



**GLL SPORT
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GLL SPORT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REVIEW 2009



“The Olympic and Paralympic Games represents a unique opportunity to inspire a generation of young people.”

As preparations for London 2012 gather pace, it is clear that the excitement is already bearing fruit in the number of people participating in sporting, educational and cultural activities linked to or inspired by the Games.

The GLL Sport Foundation provides vital financial support to enable young people from right across London to compete at the highest level. It offers them an opportunity to strive to realise sporting dreams that may have otherwise been unattainable.

The work of the GLL Sport Foundation not only supports elite athletes; it also encourages increased participation across London by helping to instil a sense of community and sportsmanship among peers.

GLL's commitment to the Foundation and its comprehensive programme show the clear benefits social enterprises like GLL can bring to the lives of London's residents.

I wish the GLL Sport Foundation every success for the future.



Tessa Jowell MP
Minister for the Olympics

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“Welcome to the GLL Sport Foundation Review 2009. I hope that this review will demonstrate the fantastic success we are having in helping young people pursue their sporting dreams.”

I have always been a strong advocate of the need to support young talented people during their formative years of national standard competition. The Foundation provides real tangible support for talented young people and I am pleased to assist the development through my role as Patron.

From my own experiences, I know just how important finding financial and training support can be when young athletes are at the early stages of their journey to become sporting champions. I still remember with gratitude the early offers of help when every penny I had went to keep my sporting dream alive.

I am also conscious that some young people struggle to meet the rising costs of increased standards of competition, training and travelling. In some cases these young people will not be able to develop to their full sporting potential because of this.

Since the GLL Sport Foundation was launched, we have doubled the number of young athletes supported and this is a significant testimony to the Foundation, staff and sponsors.

Sally Gunnell OBE
Patron



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The GLL Sport Foundation is designed to assist young people achieve their full sporting potential by reducing the financial burden of either training and /or competition costs.

The support for sporting talent will be made to:

- Support talented young persons striving for national and international sporting success
- Assist young persons who are economically disadvantaged
- The Foundation will provide support and encouragement to talented sports people and to promote youth sport within regions where GLL; a leading Social Enterprise, operate sports and leisure venues
- During 2009 GLL operated within 14 London Boroughs and 3 South East Boroughs. Over 60% of the areas where GLL have sports and leisure management partnerships are recognised as being in the UK's 20% most social and economic deprived areas

- The GLL Sport Foundation and GLL are both non-profit distributing organisations which reinvest back into developing sport, sporting infrastructure, community benefit schemes and developing people skills.

“Only a few young athletes will become National, World or Olympic Champions. However, we believe that the vast majority of the young athletes that benefit from the GLL Sport Foundation will give something back to sport and society in some way; whether as a future coach, sport volunteer, fund raiser or often as an inspirational role model that inspires other young people to get active and involved in sport.”

“Young people need positive support and sport needs rising talent to keep Britain improving on a World Stage. We can make a positive contribution to both agendas.”

Peter Bunday
Chair, GLL Sport Foundation

SUPPORTING

young sporting talent
across London & the South East

650 Athletes supported

**50 Olympic, Paralympic, Deaflympic
and Special Olympic Sports**

£350,000 support value in 2009

Age profile of award recipients:

- **56% Under 16 years old**
- **28% 17 to 20 years old**
- **16% Over 20 years old**

GLL Sport Foundation Awards:

- Ambassador
£1,500 + Training Membership
- Talent
£1,000 + Training Membership
- Development
£500 + Training Membership
- Development Potential
£250 + Training Membership
- Talent 'Top Up'
£200 + Training Membership
- Regional Award Training Membership
to 65 GLL-managed Sports venues
(valued at £260 - £420)

The Foundation Ambassadors 2009 were selected to provide sporting role models and inspiration to young athletes. Ambassadors also assisted the Foundation through advocacy work:

Andy Turner	Athletics
Chris Tomlinson	Athletics
Dervis Konuralp	Swimming (Paralympic)
Ed Cox	Kayak
Jade Johnson	Athletics
Perri Shakes-Drayton	Athletics
Winston Gordon	Judo
Zac Purchase	Rowing

A key objective of the Foundation's support for young athletes is the positive impact that they have within their peer groups and local communities.

