

South Yorkshire Playground to Podium Programme **Barnsley Football Event.**

On Tuesday 25 November 2008 a third Playground to Podium event was held, this time for Barnsley children, in Football. This event was held at Barnsley Football Club, and once again the numbers were good with over 20 children, both boys and girls, aged 11 upwards from across mainstream and SEN schools in Barnsley coming along to join in the fun. The children were given the opportunity to receive high quality coaching from the FA and to play against one another in Football games situations.

4 Young leaders from Kingstone School were on hand to assist with the event and as a result of talent spotting throughout the day 6 young people were identified as being 'gifted and talented'. These young people will be invited to attend a South Yorkshire Football assessment day on the 26th June 2009. This day will involve identified young people from festivals in each area across South Yorkshire (which will be taking place throughout the year) attending and will involve further talent identification amongst young people with disabilities from across the whole of South Yorkshire, who will then be signposted into appropriate clubs and development squads in order to further develop their talents in Football. However, all young people who attended the Barnsley Football event were given a certificate of attendance and information on local clubs and events coming up that they will be able to attend.

The feedback from the event was very positive and all the young people had a great time.

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