

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES

Many tennis venues, coaches, volunteers and players all want to be valued and be part of something that significantly impacts on people's lives;

WE USE TENNIS TO IMPROVE BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TO GREAT EFFECT.

ABOUT US

- **Our Vision** – To make tennis a sport which is inclusive and accessible to all people and communities
- **Our Mission** – To open tennis up to anyone and everyone, making it possible for them to enjoy the many health and social benefits of the sport while maximising their personal potential
- **Our Values** – OPEN, VIBRANT, COURAGEOUS, INNOVATIVE
- **Our Work** – Our beneficiaries cover a diverse range of people, but our work is united with the underlying ethos that we use tennis as a vehicle to make a real difference – transforming lives, building futures, empowering and enabling people to maximise their potential

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG

Our Open Your Doors workshop teaches tennis venues on what reasonable adjustments they can make so that they can provide a more welcoming, inclusive and accessible environment for disabled people to integrate into their venue.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Tennis Foundation is working closely with the LTA to encourage and support tennis venues across Britain to open their doors to a wider diverse audience; people of all ages and from all backgrounds (including disability, faith, gender identity, race, sex and sexual orientation).

Open Your Doors is a venue based programme designed by the Tennis Foundation to tackle and support some of the issues faced by tennis venues in their efforts to integrate disabled people within their activities and facilities, so together we can give them more choice about where and how to play tennis in this country.

Our OFFER

We have developed a package of support that will enable the successful delivery of our Open Your Doors Programme, this includes:

- The delivery of a 3 hour workshop to small groups of up to 15 people, focusing on reasonable adjustment coaches, venues and volunteers can make to attract different audiences to their offers.
- The outcome of the workshops are bespoke action plans with tangible actions you can take to improve your engagement with more disabled people without significantly changing your club approach and ethos
- You can do this as an individual venue or as part of a county wide approach linking in with other local venues together.
- Potential to apply for a Tennis Foundation Equipment bag, worth over £300
- Opportunity to receive a discount if you are looking to purchase a tennis wheelchair for your club members to use
- Access to potential funding directly from the Tennis Foundation of up to £200
- Access to external fundraising support from Oaks consultancy to prepare small grants and fundraising bids to support your efforts to be more accessible for disabled people
- Access to our regional disability development managers as ongoing support to help overcome any barriers you may face

Your COMMITMENT

To be part of the *Open your Doors* Programme your venue needs to commit to the following for 12months after receiving the workshop training:

- Complete your Action Plan
- Engage with your local and county wide disability groups and organisations to promote your offer and attract new participants to your venue
- Engage inactive participants who have a disability; specifically young people, women and girls and BME groups.
- Complete simple monitoring on disability participation and partake in any research studies connected with the Tennis Foundation (a maximum of 1 per year)

What do I do NEXT?

If you decide that you want to be part of our programme and give disabled people more choices on how to be involved in tennis then just email us and we will contact you, our service is bespoke to individual needs so we will work up a plan that works for you at a pace you can deliver.