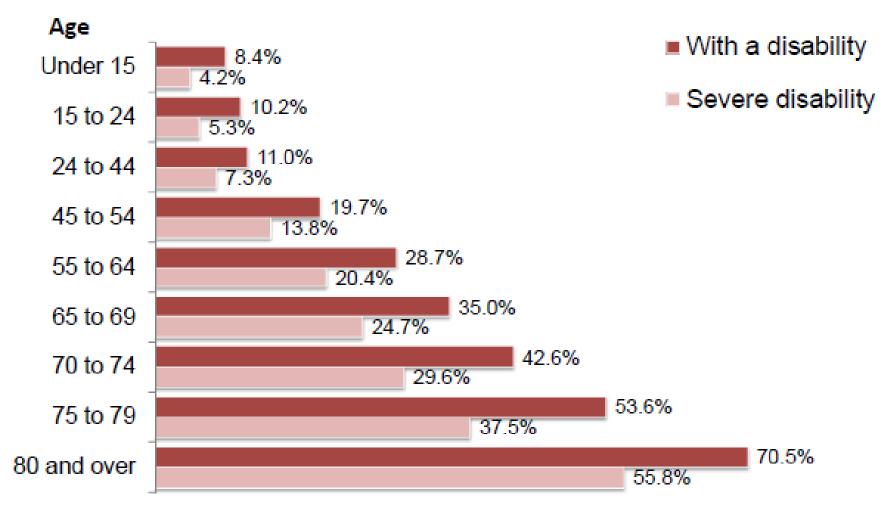
## The World is Changing



The world's population is 7 billion rising to 8 billion by 2030 and 9 billion by 2050 (UN)

By 2050 those over 65 will grow by 70% & those over 80 will grow by 170%

## Disability Prevalence by Age: 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel, Adult and Child Functional Limitations Topical Module

## Participation

- 56% of adults with disabilities do not engage in any leisure-time physical activity compared to 36% among adults without disability (*Healthy People 2010* report).
- Almost 75% of people with disabilities do not participate in enough physical activity to achieve physical health benefits (Liou et al, 2005)

### **UN Convention 2006**

- Article 30 (5)
  - To encourage and promote the participation,
     ...in mainstream sporting activities at all levels;
  - To ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organize, develop and participate in disability-specific sporting and recreational activities and, to this end, encourage the provision, on an equal basis with others, of appropriate instruction, training and resources;

## Article 30 (5) continued

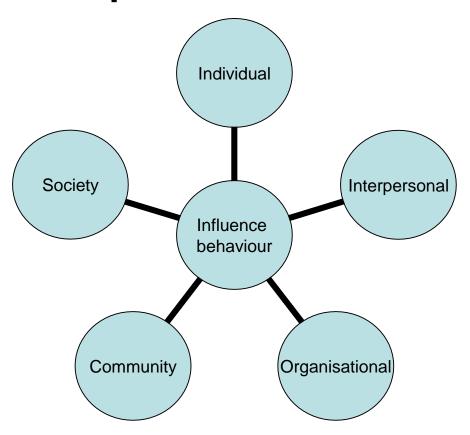
- To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting, recreational and tourism venues;
- To ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities, including those activities in the school system;
- To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to services from those involved in the organization of recreational, tourism, leisure and sporting activities.

### **Theoretical Models**

### **Advocacy behaviours**

- Lead by example
- Leverage
- Literature
- Legislation
- Litigation

### 5 spheres of influence



### **Timeline**

#### ITT - internal

- <sup>1998</sup> Module developed
  - Mandatory module in APA
- 2003 Elective APA2
  - EIPET
- 2008 EUSAPA
  - APA stream
  - APAVET
- <sup>2012</sup> UNESCO chair
  - MSc in APA Leadership

### ITT - external

- 1st APA conference
- 2<sup>nd</sup> APA conference
- CARA centre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> APA conference
- Halliwick Association
- Campabilities
- 4<sup>th</sup> National conference
- EUCAPA



## Model

- Knowledge –
   Lectures
- Doing Practicals
- Support Tutorials
- Believing



**APA** 

Exposure

Experience

Ownership





## EIPET Project 2007-2009 & beyond



- European Partner Project to develop ITT module for use in PE teacher training third level institutions in Europe
- Off the shelf module available:
  - Online interactive version
  - Hard copy
  - CD/USB
  - Available in English, Lithuanian, Spanish
     Finnish & Czech

## **EIPET MODULE AIM**



 To give students the knowledge, skills and competences to design, implement and assess physical education sessions for people with disabilities in both inclusive and segregated settings



## WHO IS IT FOR?



- Undergraduate PE students
- PE teacher training/lifelong learning e.g. in-service/post-graduate training
- Others
  - Primary school teachers
  - ASL/SNAs
  - Coaches





## What does pack include?



- Everything needed to deliver this module
  - Module template
  - Lectures with detailed notes
  - Tutorial resources
  - Worksheets, case studies, video clips
  - Detailed activities for practicals
  - Assessment marking schemes & sample questions





