

## YAMBA: EPC YOUTH AMBASSADORS SUMMARY

The EPC Youth Ambassadors Project (YAMBA) is a 12 month programme managed and delivered by the European Paralympic Committee. The project will see 8 young people aged 18-25 selected from throughout the region to train towards becoming EPC Youth Ambassadors.

Funded by the Agitos Foundation Grant Support Programme 2014 the project will run until July 2015 and will involve 8 individuals, with two representatives from each of the sub regions of the EPC membership taking part in a week long training and development programme at the EPC Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

The programme will focus on developing EPC Youth Ambassadors for the Paralympic Movement in Europe who will have the skills to become leaders and to promote the Paralympic Movement amongst their peer group. The project is a result of the EPC's continued commitment to increasing ParaSports participation across Europe with an emphasis on the involvement of young people in this process. The EPC has made it a clear objective to focus on youth sport development and sees the engagement of the youth in this action as an essential communication tool.

The objective of the YAMBA project is to establish and develop a relationship between the EPC and young people from all European regions, not only engaging them in the Paralympic Movement but also giving them a voice in how it progresses, whilst equipping them with the skills and competencies required to become the leaders of tomorrow.

The first phase of the project will take place in Autumn 2014 and will focus of the selection process where National Paralympic Committees in the EPC membership will invite applications. From these candidates the EPC will select two EPC Youth Ambassadors in Training from each of the four sub-regions North, South, East and West Europe.

After the training week, which is scheduled to be held in early 2015, the Ambassadors will complete promotional and awareness raising tasks with the objective of alerting more young people to the sporting opportunities available to them, the work of the EPC in Europe and the possibilities to become involved in the Paralympic Movement in Europe.

Further information on the project including information relating to the application and selection process will be made available on the EPC website so keep checking for the latest news. If you have any specific questions please contact [yamba@europaralympic.org](mailto:yamba@europaralympic.org)