

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



*Special Olympics*



### iCoachKids and Special Olympics

Recognising the importance of the development of a high-quality youth sport coaching workforce and deciding to strengthen the existing friendly relations and cooperation between the two Parties have reached the following understanding:

#### 1. General Objectives

This Memorandum of Understanding is a statement of intention between the parties in relation to the issues mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding. It is not intended that this Memorandum of Understanding create any contractual relationship or that it be legally binding on the parties

iCoachKids is a not-for-profit project co-funded by an Erasmus+ grant in the 2016 call under Key Action 2 (Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices – Strategic Partnerships for Vocational Education and Training). The project is co-led by the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) and Leeds Beckett University (LBU) and an additional six partners including Lithuanian Sport University, Universidad Europea Madrid, Sport Ireland Coaching, Netherlands Olympic Committee, Royal Belgian Football Federation and Hungarian Coaches Association. iCoachKids aims to develop innovative education and training for a specialist children and youth coaching workforce.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

#### 2. Background and Purpose

iCoachKids and Special Olympics have very closely related objectives to improve the health, wellbeing and participation of children and young people in sport and physical activity. iCoachKids aims to create a common space for coaches from around the world as well as providing a series of open source materials and courses easily accessible to all. Special Olympics strives to provide positive sports experience for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and recognises the key role that coaches play in providing this environment. A strong alliance between iCoachKids and Special Olympics would promote sharing of knowledge, create new networks and allow for the joint development of international resources and materials that promote shared objectives.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to define the principles of cooperation between iCoachKids and Special Olympics.

#### 3. Principles of Cooperation

The objectives of the MoU between iCoachKids and Special Olympics are:

- To create stronger links and levels of cooperation between researchers and practitioners in the fields of adapted physical activity, disability sport and physical activity programs that include children and young people with disability;
- To cooperate and share information and resources for the benefit of joint networks



and users;

- To explore new ways of delivering content and resources that further our related objectives;
- To create a stronger and more powerful platform that promotes our related objectives;
- To support the activities of both parties in dealings with other governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- To search for synergy between the two organizations and to explore and utilize the resources of our different networks.

To achieve these objectives iCoachKids and Special Olympics will:

- Cooperate in the development of content and materials that can be delivered through our respective networks;
- Be in regular contact and share information related to upcoming programs and initiatives;
- Be open to identifying potential areas for practical cooperation, for example, the development of joint international resources and courses that further our objectives;
- Provide advice and support on related issues;
- Where appropriate, share information and resources with our respective international networks;

In the spirit of cooperation, both parties agree to:

- Support each other in their respective endeavors, including programs and events;
- Acknowledge this MoU in organizational communications, including the website, social media, newsletters, episodes etc. Include the other party's logo with a link to their website;
- Be open, frank, respectful, honest and constructive in all dealings with each other, and
- Optimize the value and benefit delivered to the organizations members, subscribers and users.

#### **4. Additional fields of cooperation and amendments**

In order to pursue the cooperation, either Party may propose specific arrangements and additional fields of cooperation of mutual benefit for consideration by other Party. The Parties are expected to consult together upon request of either Party regarding any matter relating to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent in writing between the Parties.

#### **5. Funding**

The present Memorandum of Understanding includes no exchange of funds for either party.

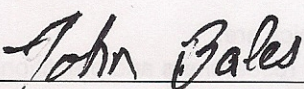
#### **6. Validity**

This MoU commences on the date it is signed by both parties and will continue until terminated by either party in writing. The terminating party will give at least three months' notice.

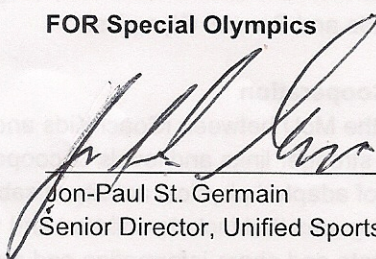
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**FOR iCoachKids**

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