

# Reaching New Heights

Making things better for children and young people with physical disability



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pdnet National Conference 2022

## Speakers



**Sarah Dunn**  
Accessible  
Inclusive Music



**Andre Imich - MBE**  
Department for  
Education



**Richard Kerr**  
National Football  
Development Officer



**Andy Lewis - MBE**  
European, World and  
Paralympic Champion



**Amanda Richardson - MBE**  
Action Cerebral Palsy



**Amanda Ibrahim**  
Centre Lead - AIM Awards

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### **Andre Imich - SEND Review: Right Support, Right Place, Right Time**

SEN and Disability Professional Adviser, DfE. The SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper – Future Directions. This presentation will provide information on the aims and vision of the Green Paper, and make clear the connections with the Schools White Paper. It will also highlight some of the Green Paper proposals.

### **Amanda Richardson - Action Cerebral Palsy**

Amanda has over thirty years' experience of working with children with special educational needs. As a Founder and Chief Executive of Action Cerebral Palsy Amanda leads work to improve awareness of the challenges encountered by children with Cerebral Palsy and their families with Politicians, the public and professionals, most recently through the charity's sponsorship of the first All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy.

### **Amanda Ibrahim - AIM Awards**

AIM offer a wide range of regulated vocational qualifications fully support the development and up-skilling of any workforce of any age. Amanda joined AIM awards in 2010 as a part time External Verifier but has progressed to the Centre Lead role. A qualified teacher, Amanda has worked in primary schools, an ESOL college in Barcelona and for some larger training providers. Amanda will be sharing examples of how AIM Awards can be adapted and personalized to meet the needs of young people with PD enabling them to showcase their achievements.

### **Richard Kerr - National Football Development Officer**

An introduction to CP Sport and a focus on Cerebral Palsy Football, covering the different formats available to people with cerebral palsy, including Frame Football. Richard will also be giving an overview on opportunities around Female CP Football projects. There will be a chance to ask any questions relating to CP Football.

### **Sarah Dunn - Making Music Accessible: the story behind an online choir**

I am deeply passionate about providing more learning and social activities for those with additional needs and disabilities, particularly through music. I would love to share the story behind our online choir and how we have overcome some of the barriers for learning and engagement for those with physical disabilities.

### **Andy Lewis - Never Give Up**

Mental health has been a big challenge in my life for as long as I can remember. The first battle was after a serious motorcycle accident and at sixteen, I went into a massive rut, and lost my leg a short while afterwards. Everybody told me there were things I wouldn't be able to do. I have learnt a lot of these years about myself, about coping strategies, positive thinking, wellbeing and mind-set changes. That's what I help other people to discover now.

## Agenda

<b>10:15am - 10:30am</b>	Call opens
<b>10:30am - 11:15am</b>	Andre Imich
<b>11:20am - 12:05pm</b>	Amanda Richardson
<b>12:10pm - 12:40pm</b>	Amanda Ibrahim
<b>12:45pm - 1:15pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:20pm - 1:40pm</b>	Richard Kerr
<b>1:45pm - 2:05pm</b>	Sarah Dunn
<b>2:10pm - 2:55pm</b>	Andy Lewis
<b>3:00pm - 3:30pm</b>	pdnet showcase
<b>3:30pm</b>	Depart

*" Please note agenda timings are subject to change*

