

# SPORTS OUTREACH

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# **Agenda**

- Developing our strategic direction and ethos
- Can a University be a sector leader in widening access and participation?
- Can our work be replicated?





# **Strategic Context**

## "A professional education for a professional life"

- Ulster University
- Faculty of Life and Health Sciences
- School of Sport
- Sports Outreach











# **Strategic Context**

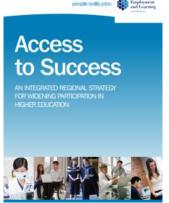
#### **Widening Access**

Activities designed to attract and increase participation by people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds

#### **Widening Participation**

Increased inclusion of a group not proportionally represented within the student population, e.g. protestant boys, or girls within the STEM disciplines.









### What we do

Widen access to university knowledge

Promote sport as an educational tool

Raise aspirations of children and young people

Areas of greatest disadvantage



**Enhance the employability of our students** 

# How we do it

#### School based programmes



Sport for Life



Youth Engagement through Sport



School Sport Legacy Programme



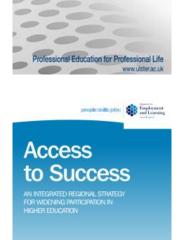
**SportABILITY** 



Victory Workshop Series



Class of Festival



University of ULSTER

CORPORATE PLAN

#### Community based programmes



eHoops

# **Impact**

8069

sessions delivered

209,553

participation opportunities created

131

schools

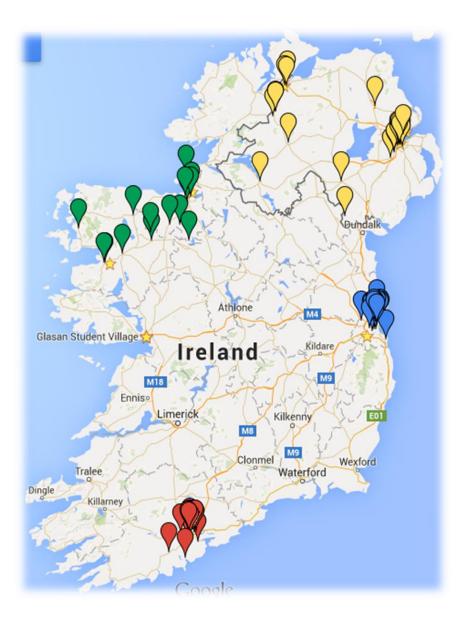
186

volunteers

£490,402

26,675 hours

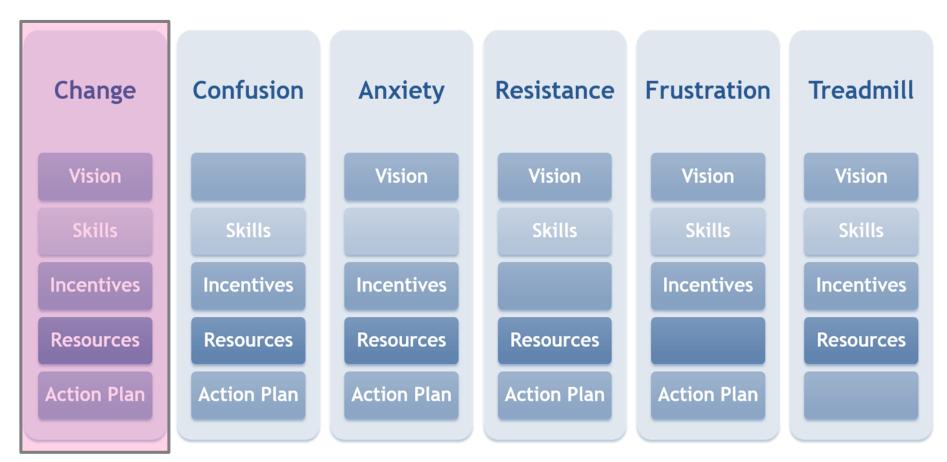
Northern Ireland Coaching Project of the Year



#### Can a University be a sector leader in WA&P?



# Can our work be replicated?



A framework for thinking about systems change: Knoster, T., Villa R., & Thousand, J. (2000)









### **Lessons learned**

The University *IS* a welcomed visitor

The power of volunteering is HUGE

PARTNERSHIP is powerful

IMPACT is possible

PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU CARE, BEFORE THEY CARE WHAT YOU KNOW!

