

The Winners 2000 Children's Sports Academy –

Providing opportunities and inspiration for the future of Torbay

Mission Statement

Our aim is to design and finance a purpose built sports academy that can offer facilities to the children of Torbay.

Torbay does not have the best of sporting facilities for young people. Torbay does not have a great record of producing top athletes. Children growing up in Torbay today face many obstacles and dangers. Sport and exercise can help. It is essential that children are given more opportunities and inspiration to take part in a sport or physical activity.

Our aim is to play a part in that regeneration, using the existing energy and momentum that Winners 2000 has already developed. In 30 years, Torbay can have a superb facility that offers hope and opportunities to its young people. More than it, its creators will have been the people of Torbay, the young people over the next 20-30 years. It will have been built by the people, for their future young people.

Aims

Our existing Lions project has been running since March 07. It is set up to educate children with regards to the importance of physical exercise and diet, as well as teaching them how to conduct themselves, Skills such as first aid are also taught in depth. We are currently setting up additional branches to that project, that will see us teaching children from age 5 Olympic sports such as boxing, wrestling and rugby, with the aim of increasing the number of children taking part regularly in a sport or activity.

Using this group, we intend to hold between 6 and 8 fund raising events per year, where the young people will get sponsorship to complete tasks and challenges. The first of these such challenges takes place in September, with our first Pump, Ride and Run. A type of min-triathlon, the event is a focal point for the training of our young people. It gives focus to what they do every week here with us. More than that, it is part of teaching them the value of giving.

Other events such as car wash days, golf tournaments and individual members competing in national events such as the London/New York Marathon are also ideas we have for increasing the amount of money we can raise. A recycling project run from our headquarters is also being investigated.

The long term aim of this project, is to raise sufficient funds to build a sports academy with facilities for all sports. The second phase of this project, would see the addition of football pitch, swimming pool and running track. We are aware that the costs of this are vast, and at current prices, stage 1 alone will cost us around £2million. However, with the support of large local businesses, banks and other contributors, possibly lottery funding further down the line, we can make this project happen.

In 30 years, we could be stood cutting a tape at the front door of a superb sporting academy that can inspire our children to exercise and make the best of themselves.

Don't ask me where, I don't know yet. Don't ask me for dimensions, colours, lighting, I don't know yet. What I do know, is that the Vision is clear, and all the other pieces of the puzzle will fall into place as time goes by, and the fund builds.

If you are interested in helping the project develop, have ideas about how we can carry it forward, or would like more information about Lions, please contact simon@winners2000.co.uk.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
AND BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.**

**BUT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN WE MUST TAKE ACTION,
AND WE MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.**