

# **#Swimclusive**



## Who are KEEN?

- We are a charity that focuses on promoting, creating, and supporting inclusion.
- Our events reach a total of 600+ participants.
- We work with sports teams across Oxford, enabling them to become more inclusive.
- This new initiative focuses on making swimming clubs more inclusive.

### Our partners & initiatives









## How can KEEN help your club?

### A close relationship.

KEEN will work across the swimming community and the public, to ensure everyone has access to recreational (and competitive!) swimming.

### Making your club inclusive has many benefits.

These include access to new funding opportunities (The UK fund has been increasing with more than £11 million for paralympic swimming), increased membership in your club, and a more diverse, interesting and friendly culture at your swim club.

### Inspiring! Matt Wylie, the teenage para-athlete.

Wylie can swim the 25m freestyle in 10 seconds faster than most club swimmers.
Could you club produce the next Olympian?



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### Becoming inclusive: A five step method.

### Inclusive communication



Website design: Focus on a simple layout. Test your colour scheme against inclusivity elements, and create audible content.



**Personalised:** Ensure content is specifically aimed at all target audience (e.g. dyslexia, hearing impairment). Use multiple methods of communication.



**Content:** Explicitly address inclusion!(e.g. 'accessible entrance available'). Write in a simple, easy-read format.



Continuous testing: Always test your inclusive strategy to ensure you are reaching to all individuals and adjust accordingly!

### 2. Create your Inclusive strategy

KEEN's inclusive strategy will be tailored to your swimming club based on research with the public, swimming coaches, and best practise within Oxford swimming pools.



Teaching: Inclusive or not, teaching is always specific to the individual! Use a separate teaching pool, or utilise the outer lanes. KEEN can provide volunteers to assess and accommodate accessibility requirements, particularly when one-to-one supervision is required.



**Social swimming:** Inclusive social swimming is possible even in busy pools. Think about the number of swimmers per lane, duration of sessions, and accommodating buddies.



Competitive swimming: Don't underestimate the ability of those with disabilities to become a top athletes in your club! Put pathways in place for everyone to reach their potential.

Fully inclusive swimming can be achieved with the right strategy in place!

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### Network utilisation

Connect to the right people: KEEN partner with a range of charities across Oxford. Utilise these to ensure your opportunities are advertised to as many individuals as possible!

**Volunteer network:** In order to ensure safety, one-to-one supervision is sometimes needed. KEEN can provide access to a large volunteer network to support individuals at your swimming sessions.

# 4. Leadership roles and responsibilities

Places individuals with additional needs in roles of leadership helps to place inclusion at the forefront of your club, and foster an open, equal culture across team members.

We have designed a swimming coaching programme to help those identified with disabilities to reach to qualified coaches.

### 5. Make an impact: give it a go!

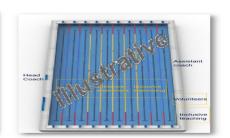
Utilise KEEN's experience and resources to make a difference at your club, minimising any additional risks or costs. Check out the highlights of the KEEN inclusion toolkit:



Risk Assessment checklist tailored to your needs



Responsibilities and accountabilities mapping



Session design based on type of pool and capacity

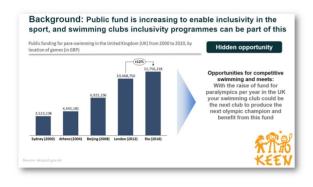
Join KEEN and become part of a wider, fairer, and more diverse community!

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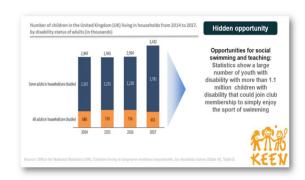


## Our analysis and research

# Fund for paralympic swimming in the UK



# Analysis on number of disabled children in the UK



### Website analysis



### Swimming pools assessment



# Along with a literature search and interviews with experts.

## **Our Offering:**

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