



# SPORTING CHAMPIONS

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*Sporting Champions is a Sport England initiative, which brings world-class athletes face-to-face with Young People to inspire and motivate them to participate in sport.*

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Northumberland Sport  
Sportsability Festival – 29 June 2007  
Sporting Champion – Stephen Miller



**The Northumberland Sportsability Festival is for mainstream and special schools across the County. The day consisted of competitive events in the form of boccia and new age kurling. Taster events included athletics, archery, football, netball/basketball, multiskills, table cricket/tennis. The event helped raise the awareness of inclusion and built upon the two previous events in 2005, 2006.**

The day started at 10.00am with activities being split between indoor and outdoor events. At 12.00pm Stephen Miller gave a talk to the young people that attended the event. Students then resumed the activities from the morning. At the Closing Ceremony, Stephen helped to award Trophies and medals to the young people.

Stephen said, “It’s fantastic to see so many local young people taking part in this festival, which will hopefully provide further opportunities to participate in sport through local clubs. Sport provided me with great opportunities and immense enjoyment, which I hope these young people will also experience.”

Event Organiser Neville Duncan, the Project Development Officer for Northumberland Sport said “We’re really pleased to have hosted this event for the 3rd year in succession and once again Stephen Miller proved to be a real inspiration to our participants.”

He added “This visit was very successful and again the pre organisation of the visit was excellent and the Sporting Champion was a great addition to the event. I must reiterate how positive I have found this initiative and whole-heartedly support the continuation and expansion of this initiative in the future.”