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## **LOCAL MP LOUISE ELLMAN VISITS BLIND LIVERPOOL KIDS AS THEY GET READY FOR 2012 OLYMPICS**

Local MP Louise Ellman will be visiting blind kids from Liverpool, as they enjoy a wide range of sports in a safe, fun and structured environment, which they may not get the chance to do elsewhere. Action for Blind People, supported by the University of Liverpool Sports Centre is launching a new sports club in Liverpool for blind and partially sighted children and young people.

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### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

**WHERE:** University of Liverpool Sports Centre, Bedford St North, Liverpool

**WHEN:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006 from 10-1pm

**WHAT:** Launch of Liverpool Actionnaires Club. Blind children and young people from the area will take part in a variety of sporting activities.

**WHO:** **MP Louise Ellman**, Blind and partially sighted Children and parents, Ross Ford (Sports Development Officer at Action for Blind People), Club Co-ordinators.

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Ross Ford, Sports Development Officer at Action for Blind People, said: 'The club, which will be known as 'Liverpool Actionnaires', for 8-16 year olds, has been developed with the aim to build each child's self confidence, social interaction and their ability to develop a range of physical skills. It has been fantastic working

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closely with the University of Liverpool Sports Centre, this would not have happened without their help.'

Peter Sampara, Sports Centre Manager at University of Liverpool, said: 'The new multi-sports club is an excellent way to raise awareness of the recreational and sporting opportunities for blind and partially sighted children and young people. It is great for the sports centre to be able to support Action for Blind People and be part of helping these kids fulfil their sporting potential.'

The club has been funded through support from the Foundation for the Sports and Arts.

For more information about the Liverpool Actionnaires club, please contact Ross Ford, Sports Development Officer on 01772 320 550.

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## Notes to Editors

- Journalists are invited to attend the launch at University of Liverpool Sports Centre, Liverpool, on 28<sup>th</sup> January from 10-1pm.
- There are currently 13 Actionnaires clubs running in Huddersfield, Hull, Gravesend, Portsmouth, Essex, Liverpool, South London, Southampton, Sunderland, Blackburn, Coventry, Manchester and Birmingham.
- Action for Blind People enables blind and partially sighted people to transform their lives through work, housing, leisure and support. Action for Blind People's freephone national helpline is 0800 9154666

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