

# THINK - Football is for Everyone



**Hidden disability: You can't tell who's disabled  
just by looking**

**And it really  
shouldn't matter**

- 50% of all disabled people have never participated in leisure or sports activities or attended a live event
- Only 3% of the population is born with a disability (or 17% of disabled people)
- Disabilities can be hidden or visible
- 15% (1 in 6) of the population is Deaf or hard of hearing (9 million)
- 1% of the population uses a wheelchair (approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  million or only 5%-7% of all disabled people)
- 2 million partially-sighted/Blind people (< 18% have no sight)
- 1.5 million people (or 2 %) in the UK have a learning difficulty
- 1 in 3 learning disabled people say they have no friends
- Many disabled people have more than one disability
- Mental illness is the most common disability and 1 in 4 people will be effected by this during their lifetime
- 97% of Europeans believe something should be done to ensure better integration of disabled people
- 93% of Europeans express the desire to dedicate more money to the removal of physical barriers that complicate the lives of disabled people