The athletes supported by the Foundation represent positive role models, who through motivation, determination and commitment are able to develop themselves and their talent. It is important therefore that these athletes both inspire others to get involved in sport and where possible show how they are able to overcome adversity and pressures to achieve their dreams and ambitions. The GLL Sport Foundation positively supports this message for young people in both sport and other aspects of life.

**Andy Turner, GLL Sport Foundation
'Ambassador'
Athletics – 110m Hurdles**

Andy Turner is British and European number 1 ranked 110m Hurdler and controversially had lottery funding withdrawn for 2009 following injury in 2008. With limited funding support, Andy was left to largely self-finance his 2009 season changing his competition schedule to fit in a series of events that would help support his financial commitments for training and event costs.

Andy won Gold at the 2009 European Team Championships, helping GB to finish a close second to Russia in the European Super League. 2009 also saw Andy post a winning 110m time of 13.30 seconds only 0.03 seconds off his all-time personal best.

Andy lives in Sutton and is often seen training at GLL managed Sutton Arena Leisure Centre. As part of Andy's role as Ambassador he joined Sutton Mayor Cllr Margaret Court and the GLL Sport Foundation to present 72 awards to young Sutton-based athletes. Andy is now setting his sights on the Commonwealth and London Olympic Games and we are confident that he will continue to inspire young athletes for years to come.

Andy has supported the GLL Sport Foundation with award presentations to young sports people during 2009 and along with other Foundation Ambassadors from athletics; Jade Johnson, Chris Tomlinson and Perri Shakes-Drayton have provided world-class inspiration for younger supported athletes. As expected, athletics represents the largest group of young talent supported by the Foundation, with 175 non-disabled athletes and 25 disabled athletes.



**Soji Aiyenuro, GLL Sport Foundation
'Talent'
Fencing (Sabre)**

2009 has been a remarkable year for this young Camden-based Saburer. At 16 years old Soji has claimed National Gold success and represented Great Britain at European level.

Soji is the latest in a growing number of excellent fencers from the Camden Sabres Fencing Club and is proud that he has been able to fly the flag for Camden, London and Great Britain during his competition successes.

The GLL Sport Foundation has supported Soji for the past two years and has been delighted by both his sporting success and willingness to help the Foundation at events to inspire other young people and spread the word about how the Foundation can help young talent. Along with a number of young fencers and positive engagement from British Fencing, Soji has helped the GLL Sport Foundation become well established within the sport, culminating in a total of 27 young fencers receiving support in 2009.



Dervis Konuralp, GLL Sport Foundation 'Ambassador' Paralympic Swimmer

Dervis Konuralp is a three time Paralympic swimmer and Britain's number 1 swimmer in Individual Medley and Butterfly events in S13 paralympic swimming category. Dervis has won a total of 35 major international medals, including Paralympic, World and European medals. Amongst his greatest achievements have been winning a bronze medal in the 2004 Athens Games in the 100m S13 Butterfly and being a Paralympic World Record holder.

At the age of nine, Dervis was diagnosed with an eye condition called Macular Dystrophy Stargardt's, which meant he was losing his central vision in both eyes, but he has never let his disability stand in the way of his success.

Dervis is an outstanding role model for our Foundation and London sport. He has helped the Foundation on numerous meetings and events where we seek to encourage both children and adults to participate and / or consider volunteering within sport. He is passionate about equity within sporting opportunity and helps the GLL Sport Foundation promote greater funding and support for disabled sports people.

The Foundation supported 95 disabled athletes in 2009 across Paralympic, Deaflympic and Special Olympic sports.