## Since the launch

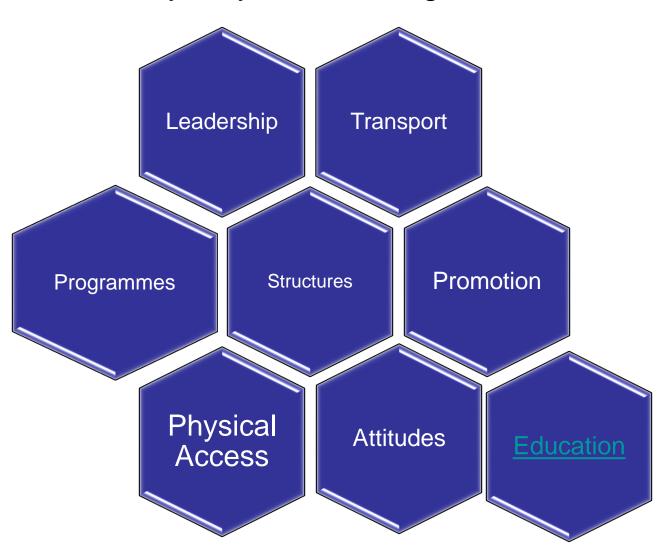


- Uptake in Ireland, UK, Spain, Turkey, Finland, Iceland......
- Interest by UNESCO to develop for third world countries
- Interest to bring to South America
- APAVET project exploratory project look at the further development of the EIPET project and concept



## 2003 Conference

Everybody Active: A Right to Access



### Adapted Physical Activity in Ireland....

### A growing development

#### 2005

- o APA 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference
- o NDA Report on Participation







Increasing opportunities for people with disabilities in sport, physical activity and physical education:

### **National Coordination-Local Provision**





## Adapted Physical Activity in Ireland.... A growing development

#### 2007/08

- o CARA National Adapted Physical Activity Centre
- o 21 Sports Inclusion Disability Officers (20 LSPs)
- o 2 Year National SIDO Programme Objectives
- Significant increase in number of people with disabilities participating at local-regional-national level

### **4521 Participants**

### Adapted Physical Activity in Ireland....

### 10 years on ....

#### 2013

- o ISC commitment
- o Expansion of CARA National APA Centre
- o National Sports Inclusion Disability Programme



### Conferences

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2003 Everybody Active: A Right to Access
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2005 'Getting it Right-Including People with Disabilities'

CARA centre formed

2008 Building the right structures.....

2011 **APA** in **Ireland** ... Are We There Yet?

2012





2014 ?????????

## National APA Training Framework



- Standardised 6 hour course
- Theory, discussion and practical elements
- Part of 5 level framework
  - Undergraduate Training
  - Teacher continuous professional development (CPD)
  - Inclusive leisure Centre /Fitness Industry Training
  - Coach/Leadership Training
  - Coaching Pathway



Training with Halliwick Swimming Association of Ireland

Club run by local volunteers





## CampAbilities Ireland..... A loss of sight... never a loss of vision









### Why a CampAbilities in Ireland?

- CampAbilities Internationally-10 camps
- Participation of people with vision impairments in sport/physical activity
- Undergraduate studies at IT Tralee
- Organised in conjunction with variety of agencies









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## ITT in 2013

- Four year undergraduate honours degree courses in Health and Leisure with:
  - Physical Education 2/3 modules
  - Adapted Physical Activity 2 years specialisation
  - Wellness 1 module
  - Sports Development 1/2 modules
  - Fitness Professional 2 modules
  - Massage 2 modules
- Also social care students 1 module
- Over 200 students providing over 500 activity opportunities each year
- MSc in APA Leadership starting January 2014

## MSc in APA Leadership

### Rationale

- Need for highly skilled professionals who can take a leadership role
- Demand for inclusive community based activity growing
- Caters for graduates from variety of backgrounds
- Developed in line with European Standards in Adapted Physical Activity
- MSc by research annual bursaries

## Intensive Programme

- IP in inclusive physical flourishing
  - 2 week programme
  - Partners from UK, Czech Republic, Latvia and Poland.
  - First programme in February '14
  - Purpose to develop knowledge skills and competencies in students across a broad range of disciplines to engage with communities to offer inclusive opportunities for physical activity which promote positive wellbeing



# UNESCO Chair in ITTralee

Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities through Physical Education, Sport, Fitness and Recreation.

Article 1

The Institute shall, in cooperation with UNESCO, establish a UNESCO Chair on Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities through Physical Education, Sport, Fitness and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "the Chair") at the Institute of Technology Tralee.





### Chair Purpose:

"To promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation on inclusive physical education, adapted physical activity, sports and fitness for the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

It will facilitate collaboration between high-level internationally recognised researchers and teaching staff of the institute and other institutions in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe\*, as well as in Africa, the Arab States Region and Latin America and the Caribbean."

\*Includes US and Canada

## Why have things moved so far in Ireland

- Listened to people
- Learnt from other countries
- Convinced national body to support plan to put structures in place
- Top down and bottom up approaches
- Keep pushing for improvement
- Partnerships
- Keep empowering others to help

# Are we serious about our obligations under the UN convention?

- Ireland: signed 30 Mar 2007 not yet ratified
- Poland: signed 30 Mar 2007 ratified 25 Sep 2012

## So what do we do now?

Educational Institutions	Professionals/graduates
Educate professionals who will lead by example and instigate change	Lead by example with high quality programmes
Provide high quality programmes (evaluated)	Link with other professionals to provide multidisciplinary service
Spread the word – articles, media, conferences	Consult with all service users including people with disabilities
Link with other organisations to have maximum impact	Advocate for better service if current provision is lacking
Research – which improves practice and influences policy and legislation	

## Thank you!

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