

The Sport and Social Inclusion Symposium

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Zentrum Paul Klee, Bern, Switzerland

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With UEFA EURO 2008™ Switzerland and Austria will host the greatest European sporting event of 2008. As well as celebrating football at its best, the tournament offers us the perfect opportunity to take a closer look at the role of sport in our society today. Participation in sport teaches important life skills, builds self-esteem and promotes the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups, such as migrants, persons with physical or intellectual disabilities or young people involved in or at risk of deviant social behaviour.

The Symposium is:

- ⇒ A full-day event that will bring together academics, policy-makers, professionals and young people to share their experiences and knowledge of the power of sport,
- ⇒ A showcase of several ground-breaking initiatives from the UK and Switzerland, which tackle social exclusion through sport,
- ⇒ A discussion about the possibilities and limits of using sport as a means of social inclusion engaging academics, policy-makers and professionals.



Conference speakers include:

Dr. Mahfoud Amara (Prof. of Sport and Leisure Policy and Management at Loughborough University), **Rob Broomfield** (Founder and Chairman of **Dads Against Drugs**), **Prof. Dr. Heather Cameron** (Prof. Dr. of Education with specialty in Inclusive Pedagogy at the Freie Universität Berlin and Executive Director of Boxgirls International), **David Duke** (Head Coach of the Scotland, 2007 Homeless World Cup Champions), **Gudrun Jevne** (Women's Development Coordinator, Street League), **Urs Frieden** (Representative of the municipality of Bern, founder of "Gemeinsam Gegen Rassismus/HalbZeit"), **Markus Gander** (Director of Infoclick.ch, 2005 Social Entrepreneur of the Year in Switzerland), **Urs Kolly** (6-time Paralympics Gold Medallist in Men's Pentathlon and Discus), **Marianne Meier** (author of the book "*Zarte Füßchen am harten Leder-Frauenfussball in der Schweiz*", Project Manager Sport & Development, SAD), **Bobby Philippou** (Community Sports Leadership Awardee, Player of the Top Corner league, Street League), **Gary Stannett** (Chief Executive of London Active Communities), **Geoff Thompson** (Five times Karate World Champion and Chief Executive of the Youth Charter for School, Culture and the Arts), and **The BBC Your Game 2008 All-Stars**.

- The symposium will be held at the *Zentrum Paul Klee* in Bern, Switzerland.
- The symposium is open to anyone working in the sports sector, community development, education, the media, and the field of migration and asylum, as well as academics in sport and social sciences and anyone else with an interest in the subject.
- The symposium will be held in German, French, and English – interpretation will be provided.
- The registration fee is CHF120.- (CHF80.- for students), and includes meals, refreshments and conference material.
- Further information will follow soon. To register or enquire please visit www.sad.ch/symposium, send an email to symposium@sad.ch or call +41 32 344 30 55.