"As an athlete striving for better and faster performances it comes at a price due to training and competition costs. With a helping hand from GLL Sport Foundation, athletes like me will receive vital support helping to assist and sustain the development of champions of the future." Dervis Konuralp



Daniel Fogg, GLL Sport Foundation 'Talent Athlete' Swimming – Open Water

Daniel is one of the GLL Sport Foundation's 'Talent Award' athletes. He is currently nationally ranked 2nd in freestyle 1500m (long course) and 1st in 800m (short course). In 2008 Daniel competed in his first 10k open water swim finishing 4th behind his training partner David Davis (Olympic Silver Medallist from Beijing).

Daniel has represented Great Britain in several international events in 2009, with the highlights being an excellent 6th place finish at the FINA 10k Swimming World Cup in Copenhagen and competing at the FINA World Championships in Rome. Daniel underlined his star qualities by rushing straight off the plane from the World Championships to attend a GLL Sport Foundation event at Waltham Forest.

“The support from the GLL Sport Foundation will enable me to attend training camps and competitions in the coming months which will assist me in getting to and achieving my Olympic dream in 2012.” Daniel Fogg.

Ashley Facey-Thompson, GLL Sport Foundation 'Development Athlete' Paralympic Table Tennis

At 14 years old, Ashley has already proved himself to be a great talent by representing Great Britain's Paralympic Senior Table Tennis team in May 2009. His performances impressed Team GB enough to move him from the Team GB Development Squad to the main GB Performance Squad.

Ashley is certainly a young athlete with firm ambitions to rise through world table tennis to feature prominently at the London 2012 Games. He is currently ranked number 2 in Great Britain Men's for his class and won a silver medal in the U18 singles at the UK School Games.



Daniel Fogg,
Swimming – Open Water
GSF Supported Athlete



Ashley Facey-Thompson,
Paralympic – Table Tennis
GSF Supported Athlete

Lucas Taylor, GLL Sport Foundation 'Award – Athlete Potential' Tennis

Lucas enjoyed a fantastic season in 2009 being crowned the British U12 Junior National Champion and British U12 National Doubles Champion at Bournemouth in August.

Lucas was top seeded for the National Singles and fought his way to the title, beating his doubles partner in the final who pushed him all the way.

Lucas is certainly a name to look out for in the future and the GLL Sport Foundation were delighted to be able to support the Tower Hamlets based athlete.



Lucas Taylor, Tennis
GSF Supported Athlete

Martin Ward, GLL Sport Foundation 'Talent Athlete' Boxing

Martin Ward is a member of the Great Britain Development Squad and became European Junior Champion in 2009. At 18 years old, Martin is a tremendous talent and has his sights firmly set on qualifying for London 2012 and this year has already led England to victory over the United States of America at an international match at York Hall. One of a number of boxers supported by the GLL Sport Foundation.

The GLL Sport Foundation are delighted to support a number of tremendous talented boxers from the Repton Boxing Club. Repton is a famous amateur boxing club in Britain with a long track record of producing World Champions (Maurice Hope, John H Stacey), numerous National Champions and the Olympic Gold Medalist Audley Harrison.

Based in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets the club is only a stone's throw from the emerging 2012 Olympic Park and works amid areas of the highest economic and social deprivation in the Country. Repton is a Club worthy of its' national reputation and is founded upon the highest standards of coaching for young boxing athletes. The performance of these young boxers is testament to this, and the Foundation was thrilled to support 16 young boxer's in 2009.



Danny Arnold, Mark Baker, John Lee King, Brett Beadon, Romario Wallace, Repton Boxing Club
GSF Supported Athletes

**Working in partnership to develop a
'Club Plan' for the local community
– core focuses:**

- Grass Roots to Elite Sport
- Promoting Paralympic Sport
- Junior & Development Squad structure
(both squads launched and supported
through the GLL Sport Foundation)

“The support we have received from the GLL Sport Foundation has a huge impact on the club. Last year we were able to purchase three new chairs, while also benefiting from improved access to the facilities at Mile End Park Leisure Centre.”

