

Create a **STAR**

SPORT HASLEMERE



Putting Haslemere
sports people on the
international stage

Flying the Haslemere flag... on the international stage!

The Haslemere area has a wealth of young sporting talent which is recognised each year at the annual Haslemere Sports Awards. Many of these young sportspeople have the potential to compete at international level.

Create A Star has been established to help them compete in their sport and fly the Haslemere flag on the international stage – at the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics and beyond.

What's the scheme about?

Create A Star is a Fund that will give financial support to individual young sportspeople in the Haslemere area who have shown international potential in their sport. The Fund will operate initially for five years from 2010 to 2015 and expects to be able to support up to 10 young sportspeople. The number will depend on the eventual size of the Fund.



How will it work?



Create A Star will identify these budding young sportspeople and bring them together with funding from local businesses and other

agencies to forge community partnerships from which both sides will benefit.

The rising sports star

Applications for funding are invited from individuals in the Haslemere area competing in any Olympic sport who are able to demonstrate a genuine chance of international selection. This means that they should currently be representing a County or Region, or competing at an equivalent high level in their sport. If successful, the applicant will receive funding for a period of up to five years.

Local businesses and other agencies

The local sponsor will benefit from the publicity of being associated with a rising star. Each funding partner will sponsor an individual young sports person who will in return commit to promoting their sponsor through local media, sports clubs, schools etc, and updating them on their training and performance progress.

What funding will be available?

The precise level of annual payments to individuals will depend upon how quickly the fund grows over the next few years. It is anticipated that the fund will exceed £25,000 and on that assumption *Create A Star* expects to be able to make the following grants:

In 2010 up to 10 grants each of:	£500
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In 2012 up to 6 grants each of:	£750
In 2013 up to 4 grants each of:	£1,250
In 2014 up to 2 grants each of:	£2,500

This means that an applicant could receive up to £5,500 if they were one of the two selected for support throughout the initial five year term of the scheme.

How large will the Fund be?

The precise level of payments will depend on how quickly the Fund grows. Our immediate target is £25,000 of which we have already secured around £10,000 thanks to generous donations from Haslemere Sports Association and through other pledges.

We are confident that other organisations, local businesses, charities and individuals will join the scheme and make further donations in the near future so that we will exceed our initial target of £25,000.

The application process

Applicants must live in, be in full time education in, or be a member of a sports club or sports group in Haslemere or its surrounding area. Applications should be received before the end of September each year and grants paid out as soon as possible thereafter, once the Selection panel has deliberated.

All applications will be considered by a dedicated independent Selection Panel. The Panel's decision will be final, with no right of appeal. Applicants will be judged on their past performances and a realistic assessment made of their potential for international honours.

Each applicant will have to complete an application form each year, countersigned by their club and/or a senior sport official, confirming they have maintained their international potential. Performance levels will be verified through the appropriate sport's Governing Body (or where appropriate with references from the highest sports level attained) to confirm that applicants continue to satisfy the scheme's criteria. Applicants who cease to meet the qualification standards at any time will not receive further grants.

Successful applicants will receive a grant payment annually as long as they continue to meet the qualification requirements (and funding allows).



How to find out more...

Individuals wanting to enquire about *Create A Star* funding, and companies seeking further information about the scheme, should contact the Project Co-ordinator:

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Grant Application Forms are available from the Project Co-ordinator. Completed forms should be sent to:

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