

## YOUR COMMITMENT

To be part of the Open your Doors Programme your venue needs to commit to the following for 12 months after receiving the workshop training:

- Complete your Action Plan
- Engage with your local and county wide disability groups and organisations to promote your offer and attract new participants to your venue.
- Engage inactive participants who have a disability; specifically young people, women and girls and BME groups.
- Complete simple monitoring on disability participation and partake in any research studies connected with the Tennis Foundation (maximum of one per year).



## WHAT TO DO NEXT

Help us to support more disabled people involved in tennis, it starts with you and we can guide you every step of the way. Our advice will be specific to your needs, just get in touch!



[www.tennisfoundation.org.uk](http://www.tennisfoundation.org.uk)  
020 8487 7000  
[info@tennisfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@tennisfoundation.org.uk)

© The Tennis Foundation 2018  
Charity Number 298175  
Registered Company Number 2138124

 Tennis Foundation



# OPEN

# YOUR

# DOORS

AN INTRODUCTION  
TO OUR PROGRAMME



 Tennis  
Foundation

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE, CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES

Many tennis venues, coaches, volunteers and players all want to be valued and be part of something that significantly impacts on people's lives;

# WE USE TENNIS TO IMPROVE BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TO GREAT EFFECT.



## ABOUT US

- **Our Vision**  
To make tennis a sport which is inclusive and accessible to all people and communities.
- **Our Mission**  
To open tennis up to anyone and everyone, making it possible for them to enjoy the many health and social benefits of the sport while maximising their personal potential.
- **Our Values**  
**OPEN**                      **COURAGEOUS**  
**VIBRANT**                    **INNOVATIVE**
- **Our Work**  
Our beneficiaries cover a diverse range of people, but our work is united with the underlying ethos that we use tennis as a vehicle to make a real difference – transforming lives, building futures and empowering and enabling people to maximise their potential.
- **Disabled People – Empowering & Enabling**  
From grassroots to the world's best, we provide opportunities to play tennis and progress in the sport to anybody, with any disability.

For more information please go to:  
[www.tennisfoundation.org.uk](http://www.tennisfoundation.org.uk)

## BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG

Our Open Your Doors workshop teaches tennis venues on what reasonable adjustments they can make so that they can provide a more welcoming, inclusive and accessible environment for disabled people to integrate into their venue.

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Tennis Foundation is working closely with the LTA to encourage and support tennis venues across Britain to open their doors to a wider diverse audience; people of all ages and from all backgrounds (including disability, faith, gender identity, race, sex and sexual orientation).

Open Your Doors is a venue based programme designed by the Tennis Foundation to tackle and support some of the issues faced by tennis venues in their efforts to integrate disabled people within their activities and facilities, so together we can give them more choice about where and how to play tennis in this country.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Our workshop and support helps venues realise the important part they play in disabled people's access to tennis. From research we know that many disabled people want to play tennis with non-disabled people, with the right attitude and approach many tennis venues can engage with this community group to increase membership, increase court bookings and uptake of tennis activities and sessions. The information we provide will increase a venue's confidence in making adjustments and enable more community relationships to be built, to the benefit of all.

### WHO DOES IT SUPPORT?

It supports people within a club, community and education landscape to be more inclusive. It also supports everyone involved in tennis; coaches, volunteers, committee members and venue staff. Only by working together we can all make a difference.

## OUR OFFER

We have developed a package of support that will enable the successful delivery of our Open Your Doors Programme, this includes:

- The delivery of a 3 hour workshop to small groups of up to 15 people, focusing on reasonable adjustment coaches, venues and volunteers can make to attract different audiences to their offers.
- The outcome of the workshops are bespoke action plans with tangible actions you can take to improve your engagement with more disabled people without significantly changing your club approach and ethos
- You can do this as an individual venue or as part of a county wide approach linking in with other local venues together.
- Potential to apply for a Tennis Foundation Equipment bag, worth over £300
- Opportunity to receive a discount if you are looking to purchase a tennis wheelchair for your club members to use
- Access to potential funding directly from the Tennis Foundation of up to £200
- Access to external fundraising support from Oaks consultancy to prepare small grants and fundraising bids to support your efforts to be more accessible for disabled people
- Access to our regional disability development managers as ongoing support to help overcome any barriers you may face