“This year the continued sponsorship will enable us to focus on the development of our junior team and will enable us to provide additional training and equipment to our members.”

Jaspal Dhani, Team Manager,
Raiders Wheelchair Basketball Club



GLL SPORT FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP: LONDON DISABILITY SWIM SQUAD

The GLL Sport Foundation agreed a sponsorship deal with the London Disability Swim Squad in 2009. This support is designed to maximise the opportunity for all the squad members to achieve their training strategies and personal goals.

Supporting the London Disability Swimming Squad is core to the Foundation helping talented young Swimmers achieve their potential. They are all dedicated swimmers and tremendous role models, showing how hard work and determination can lead to personal achievement – true inspiration to other young people in the community.



“Having free access to GLL’s training facilities on our doorstep is key to the squad’s training strategy.”

“This support will help our swimmers achieve their potential as they work towards their goal of competing at the highest possible level in London 2012.”

Michelle Weltman – Coach
London Disability Swim Squad

The Crystal Palace Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Centre agreed a partnership deal with GLL Sport Foundation in 2009 enabling athletes to receive specialist treatments and also learn injury prevention and athlete care through dedicated sports injury workshops.

“The workshop was designed to aid athletes training preparation and rehabilitation from injury. The stresses and strains placed on an athlete’s body during competition can be extreme. We work to teach specific training techniques that can assist in injury prevention and help maximise sporting performance”.

Stuart Patterson – Director of the Crystal Palace Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Centre



“As an athlete knowing that you not only have financial support from the GLL Sport Foundation but that they are also actively working and creating partnerships to help athletes be the best in all aspects of their sporting performance is a fantastic opportunity for new or experienced athletes”.

Jo Calvinho – GLL Sport Foundation Athlete



Athlete Workshop 2009

Working in Partnership to identify and

DEVELOP talent

In 2009 the GLL Sport Foundation supported talented athletes that either live, school or train with a sports club based in one of the following areas:

- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Camden
- London Borough of Ealing
- London Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Hackney
- London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
- London Borough of Lambeth
- London Borough of Merton
- London Borough of Newham
- London Borough of Sutton
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- London Borough of Waltham Forest
- Crawley Borough Council
- Epsom & Ewell Borough Council
- Reading Borough Council
(Rivermead Leisure Complex)
- Bellingham Community Project
(Bellingham Leisure & Lifestyle Centre)
- London Development Agency
(Crystal Palace National Sports Centre)
- London Playing Fields Foundation
(Peter May Sports Centre)

The GLL Sport Foundation also works in direct partnership with existing Talent Identification programmes led by our Council Partners. In 2009 these were:

- Greenwich Starting Blocks Charity
- Hackney Youth Sports Fund
- Tessa Sanderson Newham Sports Academy

GLL Sport Foundation have entered into a partnership arrangement for 2009 with SportsAid to expand and co-ordinate talent identification and funding recommendations.



Under this arrangement SportsAid will collate funding requests from National Governing Bodies (NGB's) of Sport for their most talented young athletes who are not currently on lottery funding programmes. SportsAid will identify all these athletes within GLL managed Boroughs and submit applications for GLL Sport Foundation 'Talent' and 'Development' funding.

This partnership will ensure that the GLL Sport Foundation support for young athletes reaches those identified by their NGB's as having special talent and ensures that our Foundation joins the National Talent Pathways agreed within British Sport.

Applications for all Foundation funding categories ('Ambassador', 'Talent', 'Development', 'Potential' and 'Regional' Awards) will remain available to individuals through **www.gllsportfoundation.org**

Where applicants apply direct to the GLL Sport Foundation, SportsAid will use national rankings and talent identification information to assist the Foundation with verification and assessment of sporting potential.

