

Create spaces for people to try parasport and meet all-ability athletes



Our mission

We aim to foster inclusion, empowerment, and community transformation by promoting para-sport activities in partnership with local sports clubs and churches in Paris. Together, we create opportunities for athletes of all abilities to engage in sports and leave a legacy of accessible sporting events.

Project Background

The SRS International Para-Sport Project was born out of a desire to foster inclusion, community connection, and empowerment through sport. With the excitement surrounding the Paris Games as a catalyst, the initiative was designed to bring para-sport activities to local communities, creating a legacy of inclusivity and accessibility.

Implementation:

The project took place in accessible public spaces such as fanzones and local parks in Paris, where families could join the activities free of charge. Events were designed to be community-oriented, with an emphasis on fun, learning, and connection. The equipment used during the sessions was entrusted to local partners, ensuring the sustainability of future para-sport events.

Legacy Goals:

This initiative not only provided short-term engagement but also laid the foundation for long-term impact. By equipping local partners with resources and training, the project aims to establish ongoing para-sport activities that inspire and transform communities for years to come.



Project Highlights

Engaging Para-Sport Activities

In the vibrant atmosphere of Paris, we collaborated with local sports clubs, community churches, and public parks to host para-sport events, including:

- Goalball: A sport for visually impaired athletes that fosters teamwork and sensory skill development.
- Blind Football: An inclusive variation of soccer, showcasing skill and strategy.
- Sitting Volleyball: A dynamic and inclusive sport promoting agility and teamwork.

Para Athletes as Leaders

The events were made even more impactful with para-athletes actively involved in running the sessions. Their presence provided inspiration, mentorship, and a tangible connection to the value of para-sport.

Family-Friendly and Free Access

These sessions were open to all families free of charge, enabling broader community participation and creating an environment of shared joy and learning.

Community Involvement

Events took place in accessible public spaces such as fanzones and local parks, drawing diverse audiences and active participants. During these outreaches, an Italian team of pastors came to learn from these experiences so they can include this learning in their own plans for the upcoming 2026 MilanoCortino Games.

Sustainable Legacy

Following the events, all sport equipment used was entrusted to local partners to ensure continued para-sport activities and events. These resources will foster ongoing engagement and inspire future initiatives.



Prayer Requests

- **For the Successful Events:** We thank God for the successful para-sport activities that brought together individuals of all abilities, fostering inclusion and joy in Parisian communities.
- **For the Para-Athletes' Leadership:** We give thanks for the para-athletes who led the sessions with inspiration and passion, serving as powerful role models for participants and spectators alike.
- **For Community Involvement:** We are grateful for the enthusiastic participation of families, churches, local sports clubs, and community members who made these events vibrant and impactful.



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