SportsAid is the nationally recognised charity (registered charity number 1111612) which is dedicated to helping the next generation of British sporting talent to succeed.

SportsAid not only provides financial support but it also provides recognition to young athletes all over the country who have a special ability. With support and encouragement, these athletes have the potential to go on to achieve their full sporting potential.

SportsAid provides grants to youngsters aged around 12 to 18, from approximately 50 sports including Paralympic disciplines. These athletes compete at national level and grants from SportsAid, worth between £500-£1000, help with costs such as travel, training, accommodation, competition fees and equipment.

SportsAid works closely with the National Governing Bodies (NGB's) who identify promising athletes. It also manages the Government-backed Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS), helping talented sports people balance academic life and performance sport.

SportsAid develops partnerships with companies, individuals, the public sector and other grant-giving trusts to fund these talented sports people.

For more information visit **www.sportsaid.org.uk**

The growth and success of the GLL Sport Foundation would not be possible without the support and encouragement of all Sponsors & Supporters. The financial support and corporate commitment from these organisations has enabled the Foundation to support so many young athletes.

The Foundation would like to thank each and every sponsor and supporter for their valued contribution.



Charles Trace
Vice-Chair, GLL Sport Foundation



GLL Sport Foundation sponsors supporting Patron Sally Gunnell at an athlete presentation

In 2009, the following organisations were Key Sponsors of the GLL Sport Foundation:



The GLL Sport Foundation also received essential financial and service contributions from the following supporters:



The GLL Sport Foundation recognise the support and input of all our corporate sponsors and supporters who have not only generously contributed to the costs of providing financial support to young athletes but also attended events and helped shape the ambitions of the Foundation.

We look forward to continuing these partnerships in future years.

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their sporting potential



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and Award Management
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GLL Sport Foundation Ambassadors 2009:

- Andy Turner
- Chris Tomlinson
- Dervis Konuralp
- Ed Cox
- Jade Johnson
- Perri Shakes-Drayton
- Winston Gordon
- Zac Purchase

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When the GLL Sport Foundation was launched in 2008, we set an ambitious target that by 2010 we would be supporting up to 800 young athletes per annum. The success of the Foundation has seen the scheme exceed all expectations and we look set to achieve this milestone two years ahead of schedule in 2010.

We believe that this level of support from the Foundation makes it one of the largest independent schemes of its type helping young athletes in the Region. Through our support for young athletes we have continued to provide tangible support to their sporting development as well as actively promoting these athletes as positive role models within their local communities.

Partnership working with SportsAid and close working relationships with National Governing Bodies of Sport, Local Authorities and other Public Sector providers has underpinned our success. We acknowledge and thank them for their support.

As the 2012 Games approach at speed, we believe that the GLL Sport Foundation provides a blue print for other independent talent support schemes that seek long term sporting legacy and co-ordination with national talent development pathways. Working together we will continue to help the development of sporting champions and build interest and participation within sport at all levels.

Finally, we look to 2010 to be a successful and rewarding year for all athletes supported by the GLL Sport Foundation.

Ed Cox, Kayaking
GLL Sport Foundation 'Ambassador'



"The GLL Sport Foundation gives me the opportunity to return something back to sport and deliver inspiration to young people in London"

Jade Johnson, Athletics
GLL Sport Foundation 'Ambassador'



"In previous years, the Foundation's support contributed directly to the cost of my Beijing preparation and coaching"

GLL Sport Foundation Premium Sponsors:

GLL, Access Plus, Bunzl Vending Services, Coffee Point, Insite, Powerade, Technogym, Zurich.

GLL Sport Foundation Supporters:

Birdsall, Gladstone, MFW, Margolis, Noah Design, Tennants Group, Crystal Palace Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Centre.

In 2009 GLL and the GLL Sport Foundation provide sporting opportunity in partnership with:

